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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—111

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—93

FIRST LESSON—1 Samuel 17: 17

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—Matt. 10: 32-39

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN—117

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Lord, how long wilt Thou forget me,".....*Mendelssohn*

Lord, how long wilt Thou forget me,
While in lonely grief I mourn?
And how long Thy face be hiding?
Wilt Thou nevermore return?

Lord, how long must I take counsel,
Having sorrow in my heart?
Foes relentless rise against me,
And no helper take my part?

RECESSIONAL HYMN—113

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7.30 P. M.—Ludlow Players.

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10.00 A. M.—Benevolent Society.
12.30-12.55 P. M.—Noonday Service.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.
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Thursday, February 1st
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.
8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class.

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7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.15 P. M.—"The Patsy" (Ludlow Players).

Sunday, February 4th
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

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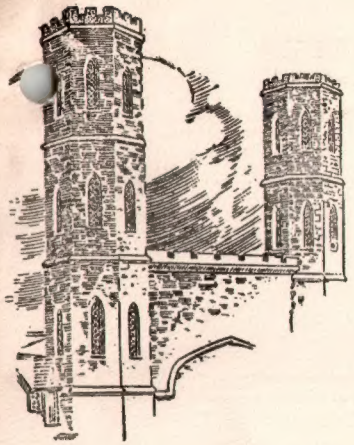
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—114

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—148

FIRST LESSON—Joshua 6: 1-20

TE DEUM in G..... *Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 7: 1-10

JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*

HYMN—120

SERMON ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"O Come, Let us Worship" ..... *Mendelssohn*

O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord, and bow down to Him. Come, bow the knee to the Lord our Maker, for He is our God, and we are the flock of His pasture, the people of His Hand.

RECESSIONAL HYMN—116

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE the monthly meeting of the Church School Teachers will be held on Wednesday evening, January 24th, at the home of the Misses Kilpatrick, 5114 Chester Avenue. Dinner will be served at 6.30.

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- 8.00 P. M.—Ludlow Players.

Thursday, January 25th
- 8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class.

Friday, January 26th
- 3.30 P. M.—Confirmation Class.
- 7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, January 28th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School.
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

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11 A. M.—CONFIRMATION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—117

CREED AND PRAYERS

HYMN—492

SERMON by the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D.,
Bishop of Pennsylvania

HYMN—380

CONFIRMATION—Prayer Book, page 296

HYMN—379

ANTHEM—"God be in my head".....*Walford Davies*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—370

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SPECIAL NOTICES

MUSICAL NOTICE. Special Musical Service Sunday evening, March 3rd, at eight o'clock. The choir will sing selections from "Parsifal". We hope that you will all be present to get the spiritual inspiration of this great music.

EPISCOPAL DAY for blind week will be Monday, March 4th, in Gimbel Brothers' store. We have been asked to help furnish the chickens and cakes for the luncheon which will be held that day at noon. Will you make your contributions of money to Miss Helen Mockett for the chickens, and send your home-made cakes to the Community House by ten o'clock that morning?

SERVICES

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12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, February 27th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.

Wednesday, February 28th
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1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
5.30-7.30—Church School Turkey Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, February 29th
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8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, March 1st
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7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—134

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—6

FIRST LESSON—St. Matthew 15: 21-28

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—445

SERMON—"Lord, help me"

ANTHEM—"Into the Woods my Master went" ..... *Protheroe*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—116

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Tuesday, February 20th
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- 6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.

Wednesday, February 21st
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
- 6.00 P. M.—Church School Teachers' meeting.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, February 22nd
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class.

Friday, February 23rd
- 3.30 P. M.—Confirmation Class.
- 7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, February 25th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School.
- 11.00 A. M.—Confirmation and Sermon by the Bishop.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

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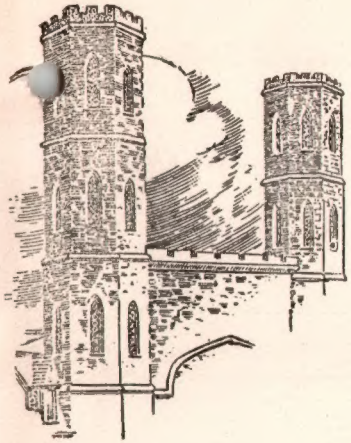
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—126

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—54

FIRST LESSON—2 Samuel 11: 2

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matt. 4: 1-11

BENEDICTUS

HYMN—123

SERMON—"Worship and Serve God" ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Hear my Prayer" ..... *Mendelssohn*

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OUR SCOUT TROOP, troop number 2, invites you to an evening of motion pictures, demonstrations, exhibits, on Tuesday evening, February 13th, in the Community House from 7.30 until 10.00.

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Tuesday, February 13th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 7.30-10.30—Scout Night.

Wednesday, February 14th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.
- 8.00 P. M.—Book Club.

Thursday, February 15th
- 10.30 A. M.—Woman's Auxiliary.
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class.

Friday, February 16th
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Sunday, February 18th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
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Quinquagesima Sunday

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—118
KYRIE ..... *Barnes*
THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)
HYMN—121
SERMON—"The Greatest Thing in Life".....MR. JONES
ANTHEM—"There Shall Be No More Night".....*David D. Wood*
SANCTUS ..... *Barnes*
COMMUNION HYMN—329
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—113

MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

COMPOSITIONS BY MENDELSSOHN

ORGAN PRELUDE—7.45
Adagio—Andante, Recit.—Allegro assai Vivace
From First Organ Sonata.....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN—117
SENTENCES AND PRAYER
ANTHEM—"O Come, Let Us Worship".....*Mendelssohn*
LESSON—Psalm 103: 1-13
DUET—"My Song Shall Be Always Thy Mercy"
(from "Hymn of Praise").....*Mendelssohn*
LESSON—St. Luke 18: 35
ANTHEM—"Lord, How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me"....*Mendelssohn*
CREED AND PRAYERS
TENOR SOLO—"The Sorrows of Death"
(from "Hymn of Praise").....*Mendelssohn*
OFFERTORY HYMN—493
MOTET—"Hear My Prayer".....*Mendelssohn*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—50

Soloists

MARGARET KEISER, Soprano GEORGE LAPHAM, Tenor
LONGSHORE WILLIAMSON, Baritone

SPECIAL NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY.—At 10.30 A. M. there will be a Service, consisting of the Litany, Penitential Office and Address, and the Noonday Service at 12.30, followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion.

THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE will visit our Parish the third Sunday in Lent, February 25th, at 11.00 A. M., to preach and administer Confirmation, and we hope that any one who has been considering this important step will be present at one of the meetings of the class this week. The adult group will meet on Thursday night at 8.00 o'clock in the Community House, and the young people's group will meet on Friday afternoon at 3.30 in the Community House.

SERVICES

Monday, February 5th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, February 6th
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.

Ash Wednesday, February 7th
10.30 P. M.—Litany and Sermon.
12.30-12.55—Noonday Service, Holy Communion.
6.00 P. M.—Young People's Club Supper.

Thursday, February 8th
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.
8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class.

Friday, February 9th
3.30 P. M.—Confirmation Class.
7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, February 11th
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

Services

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—**Morning Prayer and Sermon**

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The First Sunday after Easter

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—170

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—111

FIRST LESSON—II Kings 4: 18-37

TE DEUM .....*Willan*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 24: 13-35

JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*

HYMN—176

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"O Morn of Beauty".....*Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness:
Awak'ning joy, dispelling shades of night,
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow, and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of peace and light.
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias,
Sing alleluia, alleluia!

The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning,
The earth awakes with vict'ry as her strain,
Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning,
For Christ the Lord is ris'n again!
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias,
Sing alleluia, alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN—179

SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

Next Sunday evening, 8.00 P. M., the last Musical Service of the season will be held, when compositions of Schubert and Haydn will be presented.

It is a real pleasure to report to you that the Lenten Season this year again increased in attendance—the great privilege of our Church in bringing to so many people during the Lenten Season the Gospel as taught by some of our great preachers. It is one of the many opportunities we have to serve the people of our great city.

A PHOTOGRAPH of our CHANCEL is being sold by the Boys' Class of the Church School at fifty cents per copy. A sample will be found in the vestibule of the Church.

SERVICES

Monday, April 1st
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, April 2nd
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.

Wednesday, April 3rd
12.30-12.55—Noonday Service.
6.30 P. M.—Young People's Club Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, April 4th
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, April 5th
7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, April 7th
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Special Musical Service without Sermon.

Services

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—**Morning Prayer and Sermon**

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Easter Day

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11 A. M.

MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL—169

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER.....*Tours*

PSALM—111

LESSON—St. Luke 24: 1-12

JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*

KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

CREED

HYMN—172

SERMON .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Hymn Exultant" .....*Clokey*

SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN—339

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Mozart*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—173

THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of our Church will hold a rummage sale Saturday, March 29th and 30th, for the benefit of the Class's Lenten Offering. Contributions of useful articles and clothing of all kinds will be appreciated, or you may make a contribution of money. Please send your response immediately to the Church. The need is great.

A PHOTOGRAPH of our CHANCEL is being sold by the Boys' Class of the Church School at 50 cents per copy. A sample will be found in the vestibule of the Church.

MAY THE JOY OF EASTER BE YOURS. This is the prayer of St. Stephen's for each one of you. As we worship the risen Christ today may it strengthen our faith in the immortality of the soul because we hear Jesus say, "Because I live, ye too shall live."

SERVICES

Monday, March 25th

6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Wednesday, March 27th

12.30-12.55—Noonday Service.
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
6.30 P. M.—Church School Teachers' Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, March 28th

7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, March 29th

7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, March 31st

9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

Services

SUNDAYS

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Palm Sunday

March 17, 1940

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—143

VENITE .....II.....*Chant*

PSALM 110

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*

BENEDICTUS ...III.....*Chant*

HYMN—138

SERMON—"Triumph" .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"March to Calvary" from "Crucifixion" .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—~~135~~ 145

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8 P. M.—MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

EASTER PAGEANT.....*H. Alexander Matthews*

The Text compiled by Edna J. Lillich

Narrators: Ruth Wood Carnwath and Mary E. Cooke

A dramatization of the Easter Story from the Last Supper to the Resurrection.

EPISODE I —*The Last Supper*
Introduction and Chorus—"Let all Mortal Flesh"
Chorus—"Bread of the World"

EPISODE II —*The Garden of Gethsemane*
Chorus—"In the Hour of Trial"

EPISODE III —*The Denial*
Soprano Solo—"O Love that wilt not let me go"

EPISODE IV —*Before Pilate*

EPISODE V —*The Crucifixion*
Chorus—"Oh, Heavenly Love"

EPISODE VI —*Mary Magdalene*
Chorus—"On Wings of Living Light"

EPISODE VII—*The Resurrection*
Final Chorus—"Hail, Festal Day"

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SERVICES

Monday, March 18th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, March 19th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.

Wednesday, March 20th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.

Thursday, March 21st
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
5.15 P. M.—Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
(Mother's Meeting Corporate Communion)

Friday, March 22nd
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
1.00 P. M.—"The Crucifixion," by Stainer.
2.15-3.00 P. M.—Meditations at the Cross.

Saturday, March 23rd
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.

Easter Day, March 24th
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.

Services

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—**Morning Prayer and Sermon**

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The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—124
KYRIE ..... *Barnes*
THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)
HYMN
SERMON ..... MR. JONES
ANTHEM—"Blessed Jesu" ..... *Dvorak*
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN—336
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—134

MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

Excerpts from "Parsifal"—*Richard Wagner*

ORGAN PRELUDE—7.45
Good Friday Music ("Parsifal") ..... *Wagner*
CHORALE—"When to Thee Our Saviour Went" ..... *Wagner*
CREED AND PRAYERS
LESSON—St. Mark 14: 12-26
OFFERTORY HYMN—329
PRELUDE TO ACT I ("Parsifal") ..... *Wagner*
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY GRAIL, from ACT I ("Parsifal") *Wagner*
BENEDICTION

THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of our Church will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, March 16th, for the benefit of the Class's Lenten Offering. Contributions of useful articles and clothing of all kinds will be appreciated, or you may make a contribution of money. Support these Young Men in their effort.

Thursday evening of this week, March 7th, the Mother's Meeting will have their annual sale of all kinds of fancy articles, sandwiches, cake, pie, ice-cream and coffee. We urge you to support this effort of our Mothers.

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE MUSICAL SERVICE this evening at 8.00 o'clock will consist of excerpts from "Parsifal," by Richard Wagner.

EPISCOPAL DAY for blind week will be Monday, March 4th, in Gimbel Brothers' store. We have been asked to help furnish the chickens and cakes for the luncheon which will be held that day at noon. Will you make your contributions of money to Miss Helen Mockett for the chickens, and send your home-made cakes to the Community House by ten o'clock that morning?

SERVICES

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6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, March 5th
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6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.

Wednesday, March 6th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
6.00 P. M.—Young People's Club Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, March 7th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
6.00 P. M.—Mother's Meeting Sale.

Friday, March 8th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Saturday, March 9th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.

Sunday, March 10th
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

Services

SUNDAYS

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—122

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 43

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 22: 1-13

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 10: 1-16

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN—139

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"God so loved the World" .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—135

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 17th, at 8.00 o'clock, the Young People of our Parish together with our choir will again present "Easter Pageant," by Edna Lillich, music by Dr. H. Alexander Matthews. Many will remember that last Palm Sunday we presented the Premiere of this most inspiring Pageant. Judging by last year's attendance we suggest that if you would like a seat you come early.

THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS of our Church will hold a rummage sale this Saturday, March 16th, for the benefit of the Class's Lenten Offering. Contributions of useful articles and clothing of all kinds will be appreciated, or you may make a contribution of money. Please send your responses immediately to the Church, the need is great.

A PHOTOGRAPH of our CHANCEL is being sold by the boys' class of the Church School at $ .50 per copy. A sample will be found in the vestibule of the Church.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE HOUSE OF REST FOR THE AGED, a diocesan institution is making its first appeal for help and we ask that all of our people respond to the best of their ability. They are actually short of money to buy sufficient nourishing food for the 33 members of the house family. And we know that you will be happy to have a part in answering their appeal which has the approval of the 1939 Diocesan Convention. If you have enough money to go to the movies you can give in order that these old people may be made more comfortable.

SERVICES

Monday, March 11th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, March 12th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.

Wednesday, March 13th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.
- 8.00 P. M.—Book Club.

Thursday, March 14th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting.

Friday, March 15th
- 12.30-12.55—Noonday Lenten Service.
- 7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Saturday, March 16th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—37

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—16

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 4: 2-10

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—1 Corinthians 13

JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*

HYMN 494

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Hymn to the Saviour".....*Kremser*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—511

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The Young People's Club invites you to a symphony in magic Wednesday evening, June 12th, at 8.15 o'clock. Dancing will follow. Donation, 35 cents.

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Monday, June 10th

7.30 P. M.—Strawberry Festival.

Wednesday, June 12th

12.30 - 12.55—Noonday Service.

8.15 P. M.—Magic Show and Dance.

Thursday, June 13th

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Friday, June 14th

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—430

KYRIE ..... *Tours*

THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)

HYMN 465

SERMON .....MR. JONES

BARITONE SOLO—"How Sleep the Brave".....*H. A. Matthews*

How sleep the brave, who sink to rest,
By all their country's wishes blest!
When Spring, with dewy fingers cold,
Returns to deck their hallow'd mould,
She there shall dress a sweeter sod
Than Fancy's feet have ever trod.

By fairy hands their knell is rung,
By forms unseen their dirge is sung;
There Honor comes, a pilgrim gray,
To bless the turf that wraps their clay,
And Freedom shall awhile repair
To dwell, a weeping hermit, there!

SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN 338

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—429

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Wednesday, June 5th

12.30 - 12.55—Noonday Service.
6.30 P. M.—Young People's Club Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, June 6th

8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, June 7th

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—256

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—No. 1

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 6: 1-18

TE DEUM ..... *Willan*

SECOND LESSON—Acts 9: 1-22

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—497

SERMON—"God's Answer" ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"The Heavens Are Telling" ..... *Haydn*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—258

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Monday, May 27th

6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Wednesday, May 28th

12.30 - 12.55—Noonday Service.

8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Friday, May 31st

7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.

8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, June 2nd

9.40 A. M.—Church School.

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.

8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—205

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—29

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 1: 2, 3

TE DEUM ..... *Noble*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 1: 1-18

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—207

SERMON ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Hymn to the Trinity"..... *Rachmaninoff*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—209

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SPECIAL NOTICES

THE LUDLOW PLAYERS announce the postponement until fall of their play, HURRICANE HOUSE, which was to have been given on Tuesday, May 21st.

The following seems to be particularly applicable today:

"When I was young MY CHURCH enriched my childhood with the romance and religion and the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths MY CHURCH taught become radiant, insistent and inescapable."

SERVICES

Monday, May 20th
8.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, May 21st
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.

Wednesday, May 22nd
12.30 - 12.55—Noonday Service.
6.30 P. M.—Church School Teachers' Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, May 23rd
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, May 24th
7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, May 26th
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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—202

KYRIE ..... *Tours*

THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)

HYMN—199

SERMON—Rev. Hector W. Thompson, of Ethete, Wyoming

ANTHEM—"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit"..... *T. Tertius Noble*

SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN—336

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—201

It is a privilege to welcome as our SPECIAL PREACHER this morning the REV. HECTOR W. THOMPSON, of Ethete, Wyoming. Mr. Thompson is Rector and Warden of St. Michael's Mission to the Arapahoe Indians and comes to tell us of his work.

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SERVICES

Monday, May 13th
- 6.00 P. M.—Vestry Supper.
- 8.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, May 14th
- 8.00 P. M.—Ludlow Players.

Wednesday, May 15th
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Thursday, May 16th
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Sunday after Ascension

May 5, 1940

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—185

KYRIE .....*Elvey*

THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)

HYMN—190

SERMON—"Wait"

ANTHEM—"King All Glorious" .....*Barnby*

SANCTUS .....*Cooper*

COMMUNION HYMN—333

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—192

A LECTURE ON CLASSICAL MUSIC, illustrated with recordings, will be given by our Rector's Warden, Dr. Herbert Old, under the auspices of our Young People's Fellowship at 8.00 o'clock this evening in the Community House. Everyone is invited to be present.

THE DIOCESAN PRESENTATION SERVICE of the UNITED THANK OFFERING will be held in our Church next Thursday morning, May 9th, at 10.30. The Bishop will be the Celebrant and The Rev. George A. Trowbridge, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, will preach the sermon. We hope that every woman of our Parish will make a special effort to be present, since we are the hosts for this joyful occasion.

If anyone has not yet sent their Thank Offering to Mrs. John C. Knox, our Parish Treasurer, will they please do so today.

THE BURD SCHOOL will hold its Annual Graduation and Tea, Saturday, May 11th, from 4 until 6 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

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Next Sunday morning we are to have as our Special Preacher, the Rev. Hector W. Thompson, of Ethete, Wyoming. Mr. Thompson is Rector and Warden of St. Michael's Mission to the Arapahoe Indians and comes to tell us of his work among them.

SERVICES

Monday, May 6th
8.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, May 7th
8.00 P. M.—Ludlow Players.

Wednesday, May 8th
12.30-12.55—Noonday Service.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club. Parish meeting

Thursday, May 9th
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts. U.T.O.

Friday, May 10th
7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, May 12th
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

Services

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—**Morning Prayer and Sermon**

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—171

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—146

FIRST LESSON—Ezekiel 37: 1-14

TE DEUM .....*Stanford*

SECOND LESSON—Luke 24: 36-49

JUBILATE .....*Stanford*

HYMN—474

SERMON—"The Good News" .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Let this Mind be in You" .....MRS. H. H. BEACH

RECESSIONAL HYMN—170

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THE CHURCH SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING will be presented this afternoon together with all the other Schools of the Diocese at The Church of The Holy Trinity, at 4.00 P. M. You are invited to attend. Adults must have cards of admission—please see Mrs. Mearns after the Service.

We are very proud and happy to report that our School will present $410.55 and we are grateful to everyone who had a part in raising this splendid offering.

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Wednesday, May 1st
12.30-12.55—Noonday Service.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, May 2nd, Ascension Day
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, May 3rd
7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, May 5th
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.
(No Evening Service)

Services

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—169

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book).....*Chant*

PSALM—126

FIRST LESSON—II Esdras 2: 42-47

BENEDICTUS ES (page 11, Prayer Book).....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 11: 17-44

BENEDICTUS (page 14, Prayer Book).....*Chant*

HYMN—172

SERMON—"Belief in the Risen Christ".....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled".....*Foster*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—173

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THE CHURCH SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING presented at the Morning Service last Sunday amounted to $385.05. We immediately set the goal as $400, leaving approximately $15 to be raised—$7 of this has already been raised.

The last time our Church School gave $400 was in 1919, therefore we are very proud of this offering and take this opportunity to thank all of the pupils, teachers, members of our congregation and friends who, by their support of the numerous special efforts made this year, have made this offering possible. Please remember that this means that the Church School by this offering pays 1/10 of the expectation of our Parish and makes possible more work for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad.

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Tuesday, April 23rd

8.00 P. M.—Ludlow Players.

Wednesday, April 24th

12.30-12.55—Noonday Service.
6.00 P. M.—Church School Teachers' Supper.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, April 25th

8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, April 26th

7.45 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, April 28th

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—170

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—121

FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 12: 15-23

TE DEUM ..... *Willan*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 21: 1-19

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—179

SERMON—"Success with the Risen Christ"..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Hail, Festal Day"..... *H. A. Matthews*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—176

A DEBATE between the Temple University and Price Forum Debating Teams will be sponsored by our Young People's Fellowship at 8.00 o'clock this evening in the Community House. The subject: "Resolved, That the work of the Dies Committee has been to the best interest of the American people." We hope that many of you will be present at what promises to be a very interesting and informative meeting. The Fellowship invites you.

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- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, April 16th
- 6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters.
- 8.00 P. M.—Ludlow Players.

Wednesday, April 17th
- 10.00 A. M.—Benevolent Society.
- 12.30 - 12.55.—Noonday Service.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club Dance.

Thursday, April 18th
- 8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, April 19th
- 7.45 P. M.—Choir rehearsal.
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, April 21st
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School.
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

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KYRIE .....*Elvey*
THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)
HYMN—178
SERMON—"Our Gift from the Risen Christ".....MR. JONES
ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence".....*Schubert*
SANCTUS .....*Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN—333
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—173

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8 P. M.—MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

—GOD AND NATURE—

Compositions by Haydn and Schubert

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—537
SOPRANO SOLO AND CHORUS—
"The Marvelous Work" from "The Creation".....*Haydn*
LESSON—Psalm 100
SOPRANO SOLO—"With Verdure Clad" from "The Creation" *Haydn*
LESSON—St. Luke 2: 1-20
CHORUS—"The Heavens are Telling" from "The Creation"....*Haydn*
CREED AND PRAYERS
TRIO—"On Thee each living Soul Awaits" from "The Creation".*Haydn*
OFFERTORY HYMN—468
ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence" .....*Schubert*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—24

Soloists

MARGARET KEISER, soprano PAUL M. HESSER, JR., tenor
LONGSHORE WILLIAMSON, baritone

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8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.
8.00 P. M.—Book Club.

Thursday, April 11th
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, April 12th
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8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, April 14th
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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—248

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—126

FIRST LESSON—Job 1: 1-21

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—2 Cor. 11: 18-30

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 247

SERMON—"Defeating Defeat".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"O Saviour Sweet".....*Bach*

RECESSIONAL—256

SIX SUNDAY EVENINGS WITH GREAT COMPOSERS

On the first Sunday evening of each month from November to April inclusive, the choir will present a service of music without sermon, drawn from the repertoire of the great church composers. The *first service* will be *next Sunday evening,* November 3rd, at 8 o'clock, and will include the music from the "St. Cecilia Mass" by Charles Gounod.

NOTICES

THE BOARD OF WOMEN MANAGERS of the HOUSE OF REST for the Aged invites you to attend the dedication of their new Memorial Wing on Tuesday, October 29th, from 3 until 6 P. M. Tea will be served. During your visit you will be able to inspect the two new rooms made possible by the Maria Dickinson Logan Memorial Fund, which came to the House of Rest through our Parish.

Tonight at 8 o'clock in the Community House, the YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP will present the Price Forum in a Debate, "Should a permanent Union between the United States and the British Commonwealth of Nations be established?"

The Mothers' Meeting will not resume its regular Thursday night program until Thursday, October 31st. This postponement is to enable the Director, Miss Helen Mockett, to attend the General Convention of our Church to be held this month at Kansas City, Missouri.

SERVICES

Monday, October 28th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Wednesday, October 30th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club.

Thursday, October 31st
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, November 1st, All Saints' Day
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12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion.
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—465

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—124

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 55: 1-7

TE DEUM IN G MINOR.....*T. Tertius Noble*

SECOND LESSON—Hebrews 11

JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*

HYMN—305

SERMON—"Seek Ye the Lord".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—Tenor Solo: "If with All Your Hearts".....*Mendelssohn*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—212

MY CHURCH calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her to keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

NOTICES

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THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY of our Parish held its Corporate Communion and first regular meeting last Thursday morning. This group of our Parish aids the Parish work in several ways, but their principal interest is to keep in touch with and distribute information about all the Missionary work of the Church. Every woman of the Parish is invited to join in the work of the Auxiliary in order that we may all be better informed of the Church's work throughout the world.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB invites you to join them any Wednesday night for an evening of social enjoyment. The Club is one of the very active organizations of our Parish, and they feel that they have such a good time that they would like to share it with everyone.

SERVICES

Monday, October 21st

6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Wednesday, October 23rd

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club.

Friday, October 25th

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion.
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, October 27th

9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—247

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—121

FIRST LESSON—Wisdom 3: 1-9

TE DEUM IN G MINOR.....*T. Tertius Noble*

SECOND LESSON—Revelation 21

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 117

SERMON—"Where Is God?"

ANTHEM—"To Whom Then Will Ye Liken God"....*Horatio Parker*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—113

The Woman's Auxiliary will begin this year's work with a celebration of the Holy Communion on Thursday morning, October 17th, at 10.30 o'clock. The first regular monthly meeting will follow this service and will be held in the Community House. Every woman is invited to join with us and have a part in this noble work.

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You are particularly invited to their Hallowe'en Party to be held on Wednesday evening, October 16th, when the Wednesday Night Club will be host to the undergraduate nurses of the Pennsylvania Hospital and the student body of the Philadelphia Divinity School.

We are proud to announce that Jane Allen, one of our Burd School girls, won the silver cup at Arewa Camp at Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, this past summer, as the all-round best camper, among a group of forty-five girls. Jane will retain the cup until next summer, when she hopes to return to camp and win it again.

SERVICES

Monday, October 14th
- 5.00 P. M.—Vestry Meeting.
- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Wednesday, October 16th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service.
- 7.30 P. M.—Hallowe'en Party (Wednesday Night Club)

Thursday, October 17th
- 10.30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
- 11.00 A. M.—Auxiliary Meeting.

Friday, October 18th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion.
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, October 20th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School.
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—326

KYRIE ..... *Barnes*

THE CREED (page 71, Prayer Book)

HYMN—494

SERMON .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM: "Hymn to the Trinity".....*Rachmaninoff*

SANCTUS ..... *Barnes*

COMMUNION HYMN—333

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—535

SIX SUNDAY EVENINGS WITH THE GREAT COMPOSERS

On the first Sunday evening of each month from November to April inclusive, the choir will present a service of music without sermon, drawn from the repertoire of the great church composers. The first service will be on Sunday evening, November 3rd, at 8 o'clock, and will include the music from the "St. Cecilia Mass" by Charles Gounod.

The Young People's Fellowship of our Parish resume their meetings this evening at 8.00 o'clock in the Community House. All Young People are invited to attend every Sunday evening.

NOTICES

We are proud to announce that the Annual Corporate Communion of the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese will be celebrated next Sunday morning, October 13th, at 8.00 o'clock, at St. Stephen's. We are happy to welcome the Young People of our Diocese.

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6.00 P.M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Wednesday, October 9th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service.
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club.

Friday, October 11th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion.
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal.
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, October 13th
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion (Fellowship)
9.40 A. M.—Church School.
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship.

Services

SUNDAYS

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—430

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—46

FIRST LESSON—Deuteronomy 28: 1-14

BENEDICTUS ..... *Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 8: 31-36

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—433

SERMON .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"The Recessional".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—429

DAILY PRAYER FOR PEACE

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Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand.

And to those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the earth, grant a right judgment, that so through them and us Thy will be done:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Our Parish Branch of the South Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross will work this week on Tuesday evening, July 2nd, instead of Thursday, July 4th, in the Community House at 7.30 P. M. Orders have been issued by the Red Cross discontinuing the preparation of surgical dressings, but we will still have knitting and garment making, which will be distributed through the Church Office. You may arrange by telephone to get your work. Until the preparation of surgical dressings is again made part of our work, we will not meet in the Community House after Tuesday, July 2nd.

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7.30 P. M.—Red Cross Meeting.

Wednesday, July 3rd

12.30 - 12.55.—Noonday Service.

8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club (open house)

Sunday, July 7th

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon

Services

SUNDAYS

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—537

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—23

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 41

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 25: 14-30

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—493

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

SOPRANO SOLO—"Come Unto Him".....*Handel*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—526

DAILY PRAYER FOR PEACE

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12.30 - 12.55—Noonday Service

7.30 P. M.—Young People's Club

Thursday, June 27th

7.30 P. M.—Red Cross Meeting

Friday, June 28th

8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, June 30th

11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Services

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—42

VENITE (page 9, Prayer Book)

PSALM—19

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 37: 2-35

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 5: 1-16

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—304

SERMON

ANTHEM—"Immortal, Invisible" ..... *Thiman*

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And to those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the earth, grant a right judgment, that so through them and us Thy will be done:

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Our Parish Auxiliary Branch of the South Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Red Cross will start work Thursday night, June 20th, in the Community House at 7.30. Every woman is invited to do her share in sewing, knitting and preparing surgical dressings for the relief of war sufferers in Europe. HEED THIS CALL.

There are a number of Sundays during the year which are not taken for Altar flowers. Will you look over the list posted on the Bulletin Board in the vestibule of the Church and tell Miss Susan Thackara which date or dates of those open you would like to take?

THE CHURCH SCHOOL pupils and teachers take this opportunity to thank every one who helped with the Strawberry Festival, which was held Monday night. All the profits from the Festival will be placed in bank towards the School's Lenten Offering for 1941.

SERVICES

Wednesday, June 19th
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club.

Thursday, June 20th
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting.

Friday, June 21st
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, June 23rd
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN—56

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—98

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 52: 1-13

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 25: 1-13

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—57

SERMON—"The Bridegroom Cometh"

ANTHEM—"And the Glory of the Lord".....*Handel*

HYMN—61

Your attention is called to the Christmas Services. Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 11.30 P. M., Holy Communion; Christmas Day, December 25th, 8.00 A. M., Holy Communion, and 11.00 A. M., Holy Communion.

At the Christmas Eve Service and at the 11.00 o'clock Service on Christmas morning, the choir will sing a Festive Service of Christmas Music.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26th, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 A. M.

We hope that every one will make their Christmas Communion at one of these Services.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Confirmaiton will be administered on Sunday morning, February 23rd, 1941, at the 11 o'clock Service, and we earnestly hope that those of you considering Confirmation will get in touch with Mr. Jones.

Again this year St. Stephen's will distribute Christmas dinners to worthy people. You are invited to have a part in this joyful undertaking and envelopes for your contribution will be found in the pews.

Please return your Every Member Canvass card to the office as soon as possible, in order that the Vestry may be able to complete their work on the 1941 budget.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB is sponsoring a Chinese dinner on Wednesday night, January 8th, at 6 P. M. You are invited to attend. Reservations must be made through the Church Office not later than January 5th.

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Monday, December 23rd
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service

Tuesday, December 24th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
11.30 P. M.—Holy Communion

Christmas Day, December 25th
8.00 A. M., Holy Communion
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion

St. Stephen's Day, December 26th
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion

Friday, December 27th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 29th
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Mr. Jones

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN 66

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM—53

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 40: 1-11

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 3: 1-18

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 55

SERMON—"Messengers" .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O my soul".....*Ivanoff*

HYMN 61

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On Friday night, December 20th, the Church School, with the exception of the Primary grades will hold its annual Christmas Party and Play. Every one is invited to join the young people in this joyous evening.

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Monday, December 16th
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- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society

Tuesday, December 17th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, December 18th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (Card Party)

Thursday, December 19th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

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- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, December 22nd
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN—58

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 82

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 35

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 4: 14-32

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 60

SERMON—"The Scriptures"

ANTHEM—"The Great Day of the Lord".....*Martin*

HYMN 56

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THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB will hold a card party in the Community House Wednesday night of this week, December 11th, subscription, 25c. The young people are making this special effort in order to raise additional funds to help them entertain a number of the underprivileged children of our Parish at a supper and Christmas Party, which they are giving on Wednesday, December 18th. Will you support them in this commendable effort?

SERVICES

Monday, December 9th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society

Tuesday, December 10th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service

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- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, December 15th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN—53
KYRIE ..... *Mendelssohn*
THE CREED
HYMN—55
SERMON—"Prepare"
ANTHEM—"Blessed is He that Cometh"..... *Gounod*
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN—324
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—57

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8 P. M.
MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

Compositions by Russian Composers

ANTHEM—"Hymn to the Trinity"..... *Rachmaninoff*
OPENING SENTENCES AND VERSICLES
ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O my Soul"..... *Ivanof*
FIRST LESSON—Psalm 103
ANTHEM—"Christ when a Child"..... *Tschaikowsky*
SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 2: 39
RUSSIAN LITANY—"Hospodi Pomilui"..... *Lvovsky*
CREED AND PRAYERS
ANTHEM—"Credo" ..... *Gretchaninof*
OFFERTORY HYMN—24
ANTHEM—"God is with Us"..... *Kastalsky*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN—66

Soloists

KATHERINE WELSH, contralto LONGSHORE WILLIAMSON, baritone

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6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society

Tuesday, December 3rd
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, December 4th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, December 5th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, December 6th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts.

Sunday, December 8th
9.40 A. M.—Church School
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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN—1

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—146

FIRST LESSON—II Kings 19: 14-36

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 6: 19

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—248

SERMON—"God Provides" ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM: Baritone Solo and Chorus—"Behold, I create a New Heaven and a New Earth" ..... *Gaul*

HYMN—517

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INFORMATION

Kindly check off in the form below information you wish to convey and place in the offering plate

☐ Desires to unite with the Church ☐ Stranger in the city and interested in the Church

☐ Moved to address below ☐ Is ill and should be visited ☐ Has Candidates for Church School

Name .....

Address .....

TAKE THIS CALENDAR HOME WITH YOU

SPECIAL NOTICES

With THANKSGIVING approaching it is time to begin to think of our offering to the Episcopal Hospital, which will be taken this year as usual on Thanksgiving Day.

The Hospital for eighty-eight years has ministered to the needs of men, women and children in Northeast Philadelphia, and throughout the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Funds for the support of the Hospital come from endowments, from patients and from the people of the Diocese. THERE IS NO STATE OR UNITED CAMPAIGN AID. Our congregation is asked to give generously to the Thanksgiving offering. The Hospital's needs are great.

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SERVICES

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- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society

Wednesday, November 27th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club.

Thursday, November 28th—Thanksgiving Day
- 10.30 A. M.—Thanksgiving Service and Sermon
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Friday, November 29th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
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11 A. M.
MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—539

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—146

FIRST LESSON—Daniel 3: 8

TE DEUM IN G.....*H. Alexander Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—Mark 10: 46

BENEDICTUS .....*Haydn*

HYMN 253

SERMON—"Persistent Faith"

ANTHEM: "O Gladsome Light".....*Sullivan*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—245

AN ORGAN RECITAL by several advanced students of our Choirmaster, Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, will be given in the Church next Tuesday evening, November 19th, at 8.15. You are invited to attend and bring your friends.

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—430
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM—65
FIRST LESSON—I Kings 19
TE DEUM .....*Stanford*
SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 19: 41-48
JUBILATE ..... *Stanford*
HYMN—436
SERMON—"Seeking Peace".....MR. JONES
ANTHEM: "O Brother Man".....*Shaw*
HYMN—429
RECESSIONAL HYMN—519

Tomorrow, ARMISTICE DAY, the Women's Auxiliary of our Parish is sponsoring a Day of Prayer for World Peace, beginning with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 A. M., and continuing until 5 P. M. Every man and woman is asked to take part. If you are able to take a fifteen minute period at the Altar Rail, Mrs. Jones will be at the back of the Church and happy to record the time you choose. In this Service we are joining with millions of fellow Christians around the world. Do your share.

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—266
KYRIE ..... *Mendelssohn*
THE CREED
HYMN—295
SERMON.....THE RT. REV. S. HARRINGTON LITTELL
ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous".....*T. Tertius Noble*
SANCTUS ..... *Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN—333
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—492

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8 P. M.—MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

ST. CECILIA MASS—*Charles Gounod*

ORGAN PRELUDE:
Choral Prelude—"O God, Thou Faithful God"..*Johannes Brahms*
"The Pines" .....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN—266
OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYERS
CREDO ..... *Gounod*
FIRST LESSON—Exodus 20: 1-17
SANCTUS ..... *Gounod*
SECOND LESSON—Revelation 4
BENEDICTUS ..... *Gounod*
CREED AND PRAYERS
AGNUS DEI .....*Gounod*
OFFERTORY HYMN—326
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Gounod*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN—50

SPECIAL NOTICES

It is a pleasure and privilege to welcome this morning as our SPECIAL PREACHER, THE RT. REV. S. HARRINGTON LITTELL, D.D., S.T.D., Missionary Bishop of Honolulu. Bishop Littell is in the United States because he has been attending the General Convention of our Church and it is our good fortune to have this opportunity to hear from him about the work that is being done in the Diocese of Honolulu.

THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB has arranged an Old Timer's Night for all former members and friends of the Club to be held this Wednesday, November 6th. The evening will begin with a dinner to be served at 7.00 o'clock in the Community House. The SPECIAL SPEAKER will be The Rev. Dr. John R. Hart. Please make your reservations for the dinner not later than *Monday,* November 4th, by calling the Church Office.

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Monday, November 4th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly Society.

Tuesday, November 5th
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, November 6th
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7.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club.

Thursday, November 7th
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, November 8th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion.
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Sunday, November 10th
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Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

December 24th

11.30 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols
and Christmas Music

Christmas Day

December 25th

8 A. M.

Holy Communion

11 A. M.

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Saint Stephen's Day

December 26th

11 A. M.

Holy Communion

Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5th

11 A. M.

Holy Communion

8 P. M.

Candlelight Service

Epiphany Carols—Ancient and Modern
by the Choir



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Christmas Eve

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—76

SHORT KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

THE CREED

HYMN—79

SERMON—"The Gift"..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM: "Coventry Carol"..... *Old English*

SANCTUS from "The St. Cecilia Mass"..... *Gounod*

COMMUNION HYMN—339

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS from "The St. Cecilia Mass"..... *Gounod*

BENEDICTION

CAROL: "Silent Night"..... *Traditional*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—72

Christmas Day

11 A. M.

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SHORT KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

THE CREED

HYMN—78

SERMON..... THE REV. JOSEPH CULLEN AYER, PH.D., S.T.D.

CAROL: "Chanson Joyeuse"..... *Gevaert*

SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN—339

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Old Chant*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN—73

CHRISTMAS is the time of gifts. God gave us His Son, so we give to those we do not know and never saw by spreading the "Good News" to them wherever they are throughout the world and by caring for their physical needs. Then, we give to those we know and love.

Both of these ways of giving mean that we give of ourselves to people, but there is more than that this Christmastide; we give ourselves in love and adoration to God as we present ourselves before the Christ Child.

My Prayer for everyone this Christmas is that we may all present ourselves anew to the Christ Child, the Babe of Bethlehem; in order that Love may come through us to all the world.

Faithfully,

HERBERT W. JONES,
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We hope that you will use the Christmas Offering Envelope for your Christmas gift to St. Stephen's. Everything you give will go toward the Expectation of our Parish, to be spent for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad.

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11 A. M.—CONFIRMATION

HYMN 370

CREED AND PRAYERS

HYMN 480

SERMON—Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher, D.D.
Bishop of Western Nebraska

HYMN 380

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HYMN 372

ANTHEM—"God Be in My Head".....*Walford Davies*

PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION

HYMN—379

Next Sunday evening at 8.00 o'clock our choir will sing another of their services of Church Music. All the music will be compositions by J. Sebastian Bach. We hope you all will be present and invite others to join you.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

We are happy to welcome to our Parish, this morning, The Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Western Nebraska. Bishop Beecher will preach the sermon and administer Confirmation.

Monday, March 3, is Episcopal Day of Blind Week at Gimbel Brothers' store. Please reserve this date and take lunch at the store with your friends. The price of the luncheon is 40 cents, and it is served from 11.30 to 2.

You are asked to make a donation of money toward this worthy cause not later than Sunday, March 2. Please forward your donation to the Church addressed to Miss Helen Mockett.

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Monday, February 24th
6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)

Tuesday, February 25th
7.30 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)

Ash Wednesday, February 26th
10.30 A. M.—Litany and Penitential Office
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Thursday, February 27th
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, February 28th
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 1st
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Sunday, March 2nd
9.00 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Musical Service

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN—116

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—93

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 40: 1-31

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—Revelation 21

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—295

SERMON—"Recovering a World-View"
REV. ROBERT O. KEVIN, JR., Ph.D.

ANTHEM—"Hear My Prayer".....*Mendelssohn*

HYMN—111

CONFIRMATION will be administered next Sunday morning February 23rd, at the 11 o'clock Service, by the Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Nebraska.

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Dr. Kevin will preach this morning and also on March 9th and 16th, his general theme being "Proving Grounds of the Soul". Today his subject is, "Recovering a World-View."

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN—117

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—148

FIRST LESSON—Joshua 6: 1-20

TE DEUM .....*Noble*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 7: 1-10

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—493

SERMON—"Personal Cross-Roads"....Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Ph.D.

ANTHEM—"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit".....*Noble*

RECESSIONAL HYMN—113

This morning we are taking a special offering for The House of Rest for the Aged, 5919 Wayne Avenue, Germantown.

The Board is anxious to expand the work of this fine institution, in order that a number of those on the long waiting list may be taken into the home, and of course they need money for the daily operating expenses. Will you give as generously as possible and we hope that you will all have a part in this special effort. You have received envelopes in the mail for this offering or you will find them in the pews.

CONFIRMATION will be administered on Sunday morning, February 23rd, at the 11 o'clock Service, by the Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Nebraska.

We hope that all of our people will be sure to set this date aside in order that they may be present to hear Bishop Beecher preach, and by their presence to encourage those who at this Service publicly take their stand for Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL NOTICES

It is our privilege, this morning, to welcome as the Special Preacher, the Rev. Robert O. Kevin, Jr., Ph.D., a Professor at the Virginia Theological Seminary and a friend of this Parish over a number of years, having been associated with the Rev. Dr. Carl E. Grammer during part of his Rectorship.

Dr. Kevin will preach this morning and next Sunday, February 16th, and also on March 9th and 16th, his general theme being "Proving Grounds of the Soul". Today his subject is, "Personal Cross-Roads", and next Sunday the subject will be, "Recovering a World-View."

We hope that every member of our Parish will be present and bring friends for these Special Services.

Our Parish Branch of the American Red Cross is again doing Red Cross work and they invite every woman to help. They meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the Community House.

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Monday, February 10th
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Tuesday, February 12th
7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym).

Wednesday, February 12th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, February 13th
7.00 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym).
8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, February 14th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
4.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 16th
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN 92

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 20

FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 19: 33

TE DEUM ..... *Stanford*

SECOND LESSON—St. Mark 10

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 488

SERMON—"Let Me Run" ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Come, O Thou Traveler" ..... *H. A. Matthews*

HYMN 99

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The Confirmation Class will next meet on Friday afternoon, January 31st at four o'clock, in the Community House.

MUSICAL SERVICE next Sunday evening, February 2nd, at 8.00 o'clock. Our Choir will sing a group of compositions by Mendelssohn. We hope that you will all be present.

The Benevolent Society of our Parish will hold a rummage sale in the spring, in order to obtain additional funds to carry on their work. Everyone is asked to bring or send to the Church any saleable articles or bundles will be called for if you will telephone Mrs. James H. Mearns.

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SERVICES

Monday, January 27th
- 6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Wednesday, January 29th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, January 30th
- Mothers' Meeting (Turkey Dinner)
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class

Friday, January 31st
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 4.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 2nd
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon by Mr. Jones
- 8.00 P. M.—Special Musical Service without Sermon

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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11 A. M.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN—95

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—96

FIRST LESSON—Exodus 3: 1-15

BENEDICTUS ES .....*J. S. Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—St. Mark 9: 2-13

BENEDICTUS ..... *Haydn*

HYMN—93

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Lovely Appear" .....*Gounod*

HYMN—94

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The Confirmation Class will next meet on Friday afternoon, January 24th, at four o'clock, in the Community House.

The Senior group of the Confirmation Class will meet Thursday evening, January 23rd, at 8.00 o'clock, in the Community House.

The attention of the Church School Teachers is called to a Special Meeting that is to be held at the home of the Misses Kilpatrick, 5114 Chester Avenue, on Wednesday evening, January 22nd. Dinner will be served promptly at 6.30. The attendance of every teacher is desired.

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Tuesday, January 21st
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, January 22nd
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, January 23rd
Mothers' Meeting (Turkey Dinner)
8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class

Friday, January 24th
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4.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, January 26th
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN—92

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—48

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 28: 10

TE DEUM .....*Willan*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 2: 1-11

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN—106

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"God Is with Us".....*Kastalsky*

HYMN—95

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We take this opportunity to announce that the Mothers' Meeting of this parish made an offering of $50.00 to the Episcopal Hospital as their share of our Parish's Thanksgiving Offering, to help maintain this worthy institution of the Diocese.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Weekly Duplex Offering Envelopes for the year 1941 have been distributed. If you have not received your package, will you let us know, in order that we may send them to you immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones take this means of thanking all of you for your generous remembrances of gifts and cards at Christmas time. It is very heartening to have these expressions of your friendship at the Christmas season.

SERVICES

Monday, January 13th
- 6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Wednesday, January 15th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (3 W. Dance)

Thursday, January 16th
- 11.00 A. M.—Woman's Auxiliary
- 7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class

Friday, January 17th
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- 4.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, January 19th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—80
KYRIE.....*T. Tertius Noble*
THE CREED
HYMN—75
SERMON—"Light"
ANTHEM—"The Three Kings".....*Spanish Carol*
SANCTUS.....*T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN—334
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—83

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8 P. M.
SPECIAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

WITHOUT SERMON

CAROLS ANCIENT AND MODERN

ORGAN PRELUDE AT 7.45:
Christmas Pastourelle on Two Provencal Carols.*Gustave Ferrari*
Choral Prelude—"In Dulce Jubilo".....*J. S. Bach*
Choral Prelude—"Our Father who art in Heaven"....*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN—92
SENTENCES AND PRAYERS
CAROL—"Through the Dark the Dreamers Came" (American)
Mabel Daniels
LESSON—Isaiah 35
CAROL—"As December's Frosty King".....*Old Spanish*
LESSON—St. Matthew 2: 1-12
CAROL—"Chanson Joyeuse" (Belgian).....*Gevaert*
CREED AND PRAYERS
CAROL—"The Old Tune of the Vicar's Book".....*Old Welsh*
PRAYERS
CAROL—"Coventry Carol" .....*Old English*
OFFERTORY HYMN—93
CAROL—"The Three Kings" (English).....*Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN—98

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THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB is sponsoring a Chinese dinner on Wednesday night, January 8th, at 6 o'clock. You are invited to attend. Reservations must be made through the Church Office not later than January 5th.

SERVICES

Monday, January 6th
6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Tuesday, January 7th
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, January 8th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
6.00 P. M.—Chinese Dinner
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Club

Thursday, January 9th
7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting
8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class

Friday, January 10th
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8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 179

VENITE

PSALM 146

FIRST LESSON—Ezekiel 37: 1-14

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Webbe*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 24: 36-49

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 176

SERMON—"Working While We Wait"

ANTHEM—"The Marvelous Work".....*Haydn*

HYMN 173

Our Parish branch of the American Red Cross is meeting every Wednesday from 1 to 4 and from 7 to 9 P. M. in the Community House. Every woman in the Parish is invited to join in this necessary work.

The Wednesday Night Club will hold their Spring Dance on Wednesday evening, May 21st, in the Community House. Dress Semi-formal; dancing from 9 to 12; Orchestra. Subscription, $1.00 per couple.

The Benevolent Society will hold a Rummage Sale in the Community House on Thursday, May 29th, from 10 A. M. until 7 P. M. Many salable articles have already been received from our Congregation but more are needed. Please telephone the office if you wish us to call.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Episcopal Hospital Lawn Fete will be held on the grounds of the Hospital at Front and Lehigh Avenues, Wednesday, May 28th, afternoon and evening. St. Stephen's Church has been asked to furnish chickens for chicken salad for the supper. Will you make a contribution of money to help the Hospital. Please hand or send your contribution of money to Miss Helen Mockett not later than Sunday, May 18th.

SERVICES

Monday, May 19th

6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Tuesday, May 20th

6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Rehearsal Ludlow Players

Wednesday, May 21st

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00- 4.00 P. M.—Red Cross (Community House)
9.00-12.00 P. M.—Semi-Formal Dance

Thursday, Ascension Day, May 22nd

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
7.00 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, May 23rd

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, May 25th

9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 a.m.—First Sunday 8.00 a.m.—Third Sunday

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HYMN 169

VENITE

PSALM 23

FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 1: 19

BENEDICTUS ES..... *Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 20: 24

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 171

SERMON—"The Lord's Day".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Hail, Festal Day" .....*Matthews*

HYMN 173

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in the Community House, Wednesday evening, May 14th, at 8 o'clock. Will the proper officers of all Parish Organizations prepare their reports and send them to Mr. Jones by May 5th. We hope that every member of our Parish will be present.

The UNITED THANK OFFERING of our Parish is presented today. We hope that every woman will take a generous part in this great missionary work.

Our Parish branch of the American Red Cross is meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 in the Community House. Every woman in the Parish is invited to join in this necessary work.

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The Ludlow Players will resume their Meeting on Tuesday night at 7.30 P. M., in the Community House.

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6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Tuesday, April 29th

7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Rehearsal, Ludlow Players

Wednesday, April 30th

12.30 P. M.—Noon day Service
7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, May 1st

7.00 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, May 2nd

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
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Sunday, May 3rd

9.40 A. M.—Church School
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 170

VENITE

PSALM 110

FIRST LESSON—II Kings 4: 18-37

TE DEUM .....*Noble*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 20: 11-18

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 176

SERMON—"Recognizing the Risen Christ".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Morn of Beauty".....*Sibelius*

HYMN 179

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The Benevolent Society of our Parish will hold a rummage sale next Thursday, April 24th, in the Community House in order to obtain additional funds to carry on their work. Everyone is asked to bring or send to the Church any saleable articles, or bundles will be called for if you will telephone Mrs. James H. Mearns.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Samuel H. Wood Men's Club takes this opportunity to thank all those who supported the dinner on Easter Monday night, by their presence, their work, and their gifts, thus enabling them to aid the Church School in their effort to raise a large Lenten Offering.

Monday, April 21st

6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym) Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 22nd

7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, April 23rd

12.30 P. M.—Noon day Service
6.30 P. M.—Church School Teachers' Meeting (dinner)
7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, April 24th

7.00 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, April 25th

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7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, April 27th

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11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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EASTER DAY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 169

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER.....*Tours*

PSALM 111

LESSON—St. Luke 24:1-12

JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*

KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

CREED

HYMN 172

SERMON—"He is Risen"

ANTHEM—"Behold the Dawn".....*Matthews*

SANCTUS ..... *Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 339

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Gounod*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 173

This Easter Day we pray that your heart will be filled with Joy as we are again brought face to face with the Christian reality that "Christ is Risen from the Dead."

Tomorrow, Easter Monday, night at 6.00 o'clock the Samuel H. Wood Men's Club are serving a dinner. All the profits made on this dinner will be paid over to the Church School to be added to their Lenten Offering. If you have not already purchased your tickets you may pay at the door.

Your special attention is called to the change of night for the Meeting of our Parish Branch of the Red Cross. Beginning April 16th, the Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

SERVICES

Monday, April 14th

6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Tuesday, April 15th

6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)

Wednesday, April 16th

10.30 A. M.—Benevolent Society
12.30 P. M.—Noon day Service
7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (3W. Dance)

Thursday, April 17th

7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting
7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)

Friday, April 18th

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, April 20th

8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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11.00 a.m.—First Sunday 8.00 a.m.—Third Sunday

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143

KYRIE .....*Tours*

THE CREED

HYMN 157

SERMON—"The Value of Christ".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"March to Calvary" from "The Crucifixion".....*Stainer*

SANCTUS .....*Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN 334

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 145

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8 P. M.—SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

EASTER PAGEANT .....H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

The Text compiled by Edna J. Lillich
Narrators: Ruth Wood Carnwath and Mary Cooke Kimball

A dramatization of the Easter Story from the Last Supper to the Resurrection

Episode 1—The Last Supper
Introduction and Chorus—"Let All Mortal Flesh"
Chorus—"Bread of the World"

Episode 2—The Garden of Gethsemane
Chorus—"In the Hour of Trial"

Episode 3—The Denial
Soprano Solo—"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Episode 4—Before Pilate

Episode 5—The Crucifixion
Chorus—"Oh, Heavenly Love"

Episode 6—Mary Magdalene
Chorus—"On Wings of Living Light"

Episode 7—The Resurrection
Final Chorus—"Hail, Festal Day"

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Your special attention is called to the change of night for the Meeting of our Parish Branch of the Red Cross. Beginning April 16th, the Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.30. There will be no meeting this week.

The Proceeds from the Sale given by the Mothers' Meeting for the British Relief have furnished two hospital beds and also enabled the adoption of a boy and girl for one year.

SERVICES

Monday, April 7th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service

Tuesday, April 8th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service

Wednesday, April 9th
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Maundy Thursday, April 10th
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
5.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
8.00 P. M.—Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 11th
10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rev. Joseph Cullen Ayer, S.T.D.
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
1.00 P. M.—"The Crucifixion", the Choir
2.15 P. M.—Meditations at the Cross

Saturday, April 12th
12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Easter Day, April 13th
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
11.00 A. M.—Easter Service, Holy Communion and Sermon

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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HYMN 134

VENITE

PSALM 43

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 22: 1-13

BENEDICTUS ES

SECOND LESSON—Philippians 3: 1-14

BENEDICTUS ..... *Haydn*

HYMN 494

SERMON—"Apprenticed to Kingship".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Jesus in the Garden".....*Traditional*

HYMN 154

SPECIAL NOTICES

We welcome as our Special Preacher at the Noonday Lenten Services Monday through Friday of this week the Rev. Phillip E. Osgood, D.D., Rector, Emmanuel Church, Boston, Mass., and hope that many of you will be present.

Your special attention is called to the presentation of "A Pageant of Easter", which will be given on Palm Sunday night at 8.00 o'clock by the young people of our Church, under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews and Miss Edna J. Lillich, the authors. This Pageant will help prepare you for Holy Week and Easter. Be present with your friends.

Miss Isabel MacMillan's class of our Church School will serve a luncheon on Saturday, April 5th, from 12.30 to 2.00 P. M. for the benefit of their Lenten Offering. The price will be 35 cents. We hope many of you will be present.

Our Parish Branch of the American Red Cross is again doing Red Cross work and they invite every woman to help. They meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the Community House.

SERVICES

Monday, March 31st

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Pageant Rehearsal (Church)

Tuesday, April 1st

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
7.30 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)
6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, April 2nd

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club
10.00 A. M.—Benevolent Society

Thursday, April 3rd

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting
7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)

Friday, April 4th

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, April 5th

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
12.30-2.00 P. M.—Luncheon, Community House

Sunday, April 6th

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—"A Pageant of Easter"

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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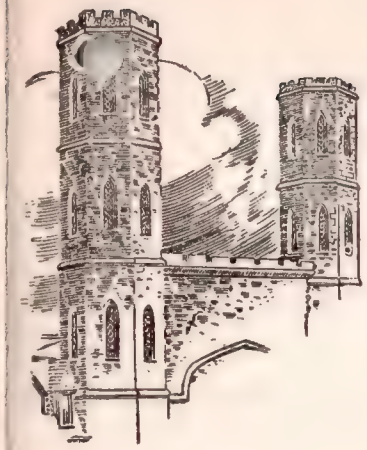
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 149

VENITE

PSALM 142

FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 18: 5

BENEDICTUS ES

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 15: 11

BENEDICTUS ..... *Haydn*

HYMN 135

SERMON—"The Result of Repentance".....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"There Shall Be No More Night".....*David Wood*

HYMN 125

SPECIAL NOTICES

We welcome as our Special Preacher at the Noonday Lenten Services Monday through Friday of this week the Rev. Louis W. Pitt, Rector of Grace Church, New York City, New York, and hope that many of you will be present.

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Monday, March 24th

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Pageant Rehearsal (Church)

Tuesday, March 25th

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
7.30 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 26th

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
6.30 P. M.—Church School Teacher Supper Meeting
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, March 27th

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting
7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)

Friday, March 28th

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, March 29th

12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Sunday, March 30th

9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

HOLY COMMUNION

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 126

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 86

BENEDICTUS ES.....*J. S. Matthews*

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 122

SERMON—"Praying without Perplexity".....Dr. R. Kevin

ANTHEM—"Into the Woods My Master Went".....*Protheroe*

HYMN 125

We are happy to welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert O. Kevin, Jr., as our Special Preacher again this morning. His topic will be "Praying without Perplexity". This brings Dr. Kevin's series of four sermons to a close and we feel that it has been a real help to our Parish.

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Our Parish Branch of the American Red Cross is again doing Red Cross work and they invite every woman to help. They meet every Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the Community House.

The Mothers' Meeting will hold a sale on Thursday, March 20th, for the benefit of British Hospital beds, from 3 to 9 P. M. Will you help?

SPECIAL NOTICES

We welcome as our Special Preacher at the Noonday Lenten Services Monday through Friday of this week an old friend of the Parish, the Rev. Dr. John R. Hart, and hope that many of you will be present during the week.

SERVICES

Monday, March 17th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
- 6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Pageant Rehearsal (Church)

Tuesday, March 18th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
- 6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
- 7.30 P. M.—Red Cross
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 19th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, March 20th
- 11.00 A. M.—Women's Auxiliary
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 3.00-9.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting Sale (British Relief)
- 7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)

Friday, March 21st
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, March 22nd
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Sunday, March 23rd
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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SUNDAYS

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 134
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 6
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*
HYMN 132
SERMON
ANTHEM—"Fierce Was the Wild Billow".....*Noble*
HYMN 125

SPECIAL NOTICES

We welcome as our Special Preacher at the Noonday Lenten Services Monday through Friday of this week our neighbor, the Rev. Dr. E. Frank Salmon, Rector, The Church of the Holy Trinity, and hope that many of you will be present during the week.

We are very happy to report that your gifts to the House of Rest this year amounted to $129.00, which is a little ahead of last year.

Today is the day when many of the Churches in the Diocese are taking their offering for the House of Rest and the Board of Managers take this opportunity of thanking everyone who had a part in this offering.

We are happy to welcome the Rev. Robert O. Kevin, as the Special Preacher again this morning. His topic will be "God's Part". Dr. Kevin will also preach next Sunday morning, March 16th, when his topic will be "Praying Without Perplexity". We hope that you will be present again next Sunday morning.

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Tuesday, March 11th
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- 7.30 P. M.—Red Cross
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 12th
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- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, March 13th
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- 7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
- 8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, March 14th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, March 16th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123

KYRIE .....*Mendelssohn*

THE CREED

HYMN 126

SERMON—"Seeking God"

ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet".....*Bach*

SANCTUS

COMMUNION HYMN 339

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 122

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8 P. M.—SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

COMPOSITIONS BY J. SEBASTIAN BACH

ORGAN PRELUDE .....*Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379

OPENING SENTENCES AND VERSICLES

ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet".....*Bach*

FIRST LESSON—Psalm 122

ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".....*Bach*

SECOND LESSON—St. Mark 1: 9-22

SOPRANO SOLO—"Although Both Eyes with Tears O'erflow"..*Bach*

CREED AND PRAYERS

ANTHEM—"Here Yet Awhile".....*Bach*

OFFERTORY HYMN 18

MOTET—"Bide with Us".....*Bach*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 539

SPECIAL NOTICES

Next Sunday, March 9th, at the 11 o'clock Service we will again welcome the Rev. Dr. Robert O. Kevin as the Special Preacher. His topic will be "God's Part".

Tomorrow, Monday, March 3rd, is Episcopal Day of Blind Week at Gimbel Brothers' Store. Luncheon is served from 11.30 to 2.00, the price is 40 cents and we hope you will join your friends to aid this worthy cause.

The CHURCH SCHOOL TURKEY DINNER will be served this Wednesday from 5.30 to 8.00 P. M. We hope you will all join the School in this annual effort for their Lenten Offering.

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- 6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly
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Tuesday, March 4th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Lenten Service
- 6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
- 7.30 P. M.—Red Cross
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 5th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 5.30-8.00 P. M.—Church School Turkey Dinner
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, March 6th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 7.30 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
- 8.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, March 7th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, March 8th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noon-Day Lenten Service

Sunday, March 9th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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HYMN 171

VENITE

PSALM 126

FIRST LESSON—II Esdras 2:42-47

TE DEUM .....*Stanford*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 11:17-44

JUBILATE ..... *Stanford*

HYMN 486

SERMON—"Coming to God.....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Let all the Earth in Every Corner Sing".....*Thiman*

HYMN 172

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in the Community House this Wednesday evening, May 14th, at 8 o'clock. We hope that every member of our Parish will be present. Please return your post-card.

Our Parish branch of the American Red Cross is meeting every Wednesday from 1 to 4 and from 7 to 9 P. M. in the Community House. Every woman in the Parish is invited to join in this necessary work.

The Wednesday Night Club will hold their Spring Dance on Wednesday evening, May 21st, in the Community House. Dress Semi-formal; dancing from 9 to 12; Orchestra. Subscription, $1.00 per couple.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Episcopal Hospital Lawn Fete will be held on the grounds of the Hospital at Front and Lehigh Avenues, Wednesday, May 28th, afternoon and evening. St. Stephen's Church has been asked to furnish chickens for chicken salad for the supper. Will you make a contribution of money to help the Hospital. Please hand or send your contribution of money to Miss Helen Mockett not later than Sunday, May 18th.

The Parish Treasurer of the UNITED THANK OFFERING reports that the spring ingathering was $165.22 as against the offering last spring of $129.21. The contributors during the past year have increased from 49 to 75.

SERVICES

Monday, May 12th
- 6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Tuesday, May 13th
- 7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Rehearsal Ludlow Players

Wednesday, May 14th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 1.00-4.00 P. M.—Red Cross (Community House)
- 8.00 P. M.—Parish Meeting

Thursday, May 15th
- 7.00 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, May 16th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, May 18th
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- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 170

KYRIE ..... *Noble*

THE CREED

HYMN 492

SERMON—"Forward"

ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet"..... *Bach*

SANCTUS ..... *Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 333

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 179

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in the Community House, Wednesday evening, May 14th, at 8 o'clock. Will the proper officers of all Parish Organizations prepare their reports and send them to Mr. Jones by May 5th. We hope that every member of our Parish will be present.

The Burd School for Girls, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, invites you all to a tea to be given at the School on Saturday afternoon, May 10th from 4 until 6 o'clock.

This School and the girls in it have been a primary interest of our Parish since 1856 and we hope that many of you will attend.

Our Parish branch of the American Red Cross is meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30 in the Community House. Every woman in the Parish is invited to join in this necessary work.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Wednesday Night Club will hold their Spring Dance on Wednesday evening, May 21st, in the Community House. Dress Semi-formal; dancing from 9 to 12; Orchestra. Subscription, $1.00 per couple.

The Ludlow Players will resume their Meeting on Tuesday night at 7.30 P. M., in the Community House.

SERVICES

Monday, May 5th
- 6.00 P. M.—Girl's Friendly

Tuesday, May 6th
- 6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
- 7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Rehearsal Ludlow Players

Wednesday, May 7th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, May 8th
- 7.00 P. M.—Pennsylvania Hospital Nurses (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, May 9th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, May 11th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
- 8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 a.m.—First Sunday 8.00 a.m.—Third Sunday

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HYMN 445

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Webb*

FIRST LESSON

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

SECOND LESSON

HYMN 117

SERMON

ANTHEM: "Jerusalem" .....*Sir Hubert Parry*

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Stanzas from Blake's Prophetic Books

HYMN 492

Winter clothing of all kinds for men, women, and children is sorely needed for distribution in our own Parish. Will you notify Mrs. Mearns or bring them to the Parish House?

Have you or do you know of any children who would attend our Church School? Please give their names to Mrs. Mearns.

Next Sunday evening, November 2nd, the Choir will present the first of its Musical Services for the winter. All the music will be especially appropriate for All Saint's. We invite you and your friends to join us in this special act of worship.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The altar flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Lucy J. Carson.

NOTE: ALL SAINT'S DAY, Saturday, November 1st, Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 A. M.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING fall ingathering will be today and next Sunday. Your blue envelopes may be placed on the plate or sent to the Church.

SERVICES

Monday, October 27th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Wednesday, October 29th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
12.55 P. M.—Holy Communion
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (Hallowe'en Dance)

Thursday, October 30th
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, October 31st
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, ALL SAINTS' DAY, November 1st
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion

Sunday, November 3rd
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
8.00 P. M.—Musical Service

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

HOLY COMMUNION

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11 A. M. MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 248

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 114

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Matthews*

FIRST LESSON—II Kings 5

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 13: 1-15

HYMN 497

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Behold, I create a new Heaven and a new Earth"....*Gaul*

HYMN 482

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SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. John Coats Brown.

Dr. A. Maude Royden, of London, England, will be the Special Speaker next Sunday morning, October 26th, at the 11 o'clock Service. Dr. Royden was the Assistant Preacher at City Temple, London, 1917-1920 and co-founder in 1920, of the Fellowship Services at Kensington, and up to the present time has been an outstanding Christian Speaker and worker in the City of London. Please set aside this time and make every effort to be present at this Service.

Our Parish chapter of the American Red Cross meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 P. M., in the Community House and workers are welcome.

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6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, October 21st
6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters

Wednesday, October 22nd
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, October 23rd
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, October 24th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, October 26th
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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HOLY COMMUNION

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11 A. M. MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 517

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 111

FIRST LESSON—Ecclesiastes 12

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 2: 41

JUBILATE

HYMN 255

SERMON

ANTHEM—"Let All the Earth in every Corner Sing".....*Thiman*

HYMN 532

HOUSE OF REST FOR THE AGED

Donation Day, Wednesday, October 15th, 1941. Tea, 3-6 o'clock, every one is invited to tea. You will find envelopes in the pews for your offering to this worthy Diocesan Institution which needs your interest and support.

Have you or do you know of any children who would attend our Church School? Please give their names to Mrs. Mearns.

The Young People of our Parish will have a Corporate Communion on Sunday morning, October 19th, at 8 o'clock. Everyone is invited and all young people are particularly asked to set this time apart to join us at the Lord's Table.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Miss Ida T. Maulsby.

NOTE. Dr. A. Maude Royden, of London, England, will be the Special Speaker, Sunday morning, October 26th, at the 11 o'clock service. Dr. Royden has been connected for many years with the City Temple in London which was recently destroyed. We hope that everyone will set this date aside and make every effort to be present.

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Wednesday, October 15th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (3 W. Dance)

Thursday, October 16th
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, October 17th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, October 18th
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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HYMN 468

KYRIE ..... *Noble*

THE CREED

HYMN 493

SERMON ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Jubilate Amen" ..... *Bruch*

SANCTUS ..... *Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 333

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

HYMN 247

This morning we have our Parish Communion and Service of personal dedication to begin a new year's work for our beloved old Parish. We are assuming our share of the work, study, and service which the Presiding Bishop is suggesting throughout the Church because we are part of the Christian Community of our City and are going to do our best to render worthy service to the people of Philadelphia, that will be truly Christian Service.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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Have you or do you know of any children who would attend our Church School? Please give their names to Mrs. Mearns.

Please note below the activities of the organizations of our Parish for the coming week and choose those in whose work you would like to join.

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Monday, October 6th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, October 7th
6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
8.00 P. M.—Men's Club

Wednesday, October 8th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, October 9th
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, October 10th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, October 12th
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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HYMN—248

VENITE

PSALM 24

FIRST LESSON—Ezekiel 34: 1-16

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Webbe*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 21: 1-22

BENEDICTUS ..... *Haydn*

HYMN—494

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O my Soul" .....*Ivanof*

HYMN—539

There will be no celebration of the Holy Communion on Friday, July 4th, at 12.30 Noon.

Our Parish Branch of the American Red Cross will meet on Wednesday afternoon from 1 until 4 o'clock. We are planning to continue this work during the summer and hope that all those interested will be present as often as it is possible.

SPECIAL NOTICES

We are happy to welcome again to our Parish the Very Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Dean of this Convocation. Mr. Stockman will be in charge of all the Services, Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, throughout the Summer Season.

Mr. Jones will be on call for any emergency and can be reached by telephoning the Church Office, Walnut 3807.

The Country Week Association has alloted our Parish a fair number of mothers and children who will spend some time during the summer at the Country Week Association camps. If you are making a contribution to this worthy object will you please state in your letter that you would like it as coming through St. Stephen's Church. All such contributions improve our standing with the Country Week Association and often enable us to send more mothers and children away for a summer vacation.

This is the final issue of the Parish Bulletin until the fall and we hope that if you have any special notices you will send them to the Church by the Friday preceding the Sunday they are to be announced.

SERVICES

Wednesday, July 2nd

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service

1.00-4.00 P. M.—Red Cross

Sunday, July 6th

11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN—255

VENITE

PSALM 13

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 3

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—Revelation 3: 7

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 266

SERMON

SOPRANO SOLO—"Rejoice Ye with Jerusalem".....*Matthews*

HYMN 517

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The Forward Movement booklet for the season will be found on the table in the vestibule of the church. This is your opportunity to procure a guide for your Meditations and Prayers throughout the summer season and we hope that every member of our congregation will procure a copy.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Country Week Association has alloted our Parish a fair number of mothers and children who will spend some time during the summer at the Country Week Association camps. If you are making a contribution to this worthy object will you please state in your letter that you would like it as coming through St. Stephen's Church. All such contributions improve our standing with the Country Week Association and often enable us to send more mothers and children away for a summer vacation.

SERVICES

Wednesday, June 25th

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00–4.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (Skating Party)

Friday, June 27th

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, June 29th

11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 a.m.—First Sunday 8.00 a.m.—Third Sunday

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 212

VENITE

PSALM 1

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 6: 1-8

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—Acts 9: 1-22

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 210

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Behold, I Create a New Heaven and a New Earth"..*Gaul*

HYMN 240

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SPECIAL NOTICES

The Ludlow Players thank all those who purchased tickets and attended their presentation of "Little Women" and the Church School Teachers express their appreciation to all those who supported the Strawberry Festival which followed the play.

MY CHURCH

My Church calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help her to keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

SERVICES

Wednesday, June 18th

12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00–4.00 P. M.—Red Cross
7.00–9.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, June 19th

7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, June 20th

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, June 22nd

9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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SUNDAYS

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 205

KYRIE ..... *Noble*

THE CREED

HYMN 209

SERMON—"Comprehension" ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Hymn to The Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*

SANCTUS ..... *Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 333

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

HYMN 208

The Women's Aid to the Convocation of North Philadelphia will hold their Annual Garden Party and Fair for the benefit of the Missions of the Convocation on Wednesday, June 11th, from 2 until 8.00 P. M., on the Divinity School grounds at 42nd and Spruce Streets. We hope that you will attend.

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Today we begin the Trinity Season when the Church bids us concentrate our thinking on the work and teaching of our Lord Jesus. May we suggest that the gospels for the Sundays in Trinity provide a good source of material for hard thinking throughout the summer season.

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7.00–9.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, June 12th

7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, June 13th

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, June 15th

8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer

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SUNDAYS

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Holy Innocents' Day

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11 A. M. MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 72

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM

FIRST LESSON—I Samuel 1: 20

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Webb*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 2: 22-40

JUBILATE .....*Mozart*

HYMN 78

SERMON .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Through the Dark the Dreamers Came"...*Mabel Daniels*

HYMN 73

NOTE:—Next Sunday, January 4th, our Choir will present the Cantata, "The Story of Christmas," by H. Alexander Matthews, our choirmaster. Kindly note the change of time in this special musical service to FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon instead of the evening hour as heretofore.

The Christmas Basket Committee of our Parish thanks everyone for their generous gifts which made possible the distribution of Christmas joy to 90 families and thereby enabled them to enjoy more fittingly Christmas Day. The privilege of having had a part with this should give you glad hearts.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers are in loving memory of the family of Miss Laura Bell.

NOTE:—There will be no meeting of the Red Cross Chapter on Tuesday evening of this week.

There will be no meeting of the Wednesday Night Club on New Year's Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones take this means of expressing their thanks to you all for your Christmas gifts and cards and assure you that we hold you all close in our hearts this Christmas Season as always.

Will all those who have not returned a card signifying the amount of their contribution which they expect to make to the Church during 1942, please send in these cards as soon as possible, in order that the Vestry may finish their work on the Parish Budget for the coming year?

SERVICES

Wednesday, December 31st
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service

Friday, January 2nd
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, January 4th
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon
5.00 P. M.—SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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11 A. M. MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 66

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 98

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 52: 1-13

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 25: 1-13

HYMN 57

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"And the Glory of the Lord".....*Handel*

HYMN 61

Please note carefully our schedule of Christmas Services and be sure to make your Communion at one of them.

The Christmas Basket Committee of our Parish asks you for a generous contribution in order that they may supply worthy families and individuals with a Christmas Dinner. Please address your gifts to Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., in care of the Church.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers are in loving memory of Mr. Thomas Sheppard.

NOTE:—There will be no meeting of the Red Cross Chapter on Tuesday evening of this week.

There will be no meeting of the Wednesday Night Club on Christmas Eve.

SERVICES

Monday, December 22nd
- 12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, December 23rd
- 12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym) Jefferson Nurses

Christmas Eve, December 24th
- 11.30 P. M.—Holy Communion with Christmas Music
- 12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service

Christmas Day, December 25th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion with Christmas Music

Friday, December 26th, St. Stephen's Day
- 11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, December 28th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 66

KYRIE.....*E. S. Barnes*

THE CREED

HYMN 63

SERMON.....Rev. Dr. Franklin J. Clark

ANTHEM: "Behold the days Come"

SANCTUS.....*E. S. Barnes*

COMMUNION HYMN 327

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*

HYMN 67

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptised

December 7th, Robert Allen Cowper

Buried

December 8th, Ella R. Dwier
December 13th, Agnes M. F. Noblet

The Christmas Basket Committee of our Parish asks you for a generous contribution in order that they may supply worthy families and individuals with a Christmas Dinner. Please address your gifts to Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., in care of the Church.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Laura V. Duffy.

It is our privilege to welcome as our Special Preacher this morning the Rev. Dr. Franklin J. Clark, Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention.

NOTE:—There will be no meeting of the Red Cross Chapter on Tuesday evening of this week.

SERVICES

Monday, December 15th
12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, December 16th
12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Services
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym) Jefferson Nurses

Wednesday, December 17th
10.30 A. M.—Benevolent Society
12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
6.00 P. M.—Children's Christmas Party (W. M. C.)

Thursday, December 18th
11.00 A. M. —Women's Auxiliary
12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, December 19th
12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts
8.00 P. M.—Church School Christmas Party

Saturday, December 20th
2.30 P. M.—Primary Christmas Party

Sunday, December 21st
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 58

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 82

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

FIRST LESSON: Isiah 35

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

SECOND LESSON: St. Luke 4: 14-32

HYMN 60

ADDRESS .....DR. A. MAUDE ROYDEN

ANTHEM: "Jerusalem" .....*Sir Hubert Parry*

And did these feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic mills?

HYMN 61

8.00 P. M. MUSICAL SERVICE

HYMN 66

OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYERS

ANTHEM: "Psalm 150".....*Cesar Franck*

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 103

SOPRANO AND BARITONE DUET:
"The Lord is my Shepherd".... ..*Edward Shippen Barnes*

SECOND LESSON: St. Luke 6: 27-41

SOPRANO SOLO:
"Rejoice Ye with Jerusalem".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

OFFERTORY HYMN 61

ANTHEM: "The Recessenial".....*Alexander Matthews*

BENEDICTION

HYMN 50

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Julius E. Grammer.

It is a special privilege to welcome as our Special Speaker this morning, Dr. A. Maude Royden.

NOTE—At 8 o'clock this evening our Choir will present a Musical Service and you are cordially invited to join us.

NOTE—The Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock Service.

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6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, December 9th
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7.00 to 9.00 P. M.—Red Cross

Wednesday, December 10th
12.30 P. M.—Daily Advent Service
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, December 11th
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 209

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 146

TE DEUM.....*Willan*

FIRST LESSON: II Kings 19: 14-36

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

SECOND LESSON: St. Matthew 6: 19

HYMN 497

ADDRESS.....MR. CHARLES FRAZIER

ANTHEM: "Turn Back O Man".....*Holst*

HYMN 533

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Our Parish Branch of the American RED CROSS meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 until 9 in the Community House. MORE WORKERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.

NOTE—Our Thanksgiving Service will be held this Thursday morning, November 27th, at 11 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar Flowers today are in loving memory of Frank and Rose C. Gensheimer.

We welcome as our Special Speaker this morning, Mr. Charles Frazier, who will speak on "Episcopal Hospital."

We are happy to announce that DR. A. MAUDE ROYDEN, of London, England, will be the Special Speaker on Sunday morning, December 7th, at the 11 o'clock service. We are very fortunate to secure Miss Royden and hope that you will invite everyone you know to be present to hear her message.

SERVICES

Monday, November 24th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, November 25th
7.00 P. M.—Jefferson Hospital Nurses, gym
7.00 to 9.00 P. M.—Red Cross

Wednesday, November 26th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
12.55 P. M.—Holy Communion
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross (Community House)
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, November 27th, THANKSGIVING DAY
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer
No Mother's Meeting

Friday, November 28th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, November 30th
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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HYMN 521

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 126

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*

FIRST LESSON: Job 1: 1-21

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

SECOND LESSON: II Cor. 11: 18-30

HYMN 493

SERMON .....Rev. Dr. Arthur Sherman
Executive Secretary of "Forward in Service"

ANTHEM: "From Thy Love as a Father".....*Gounod*

HYMN 539

The Special Speaker next Sunday morning, November 23rd, will be Mr. Charles Frazier. Mr. Frazier is a member of the Episcopal Hospital Board and comes to tell us of the enlarged work our Hospital is carrying on. Please put this date down as a must.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

We welcome as our Special Preacher this morning the Rev. Dr. Arthur Sherman, Executive Secretary of "Forward in Service."

Church School Teachers please note the change of Meeting night to Tuesday, November 18th.

The Campaign for membership in the American Red Cross is now in process, JOIN!

We are happy to announce that the fall ingathering of the UNITED THANK OFFERING from the Women of our Parish amounted to $156.86.

The Woman's Auxiliary reports that on Armistice Day 45 people attended the celebration of the Holy Communion and that during the day 133 people, 12 of which were men came into the Church and offered their Prayers for Peace, making a total of 178, an increase of 66 in attendance over last year.

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10.00 A. M.—Benevolent Society
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1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club (3 W. Dance)

Thursday, November 20th
No Mother's Meeting

Friday, November 21st
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, November 23rd
9.40 A. M.—Church School
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HYMN 37

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 123

TE DEUM .....*David Wood*

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-14

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11—12: 2

HYMN 405

SERMON

ANTHEM: "There Shall Be No Night There".....*David Wood*

HYMN 534

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Your SPECIAL ATTENTION is directed to Tuesday, Armistice Day when you are asked to join with Christian people throughout our Country in Prayer for Peace. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 A. M., followed by continuous Prayer for Peace until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Will you join us?

Today begins the Red Cross Campaign for membership, remembering all the Red Cross has done and will be called upon to do—JOIN NOW.

SERVICES

Monday, November 10th
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, November 11th, Armistice Day
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
12.00 to 5.00 P. M.—Prayer for Peace
7.00 to 9.00 P. M.—Red Cross

Wednesday, November 12th
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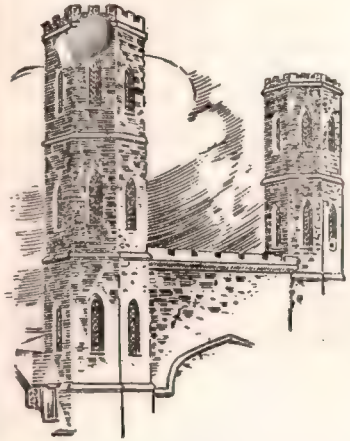
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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 294

KYRIE .....*Noble*

THE CREED

HYMN 295

SERMON .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM: "Lead Kindly Light" .....*Cyril Jenkins*

SANCTUS .....*Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 333: Verses 1 and 3

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

HYMN 297

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8 P. M. MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

Special Music for the Feast of All Saints

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 295: "For all the Saints" *Vaughan Williams*

VERSICLES AND PRAYERS

MOTET: "Let us now Praise Famous Men".....*Walford Davies*

LESSON: II Kings 6: 8-17

SOPRANO SOLO:
"These are They which came out of great Tribulation"....*Gaul*

LESSON: Hebrews 2: 32—12: 2.

MOTET: "Lead, Kindly Light" .....*Cyril Jenkins*

CREED AND PRAYERS

OFFERTORY HYMN 544

TE DEUM IN B FLAT .....*David Wood*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 297

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of the members of our Parish Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society who have passed to the larger life in God's love.

NOTE: The SPECIAL PREACHER Sunday morning, November 16th, will be the Rev. Dr. Arthur Sherman, Executive Secretary of "Forward in Service." Please make every effort to be present to hear this national figure of our Church.

Our Parish Branch of the American Red Cross will meet on Tuesday evenings, from 7 until 9, in the Community House. More workers are urgently needed.

SERVICES

Monday, November 3rd
6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, November 4th
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00-9.00 P. M.—Red Cross

Wednesday, November 5th
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
6.30 P. M.—Reunion Dinner
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, November 6th
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, November 7th
12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, November 9th
8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.00 A. M. Holy Communion
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Holy Communion First Sunday of the month

WEDNESDAYS

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Invitation

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME!

First Sunday after Easter
April 12, 1942

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Collect, Epistle and Gospel (Prayer Book, pages 170-171)

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE
HYMN 173
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 62 (page 413)
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 176
SERMON—"Stand Still" ..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 170
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Hail Festal Day" ..... *Matthews*
AMERICA 427 (last verse)
BENEDICTION
HYMN 171
POSTLUDE

"ST. STEPHEN'S" IN SERVICE

The members and friends of St. Stephen's will be interested to know the names of St. Stephen's men and women who are in the service of their country. Insofar as it is possible, the leaflet follows these men and women to any camp or to any address in the world. This is because the fellowship of this church is unbreakable, and the interest and love of St. Stephen's go forward to its people in whatever services they may be engaged. Prayers are continually offered that the protecting care of God, the Father of us all, may surround these loved ones who are away.

Members of the Parish in the Armed Forces	*Regiment and Camp*
Charles V. Adams—Coxswain	N. O. B. Norfolk, Virginia
George T. Christides, Pvt. First Class	1500 Mitten Bldg., U. S. Marine Corps
Frank L. Dittman, Corporal	U. S. Marine Air Station, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
Stanley R. Dittman, Pvt. First Class	A-1-5, F. M. F., New River, N. C.
Favre C. Frazer, U. S. N.	First Marine Aircraft
Captain Matthew J. I. Owens	Medical Administrative Corps, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J.
Alfred H. Ruxton	Camp Beauregard, La., Co. C, 103d Engineers
Robert H. Ruxton	Hoffman Island, N. Y., Sec. 22
Henry Wong, Sergeant	931 Race Street, Philadelphia

These names, no doubt, do not include all of the "St. Stephen's" in service, and as names are sent to the office of the Church, they will be printed in the leaflet.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Isabella Phillips who passed away on Good Friday.

The Early Communion will be at 9.00 A. M. every Sunday.

A Box Luncheon of the Women's Auxiliary will be held on April 16 at 11.00 A. M. All women of the Parish are invited.

Remember that Thursday is the special day set apart by this Parish to offer intercessions for the sick. Names may be written on cards found in the Vestibule in the Church. Those asking for prayers will kindly sign their names and addresses and also advise us from time to time of progress or recovery.

Healing Service and address Thursdays at 12.30 to 12.55.

Noonday Lenten Services attracted 13,314 this year. One of our guest preachers who has preached at similar services in a number of cities this year writes: "There is a quality about the Lenten Services at St. Stephen's which I find nowhere else."

FAMILY DAY

Once a year at least the entire family should prepare to go to the Altar together. To this end the Rector is communicating with every family in the Parish, assigning a Sunday in the year for a corporate communion. As the letter explaining the details may not reach your particular family for some months, a copy follows:

THE RECTOR'S STUDY

DEAR FRIEND:

We have instituted in St. Stephen's Church a Family Day—that is, each family will be assigned a Sunday once a year which will be their own Day in St. Stephen's Church. On this day you are requested to come to the early service at 9.00 A. M.

Your day is .....

At this early service the Holy Communion will be celebrated with the intention that God's greatest blessing will rest upon your home and every member in it. If there are any particular intercessions you would like to have offered on that day all you need to do is to mention them to the Rector and he will see that the proper prayers are offered. It will be helpful if you will send in the names of your departed loved ones so that they may be remembered at the Altar on this day. I ask you to remember:

1—Bring the whole family, including children and members who may not have been confirmed.

2—Remain a few minutes after the service and the Rector will meet you at the altar rail, have a special prayer for the family, and give each one of you individually a blessing.

If there is any anniversary that is dear to you that you would care to have your Day changed to, please notify the Rector and the change will be made.

I am sure that you will find in your Family Day at St. Stephen's a great benediction and comfort.

Faithfully yours,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

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8.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle and Gospel (Prayer Book, pages 130, 131, 132)

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

HYMN 539

(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)

KYRIE

VENITE (Page 9).....*Chant*

PSALM 77 (Pages 433, 434)

FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 18: v5

BENEDICTUS ES (Page 11).....*Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 15: v11

JUBILATE (Page 15).....*Mozart*

HYMN 389

SERMON—"SEARCHING FOR GOD".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Blessed Jesu" (*Stabat Mater*)....*Dvorak*

HYMN 132

POSTLUDE

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Agnes F. M. Noblit.

NOTE: The preachers at the Noonday Lenten Services this week. Monday and Tuesday — The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling; Wednesday through Friday — The Rev. Arthur Lee Kingsolving, D.D.; Saturday— The Very Rev. John K. Shryock, Ph.D.

SERVICES

Monday, March 16th

12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, March 17th

12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 18th

10.00 A. M.—Benevolent Society
12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, March 19th

11.00 A. M.—Woman's Auxiliary
12.00 Noon—Organ Recital
12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, March 20th

12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, March 21st

12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service

Sunday, March 22nd

9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
THE RECTOR

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE
HYMN 129
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
KYRIE
VENITE (Page 9).....*Chant*
PSALM 107: 1-16
FIRST LESSON—Genesis 22: 1-15
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Matthews*
SECOND LESSON—St. John 10: 1-16
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
HYMN 149
SERMON—"The Lost Sheep" .....THE RECTOR
HYMN 159
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Jesus in the Garden"
Traditional, 16th Century
"AMERICA"—427 (last verse)
HYMN 528
POSTLUDE

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today have been presented by Mrs. Thomas Ross, in loving memory of Anne M. Earle.

NOTE: The preachers at the Noonday Lenten Services this week are as follows: Monday through Friday—The Rev. Louis W. Pitt, D.D., Rector of Grace Church, New York; Saturday—The Rev. Percy R. Stockman, Superintendent, Seamen's Church Institute.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Carrigan on the celebration of their 41st Wedding Anniversary, March 20.

Subscriptions for the Red Cross can be made at the office through the Parish Visitors.

SERVICES

Monday,	6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly
Tuesday,	6.30 P. M.—Church School Teachers' Dinner
	7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
Wednesday,	1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
	8.00 P. .M—Wednesday Night Club
Thursday,	12.00 Noon—Organ Recital
	4.00 to 9.00 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting—Bazaar
Friday,	8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

LENT

Lent provides us with an excellent opportunity for girding ourselves to meet the peculiar stresses of war-time. Few of us can go ahead these days with any confidence, save as we believe that out of suffering can be born strength and from the travail of the nations can come new equilibrium making for security and peace.

A philosophical mind, not given to theological doctrines, has recently said, "The peculiar strength of the Christian Faith lies in its insistence upon holding up the very worst in life and finding through it the best." He had reference to the Cross of Christ, that fact and symbol of what the world can do to Goodness and Kindness and Spiritual Independence. The world may go on "toiling up new Calvaries ever" but it is Calvary that continues to epitomize the nature of the enemy and to express the the abiding hope of mankind!

At its best, there is nothing "escapist" about the Christian Faith: rather, the determination, based upon belief in God, to make adversity and misfortune the occasion for finding Him and relying upon Him, so that the things which we have failed to do ourselves, may be done by the power of His might working in us.

It should be clear to us now that we cannot avoid suffering, in all probability a very great deal of it. The only issue is what attitude to take in meeting it. And this issue has to do primarily with God. He is the One who will determine our success or failure. Can we turn to Him in the spirit of the Master who sought His Will, and When He found it, did not hesitate to expend himself, in the confident belief that God would make use of his devotion?

MEN IN SERVICE

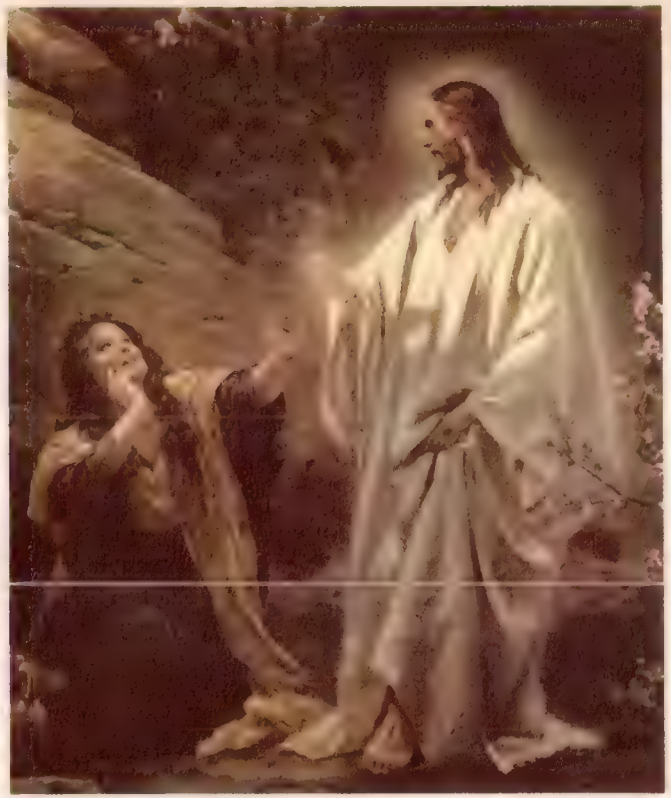
The Rector is anxious to have a complete list of names of men in military and naval service so that he may notify service chaplains and also keep in personal touch with the men. Families are asked to notify the Rector of address changes as soon as known.

"Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee," St. Mark 5: 19.

If the services and ministrations of this church mean anything to you, they are likely to be of value to others. But how can others know about St. Stephen's if you don't tell them?

If your prayers have been answered here, if your burdens have been lightened, tell others about it; if you have received any inspiration, any guidance along life's way, tell others about it; if the preachers here have helped you, if your fellow-worshippers have cheered you, tell others about it.

We are all missionaries together. God's Word to you is dead if it stops with you; your prayers are answered in vain if you fold them up for your own use alone; the inspiration of this church is lost if it does not touch others just as it has gripped you. Remember the words of Christ to a man, "Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee."





Easter Services

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8.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

Collect, Epistle and Gospel (Prayer Book, page 165)

Easter Day
April 5, 1942

HYMN 169
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 67)
KYRIE .....*Tallis*
THE NICENE CREED
CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER .....*Tours*
HYMN 172
SERMON—"Rising from the Dead".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 170
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Hymn Exultant" .....*Clokey*
"AMERICA"—427 (last verse)
SANCTUS .....*Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 339 (two verses)
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS from "The St. Cecilia Mass".....*Gounod*
BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
HYMN 173

5.00 P. M.—SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

PRELUDE—Vorspiel from Parsifal.....*Richard Wagner*
OPENING SENTENCES AND PRAYERS
OFFERTORY HYMN 170
EASTER PAGEANT .....H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

The Text compiled by Edna J. Lillich
Narrators: RUTH WOOD CARNWATH and MARY COOKE KIMBALL

A dramatization of the Easter Story from the Last Supper to the Resurrection

EPISODE 1—THE LAST SUPPER
Introduction and Chorus—"Let All Mortal Flesh"
Chorus—"Bread of the World"
EPISODE 2—THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
Chorus—"In the Hour of Trial"
EPISODE 3—THE DENIAL
Soprano Solo—"O Love that will not let Me Go"
EPISODE 4—BEFORE PILATE
EPISODE 5—THE CRUCIFIXION
Chorus—"Oh, Heavenly Love"
EPISODE 6—MARY MAGDALENE
Chorus—"On Wings of Living Light"
EPISODE 7—THE RESURRECTION
Final Chorus—"Hail, Festal Day"

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My beloved People of St. Stephen's:

If the precise nature of the eternal life could be revealed to us so that we might know as much about it as this present life, then the deepest springs of our religious experience would vanish and be no more. There would be no room for faith, life's highest and holiest incentive. It has been truly declared that "aspiration hemmed in by certainty would lose all power to soar."

Men who think seriously and love sincerely cannot long be satisfied with the thought of extinction. "God hath set eternity in our hearts," and men cannot long deny it. Tennyson expresses the conviction that clings to the consciences of the greatest men of the centuries:

> Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;
> Thou madest man, he knows not why,
> He thinks he was not made to die;
> And thou hast made him; thou art just.

It is the witness of the Resurrection, "that God gives unto us eternal life" that influences life and character at the fountain spring. It reveals to us the dignity and nobility of this present life, because it is an integral part of the future life. We are thus made to feel that the humble duties of life, the little as well as the larger cares, the common tasks have a meaning and a mighty purpose; that the little thoughts, the little prayers, the little deeds are all of eternal value; that each life is part of God's eternal plan.

At the foot of the white marble cross which his wife placed upon the grave of Charles Kingsley, one of England's first and greatest social preachers, are graven these three Latin words, "Amavimus; Amamus; Amabimus." We have loved; we love; we shall love. It is the risen Christ, that makes that epitaph the sublimest truth of Eastertide. It is love that never faileth, love that moved God to give unto us eternal life, love that transforms character, love that conquers death and makes the communion of saints a precious and a present truth.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE,

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose use the enclosed envelope.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE
HYMN 258—"Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven".....*Henry F. Lyte*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
KYRIE
VENITE (page 9).....*Chant*
PSALM 96 (page 459)
FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 1: verse 1.
TE DEUM .....*T. Tertius Noble*
SECOND LESSON—St. John 20: verse 24
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
HYMN 482—"Fling out the banner".....*George W. Doane, 1848*
DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH FLAG

In the Faith of Jesus Christ and to the glory of God and the edification of His Church we bless and dedicate this flag of the Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth; vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to accept this gift, which we offer unto Thy divine Majesty, for the adornment of Thy sanctuary and the glory of Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, for that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the heart of Thy servant to offer the gift of this flag to Thy Church; Remember her, O Lord, for good, and grant that all who shall enjoy the benefit of this pious work may show forth their thankfulness to Thee by making a right use of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

O Almighty God, whose banner over us is love, help us to live and work and worship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. As earthly armies follow flags, so may those who profess the faith once delivered to the saints keep their minds fixed upon the Cross and follow Him who gave Himself upon it that men might have eternal life. May those who behold this flag be helped by the remembrance that it calls them to consecrated service in His earthly kingdom, the Church which is His body, the fulness of Him who filleth all in all. May those who worship here be led by what it stands for to more faithful, peaceful conquest of the world. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the Lord our God, the High and Holy One that inhabiteth eternity, be ascribed all might, majesty, dominion and power, henceforth and forevermore. Amen.

HYMN 464—"The Church's one foundation".....*Samuel J Stone, 1866*
SERMON—"Our Debt of Gratitude to the Church".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Morn of Beauty".....*Sibelius*
PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH FLAG

"I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands; one brotherhood uniting all mankind in service and in love.

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
BENEDICTION
HYMN 528—"At the name of Jesus".....*Caroline Noel, 1870*
POSTLUDE

THE CHURCH FLAG

This Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, our very lovely Church Flag is to be dedicated. This flag is the gift of Miss Laura Bell, given to St. Stephen's Church as a thank-offering for renewed health. For some twenty years the General Convention has discussed the matter of an official flag of the Episcopal Church. Many and various designs have been suggested. Finally at the last General Convention held in Kansas City in October, 1940, the present flag was officially adopted. The design is by the late William M. Baldwin of Garden City, Long Island.

The foundation of the Church Flag is the Christian Flag, the banner of Constantine, a white field on which is superimposed a red cross with arms extending to all edges. This is a symbol of the universality of the Church of Christ which is to spread to the very edges of the whole world. In the upper left are nine cross-crosslets in silver on a blue ground. The colors are red for sacrifice, white for purity of the Christian Religion, Madonna blue representing the human nature of our Lord inherited from His Virgin Mother. The nine cross-crosslets, representing the nine original Diocesses of General Convention held in 1789, are arranged in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross because the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Bishop Seabury of Connecticut, was consecrated in Scotland. The cross-crosslet is the symbol of the propagating nature of the Church.

CONGRATULATIONS

I'd like to reach out my hand and shake yours, every one, individually! No, I'm not thinking of the 630 and over who attended the Easter services, for I do not believe congratulations are in order for attending services of worship. Friendly greeting and a welcome. Yes, but not congratulations. I am sure the boss does not congratulate you for showing up at the office every morning; that is your business. And on Easter or any Sunday its your business to be in your Father's house to worship and give your thanks to Him for your blessings.

So,—no congratulations for being in church on Easter Day, *B U T* all kinds of congratulations on the splendid way in which you responded in the Easter offering.

Of course, figures never prove a thing, they say. But nevertheless they are interesting. The total Easter offering so far is $710.26. This is $124 better than last year.

While every Sunday is a commemoration of Easter, and the Christian Church changed the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week for that reason, we do not expect every Sunday to be as festive as Easter. And yet every Sunday ought to be the most festive day of the week. We hope that you will all try to make it so by your continued presence at those gatherings in church where we meet to give praise to our God and to learn of His will.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 193
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
KYRIE
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 119: 14-18 (page 497)
FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 12: 15
TE DEUM ..... *Stanford*
SECOND LESSON—St. John 21: 1
JUBILATE ..... *Stanford*
HYMN 120, one verse (kneeling)
HYMN 326
SERMON—"Seeing the Halo" ..... The Rector
HYMN 356
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence" ..... *Schubert*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 531
POSTLUDE

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Cheyney Chorus of forty students from the Cheyney Training School for Teachers, invites you to attend a Sacred Musical at the Church of the Saviour, 38th and Ludlow Streets, on Sunday, April 26, at 4.30 P. M. Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hiss is the Director. The Silver offering is for the benefit of St. Michael and All Angels Church.

Children of the Church School who are ten years old, or older, are invited to come to the Community House on Fridays at 4.00 P. M. to make bamboo pipes.

If you ever get discouraged, you need the Church.
If you never get discouraged, the Church needs you.

Confusius say, when people keep up regularly their weekly envelopes strongly, it keep crow feet of worry out of eyes of Treasurer.

OPEN HOUSE

The Rector and Mrs. Price cordially invite the members and friends of St. Stephen's to attend open house at the new Rectory, 448 West School House Lane, Germantown, on Sunday afternoon, April 26 from 3 to 6 P. M. The Rectory is near the Queen Lane station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, or you can take the Broad Street Subway to Logan Street and exchange to a J Bus. Get off at Chelten Avenue and Wissahickon—the end of the line.

"In Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Singing and Making Melody in Your Heart to the Lord," Ephesians 5: 19.

The services of this church depend upon the co-operation of the congregation, choir and clergy. Little good is derived if this co-operation should be lacking. It is the minister's responsibility to do his part to the very best of his ability; and it is also the congregation's part to do their very best. They should take an interested and audible part in all responses, canticles and hymns.

The thoughtful will agree that it is just as necessary for the congregation to make themselves heard as it is for the minister to make himself heard. A question one might ask is, Which shall it be? Shall our congregation make themselves heard as distinctly as they wish to hear the minister, or shall the minister "fade away" into the congregation's faint response? Both minister and congregation have equal responsibilities here. Let our congregation and minister inspire each other.

Advanced notice is given for the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 8 P. M., in the Community House. The annual election of the Vestry will take place, and the officers of our Parish organizations will present their reports. There is to be a reception to Dr. and Mrs. Price.

The United Thank Offering. The U. T. O. of the women of the Parish will be presented on Sunday, May 3, at the 11 o'clock service. The story of what the women of the Church have been able to do "for lengthening the chords and strengthening the stakes" of the Church's missions by many small thank offerings, placed in the little blue boxes, reads like a modern miracle. Surely America can find no better antidote for the bitterness, hatred and destruction which the war is spreading across the world than continuing to carry forward the mission of good will and peace which is the heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you have a blue box, please bring the contents in the little blue envelope enclosed with this leaflet, with your name on it, or send your gift to Mrs. Phillip Schwarz, 63 Magnolia St., Germantown, treasurer of the U. T. O. Every woman in the Parish should be a contributor and the enclosed blue envelope is for your convenience.

The U. T. O. is one of the means by which the women and girls of the Episcopal Church make their thankfulness the working force in the life of the world. Its purpose is the spread of Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad. It trains women for church work, sends them out as teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, and every expression of service in the enlarging Kingdom of God. It has built churches, schools, hospitals, social centers in Alaska, Japan, China, Mexico, Cuba and in various parts of the great scattered Western fields.

Twice a year in each parish, the money in these blue boxes is gathered together and presented at the altar. Every woman in the Parish should be a member of this blessed project.

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 37 ..... *Edward Caswall*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 67)
KYRIE ..... *Tours*
HYMN 199 ..... *Harriet Auber*
SERMON—"The United Thank Offering" ..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 247 ..... *James Edmundson*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Fierce was the Wild Billow"
T. Tertius Noble
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SANCTUS ..... *Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN 339 ..... *Gerald Moultrie*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 534 ..... *Ernest W. Shurtleff*

PARISH REGISTER

APRIL

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
April 11, Robert Brice Knox, Catherine Bernadette Schaefer.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia.

April 7—Isabel Marie Phillips.
April 15—Carl H. Floeck.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the Household."
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Armstrong, 5367 Belfield Ave., Germantown, Philadelphia.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

APRIL

2—Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
12—Mrs. William Dickhart
19—Mrs. Elsie W. Williams
26—The Altar Guild

These flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for the sick in homes and hospitals.

PARISH MEETING

On Wednesday, May sixth, in the Community House
The following will give *brief* reports on

"WHAT OUR CHURCH IS DOING"

I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden
Miss Marion Headman, Treasurer
Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Noon-Day Service
Mrs. William H. Hollar, Woman's Auxiliary
Mrs. Philip Schwarz, United Thank Offering, House of Rest for the Aged, Church Periodical Society
Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Chairman, Missionary Box Society
Mrs. Frederick Schmid, President, King's Daughters
Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, Organist and Choirmaster
Miss Isabel P. Davis, Secretary, Benevolent Society
Miss Susan Thackara, Altar Society
Mrs. Emily K. Campbell, Burd School
Mrs. William Dickhart, Girls' Friendly Society
Miss Helen F. Mockett, Mothers' Meeting
Miss Isabel R. MacMillan, Church School, Young People's Fellowship, Red Cross Chapter
Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee, The Wednesday Night Club
Mr. H. Mortenson, Scoutmaster
Mrs. James Mearns, R.N., Parish Visitor

Let us make this a great Parish gathering to promote fellowship, co-operation and enthusiasm in God's greatest work on earth—the Christian Church.

There will be the annual election to the Vestry, and matters pertaining to the future of our Church will be discussed. Also there will be a reception to Dr. and Mrs. Price.

The Time—8.00 P. M.
The Place—The Community House.

FAMILY DAY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Phillips — Mrs. Mary McEwen
Mrs. Edward J. Cooke — Mr. John George
Mr. and Mrs. William A. Linton — Mr. Steven and Miss Mary Forbes

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Mrs. Margaret Dougherty — Messrs. McCaughlin
Mr. and Mrs. William Mark — The Misses McCaughlin
The Misses Mark — Mrs. Edith Messner
Mrs. Margaret Horton — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hunter
Mr. and Mrs. Neilson Franger

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Mr. Theodore Janney — Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Powers
Mr. Norman Kellogg — Mrs. James F. Armstrong
The Misses Kilpatrick — Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong
The Misses MacAllister — Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Ross
Mr. William H. Ruhl

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PRELUDE
HYMN 190 ..... *Matthew Bridges*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86 (page 447)
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*
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HYMN 192 ..... *Edward Perronet, 1779*
SERMON—"A Layman's Task" ..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 480 ..... *Isaac Watts, 1719*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Unfold Ye Portals" ..... *Gounod*
HYMN 427—("America", last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 193—POSTLUDE ..... *William C. Dix*

The altar flowers are given by Mrs. Idella W. Higham in memory of Maybel M. Parmelee.

INSTITUTION OF THE RECTOR

When the Rector is instituted in his new cure on Thursday evening, May 28th, at 8.15 P. M., there will be many, among the younger members of the congregation who will witness for the first time this office in their Church. Dr. Price's immediate predecessor, the Rev. Dr. Vincent Franks was not instituted.

The Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D., LL.D., Litt.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania, will officiate at the institution and will preach the sermon. In the opening procession will be clergy from some of the Philadelphia churches, Episcopal and others. Dr. Herbert Old, as Rector's Warden, is expected to present the keys of the Church to the new incumbent.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The regular stated meeting of the *Convocation of North Philadelphia* will be held on Tuesday, May 19th, at 6 P. M., in All Soul's Church, 3226 North 16th Street. The speaker at this Service will be the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther. Supper will be served to those who receive Post Cards of announcement, and who return them. The business meeting will begin at 7.30 P. M. The speaker will be the Rev. Charles Martin, Chairman of the War Commission of the Diocese.

"THE SONG OF AMERICA", an Historical Pageant, written and compiled by Walter Raiguel, the music composed by Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, will be given on Friday and Saturday, May 22nd and 23rd, at 8.30 P. M., in the Academy of Music, for the benefit of the Valley Forge Bell Tower Fund, and the U. S. Navy League Service.

Since Easter, the early service has averaged eighteen and the Healing Service on Thursdays 30 in attendance. These services are innovations and the Rector is pleased with the response. The Wednesday noon-doy service has averaged seventy-four, and the Friday Communion Service has averaged twenty-one in attendance. The Sunday eleven o'clock service has averaged two hundred.

The recent offering with that of October, presented at the ingathering of the United Thank Offering, totalled $304.41 for which we are truly thankful.

SERVICE OF INDUCTION OF WARDENS, VESTRYMEN AND CLERK OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Prior to the sermon the above officers are called to the Altar and inducted into office by the following ritual:

The Rector says: In order that these duly elected officers and the whole body of parishioners may better appreciate the importance of the sacred office of Wardens, Vestrymen, Clerk, Treasurer and other special officers of the Vestry, it has been deemed advisable for them to make public acknowledgment of these hallowed duties by a positive declaration. These officers have important responsibilities which will be placed on their shoulders. They are accountable to God and to the members of this parish for the fulfillment of the same.

To the end that they may be true to their trust and humbly and obediently fulfill the requirements of their several duties, we ask them the following questions before God's altar in His Holy Temple:

Question. Having familiarized yourselves with the duties of your several offices, do you here in the presence of God and this congregation solemnly and sincerely promise and vow that you will reverently and obediently fulfill the same?

Answer. I do, the Lord being my Helper.

Question. Do you promise to help, aid and assist with your counsel, prayers and service the Holy Cause in which you are enlisted?

Answer. I do, the Lord being my Helper.

Question. Will you manifest by word and act loyalty to your Church, Bishop and Rector while fulfilling the office to which you have been honored by the members of this parish?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my Helper.

Question. Will you daily strive to let your light so shine before men that they seeing your good works may glorify your Father which is in Heaven?

Answer. I will, the Lord being my Helper.

The Rector then gives to the Wardens their staffs of office. Then he says: Receive these emblems of authority, and faithfully and prayerfully perform the duties of your office.

The Rector then says: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the Giver of grace and strength; we beseech Thee to bestow Thy blessing upon these Thy servants who have been placed in positions of trust in Thy Holy Church. Give them a clear sense of their duty, and lead them to a faithful discharge of the same. Grant them gentleness, forbearance, a right judgment and personal consecration, that by precept and example, as well as by their official actions, they may enhance the temporal and spiritual good of Thy Church. Especially direct them in their counsels, so that all things may be done to the glory of Thy Name, and for the unity, peace and prosperity of this parish. We ask it for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to these Thy servants to whom the affairs of this parish are committed, prudence, justice and charity, that they may be of one mind and of one heart in the upbuilding of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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The Epistle and Gospel are on pages 175-176

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 468.....*John Newton*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
VENITE (page 9) .....*Chant*
PSALM 50 (page 401)
FIRST LESSON—Ezekiel 37: v. 1
BENEDICTUS ES.....*Marks*
SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 24: v. 36
JUBILATE .....*Naylor*
HYMN 380.....*Edwin Hatch*
SERMON—"The Day of Good Women".....THE RECTOR
HYMN—"O God, we thank Thee for the Gifts"

O God, we thank Thee for the gifts
That come from Thee alone,
And chiefly for that mother love
Which is so like Thine own;

The love that shields our infancy,
The love that guides our youth
That shows the wonders of Thy love
The glories of Thy truth.

We pray that Thou wilt greatly bless
Our mothers on this day
With treasures from Thy heavenly store
That cannot pass away.

We pray that sons and daughters all
May ever loyal be,
And may our mothers' prayers fulfill
By truly serving Thee. Amen.

OFFERTORY SOLO—Bass Solo—"The Lord's Prayer".....*Malotte*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
HYMN 511.....*Alexander C. Ewing*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers this Sunday are given by Mrs. Grace Armstrong in memory of Mr. Lewis Fisher Armstrong.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Burd School for Girls, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, has issued invitations for a tea to be held on Saturday, May 16, from four until six o'clock. If you do not receive your invitation, you are nonetheless cordially invited.

This School and the girls in it have been of primary interest to the members of St. Stephen's Church since 1856, and it is hoped that you will all be able to attend.

There will be a special service for the installation of the Vestry on Sunday, May 17th, at 11 o'clock.

On Ascension Day, May 14th, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12.10 P. M., followed by the Healing Service with address at 12.30 P. M.

The Rector has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Miss Isabel MacMillan who has served as the assistant in Young People's Work of St. Stephen's for the past ten years. The work of Miss MacMillan has been of a high order, and we shall miss her valued leadership. The many activities of Miss MacMillan both within and without the Church have finally taxed her strength. We hope, however, that she may be able to continue her Church School teaching.

MOTHER'S DAY

About twenty years ago the florists and the sentimentalists co-operated to add to the list of holidays and to enrich the church calendar. Mother's Day was created, when one is supposed to wear a flower in honor of his mother, to give her an affectionate greeting, to send her a present, to preach a sermon on the glory of motherhood. The general idea, which it is a sacrilege to question, seems to be that being a mother is in itself a cardinal virtue, and that it instinctively confers upon all who experience it all the necessary knowledge for the bearing and rearing of children. We distinctly remember the defeat of a bill in Congress for the establishment of federal maternity commission chiefly by eloquent congressmen who, with their hands upon their hearts, and tears in their eyes, declared that any mother knows more than the nurses—probably not mothers—who might be sent to help them.

The tragedy is that throughout the period when we have been most devoutly observing this holy day, the United States of America has remained the worst of all civilized countries in which to be either a mother or a baby. Our mortality of mothers and babies in childbirth has exceeded all other countries which keep records. The first reason is ignorance; the second is the lack of facilities for providing the proper care; the third is downright negligence; and the fourth is poverty.

Let us not get the impression that the mere bearing of children is in itself a virtue. For some sorts of mothers it comes pretty close to a crime. We must by every possible means create a demand on the part of mothers for adequate maternity care, which includes pre-natal and post-natal treatment. And this must be provided in every community for all mothers regardless of their ability to pay. The startling facts of our national disgrace should be brought home to every Christian congregation on this Mother's Day. Surely a purely sentimental Mother's Day is a sin.

LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

For the mothers, who suffered that we might live; who sacrificed that we might prosper; who served that we might be happy,

Response. We thank Thee, O Lord.

For mother-love that watched with ceaseless vigil our every step; that responded with eager feet to our every call; that waited with tireless patience upon every need; that sought us when astray, warned us when in peril, and forgave us when in sin,

Response. We thank Thee, O Lord.

For mother-faith, that rested in quiet confidence upon the promises of God; that enfolded us at all times in the blessed covenant of divine grace; that looked into the darkness without fear; that never despaired when hard pressed; that taught us to believe when we pray, and to trust when we work,

Response. We thank Thee, O Lord.

For mother-prayer, that held us ever before the throne of grace; that swept land and sea for us, when far from home; that carried our ills and our pains, our sins and our mistakes to the Comforter of all; that never ceased when no answer came, and never failed when most undeserved,

Response. We thank Thee, O Lord.

O God, merciful Father, give to us abiding memories of the mothers that have gone; revived visions of their loving presence; renewed consecration to their high ideals; and a recovery for this day of those spiritual qualities that through them made us what we are,

Response. We pray Thee, O Lord.

O Christ, blessed Saviour of us all, who in love unspeakable didst speak so tenderly to the mother at the cross, teach us to be as thoughtful and as kind to our mothers today, who, in Thy gracious Providence, are still with us. May their presence ever be a benediction to follow us, and a challenge to stir us to use every latent power within us to give as Thou hast given,

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Whitsunday
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE ..... *Harriet Auber*
HYMN 199 ..... *John B. Dykes*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book in page 6)
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 116 (page 486)
BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) ..... *Matthews*
BENEDICTUS (page 14) ..... *Chant*
HYMN 380 ..... *Edwin Hatch*
SERMON—"What the Spirit Saith to the Churches"..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 197 ..... *Anonymous*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Immortal Invisible" ..... *Thiman*
HYMN 427 ("America") last verse
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 202 ..... *Andrew Reed*
POSTLUDE

The altar flowers today are presented by Mrs. John C. Knox in memory of John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, in whose memory a tablet was erected on the transept wall by the Magee family.

DEDICATION OF THE SERVICE FLAG

A beautiful Service Flag containing nineteen stars for the men and women who have gone from our Parish into the armed forces of our Country will be dedicated at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday. This flag will hang from the second floor of our Parish House on all clear days. It is a gift from the members of the Girls' Friendly Society, in memory of Katherine Hewitt.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Half a million young people will participate in the Whitsunday Corporate Communion. The Rector looks forward to giving the Sacrament to all the Young People of St. Stephen's Parish in order that they may join in the World Wide Fellowship of Christian Youth, and emphasize our unity with Christ and with one another. The service is at 9.00 A. M.

A Card Party and Fashion Show will be given by the Board of Managers and Auxiliary of the HOUSE OF REST FOR THE AGED at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, Willow Grove Avenue west of St. Martins Lane, Chestnut Hill, on Wednesday, May 27, at 2.00 P. M. Mrs. William Clarke Mason's gardens will be open to guests of the Card Party. Single tickets are $1.00, tables are $4.00. Please send and make checks payable to Mrs. Philip E. Ronzone, 423 East Montana Street, Germantown.

Apropos of that woman in Borneo who has been carrying her sick husband on her back over the jungle trail to church, we have observed that many a man is being carried through this life by a good woman. But if a man does not learn to stand upon his own feet spiritually in this life, he is going to have to learn when the inevitable time comes that he does have to stand alone. The time to learn to walk is now.

WHITSUNDAY

Today is Whitsunday, the birthday of the Church. Some 1900 years ago a group of disciples of Jesus suddenly became conscious that they had a mission to perform, and they went out courageously to convert the world to a new idea of God, and to give the people knowledge of the Saviour.

This is an old story. But, for all that, it is an amazing tale even today when wonders have become commonplace. It marks a third stage in the revelation of God to man. We had first the law and the prophets of the Old Testament; then Jesus came to make an eternal revelation of God in history, in time and place and then, finally, the Church was born, whose work it is to see that this revelation becomes the property of all the children of God, one after another, as they come into the world.

The Church has partially succeeded in its task. At least you and I, and a few million others, know about Jesus Christ and the Father whom he loved and proclaimed. But the work must always go on. Every Sunday must be, not only a weekly remembrance of the Resurrection, but also a time when Christian people gather together for prayer, meditation and worship, so that the Holy Spirit may fill them with a sense of the vocation of the Church, and inspire each to do his share of the work.

The least that one can do on Whitsunday is to come to church and ask for power to be a better Christian and a more effective disciple of the Master.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH IN THE ARMED FORCES

Charles V. Adams, Master-at-Arms,
Arms Guard School, Section Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.
George T. Christides, Pvt. First Class,
1500 Mitten Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. Marine Corps.
Lt. James W. Christie, Jr.,
U. S. S. Hornet, c/o Post Master, San Francisco, Calif.
Corporal Frank L. Dittman,
U. S. Marine Air Station, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.
Stanley R. Dittman, Pvt. First Class, A-1-5, F.M.F., New River, N. C.
Robert Davis
Doul Downward, Army Post Office 816, c/o Post Master, N. Y. City.
Favre C. Frazer, U. S. N., First Marine Aircraft Wing,
F.M.F., c/o Post Master, San Francisco, Calif.
John Harris, Co. D, IV Engineers Training Battalion, Fort Belvoir, Va.
2nd Lt. Josephine Head, Station Hospital, Fort George Meade, Md.
James W. Hepburn, Officer Training School, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.
Captain Matthew J. I. Owans,
Medical Administrative Corps, Tilton Gen. Hosp., Fort Dix, N. J.
Alfred Ruxton, Company C, 103rd Engineers, Camp Beauregard, La.
Robert H. Ruxton, Section 22, Hoffman Island, New York.
Donald Sullivan, Company L, 176th Infantry, Fort Myers, Va.
Aviation Cadet Wilbur Taxis, A.C.R.T.C., Squad H, Ellington Field, Tex.
David Taxis, Maintenance Platoon,
104 Quartermaster's A.T.O. 29, Fredericksburg, Va.
Sergeant Henry Wong,
1333rd Serv. Unit, Gen. Dispensary, Schuylkill Arsenal, Philadelphia.
Major E. B. Hume, 38th Gen. Hospital, Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Tex.
Lillian Gwynne, Camp Clayborn, Louisiana.

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(Does not meet in the summer months)

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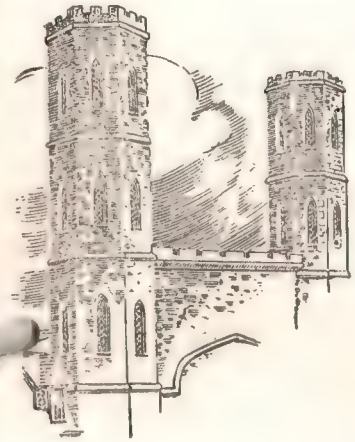
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PRELUDE
HYMN 537.....*Edward H. Plumtree*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
KYRIE .....*Tallis*
VENITE (page 9) .....*Chant*
PSALM 105 (page 470)
BENEDICTUS (page 14) .....*Chant*
HYMN 223 .....*Charles Wesley*
SERMON—"The Astonishment of the Saints".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 492 .....*William Pierson Merrill*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"O Brother Man" .....*Shaw*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
HYMN 258 .....*Henry F. Lyte*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Harry Hauger in memory of Louise C. Hauger.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY has contributed $25.00 for the work of the Episcopal Hospital in memory of Blanche V. Moore, former Branch President.

DO NOT BORROW TROUBLE. We are all in this respect too much like the great Carlyle, who had a reputation for "nerves." It seems that when he lived in London he had a neighbor possessed of an interesting coop of chickens, whose male member disturbed Carlyle's sleep by his loud crowing.

The owner of the fowls was expostulated with. He replied that there ought not to be any complaint as "the cock crew but three or four times during the night."

"That may be," replied Carlyle, "but if you only knew how I suffer waiting for him to crow."

That is our trouble, we think too much of what is going to trouble us, and so worry ourselves into early graves waiting for it to happen.

USE YOUR RECTOR. Let him be your friend and helper in every way possible. His joy it is to serve, and his specialty is human problems. Let him be your minister in the fullest sense. He is as near as your telephone. If there is sorrow or sickness in your family, do not fail to let him know. If you have any problem, any moral difficulty, any question that bothers you, let him help with it. You will be surprised at the many ways his experience will enable him to help.

RELIGION is not a fur coat to be put away in moth balls during the summer months.—*Baptist Reminder.*

DON'T THROW AWAY MAGAZINES. Send them to the Parish House. We place thousands of magazines on board transports, in lighthouses and lightships and in the dormitories of sailors' homes. When you come to Church on Sunday bring alone a bundle of magazines.

THE FUTURE LIFE OF THE CHURCH can be enriched by remembering the Church in your will. Such bequests should be designated: St. Stephen's Church, Tenth St. above Chestnut, Philadelphia.

SUCCINTLY STATED . . . .

"A kite rises against the wind, not with it; and a man reaches his highest nobility when he contends against great odds."

The big sundial in the spacious garden of a successful man bore a Latin inscription. Translated it read: "Beware, it is later than you think."

SIGNING THE PLEDGE

Here is a Christian's Pledge every one of us might well sign and keep before him:

1. As a member of the Church I desire to do my Christian duty to Christ and His Church for the spiritual re-armament of myself and every member of my Parish.

2. I will worship God publicly in my Church every Lord's Day as far as it is physically possible.

3. I will witness personally for Christ with every means in my power—in my home, my business and in my community and social life—always and at all times witnessing to the faith that is within me as a loyal follower of Jesus Christ.

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 430.....*Daniel C. Roberts*
KYRIE .....*Tours*
HYMN 441 (tune 227).....*Frederick W. Faber*
SERMON—"After Freedom—What?".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 436.....*Henry W. Baker*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".....*Bach*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*Gerard Moultrie*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
HYMN 519.....*William C. Doane*
POSTLUDE

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MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
June 27. Robinson Kates Mitchell and Edythe Josephine Collins.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia."

June 26. Mary Hilton Bryant

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household."
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Myers

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

June 7. Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, in memory of her sister.
June 14. Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.
June 21. Mr. Harry J. Hauger, in memory of Louisa C. Hauger.
June 28. Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor.

The Altar flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for the sick in hospitals and at home.

It's a poor will that leaves no provision for the Church.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Engel — Miss Mary Duffy
Mr. and Mrs. David L. German — Mrs. Mary Shields
Mr. Henry Groh — Mrs. J. M. Johnson
Mrs. Laura Wareham

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Misses Daley — Miss Jane Harper
Mrs. David D. Wood — Mr. and Mrs. Earle F. Jacoby
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper — Dr. and Mrs. Emory Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Mrs. George Aeugle — Mr. and Mrs. William Loud
Miss Margaretta Aeugle — Mrs. Frederick LeDent
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dickhart, Jr. — Mr. Eugene Glaser
William Dickhart, III — Mrs. Walter Llewellyn
Mrs. Joseph McNamee

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Miss Edith Dean — Miss Marguerite Caldwell

THE FOLLOWING SOCIETIES are now having a summer recess, and will resume their regular meetings in the fall:—

The Girls' Friendly Society — The Benevolent Society
The King's Daughters — The Mothers' Meeting
The Woman's Auxiliary

A PRAYER FOR SUMMER DAYS

Heavenly Father, Thou hast made the trees, the grass and the flowers; Thou art the Creator of lakes and mountains and ocean; grant then that through these summer days Thy children may find recreation and health and happiness in the great out-of-doors. Keep us, we pray Thee, from harm and danger, from selfishness and sin, from indifference and unbelief; help us to understand Thy Wisdom in all the beauty that we see and unite us again in the fall recreated in body, mind and soul; the better to serve Thee and Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF AN OLD LADY.

The following prayer was found after her death at the bedside of an old lady who spent her last years in an old people's home in Muskegon, Michigan:

Most Merciful God, my Heavenly Father, cast me not off in the time of old age, and forsake me not when my strength faileth. Preserve my mind from dotage and my body from protracted disease or distressing pain. Deliver me from despondency in these my declining years, and enable me to bear in patience whatever may be Thy Holy Will. And when my spirit leaves this tenement of clay, Oh God receive it! Send some of Thy blessed angels to convey my inexperienced soul to the mansions beyond; through Jesus Christ, the world's loving Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 379 ..... *John E. Bode*
(The Order of Service is to be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 132 (page 508)
BENEDICTUS (page 14) ..... *Chant*
HYMN 468 ..... *John Newton*
SERMON—"Knowing One's Self"
HYMN 205 ..... *Reginald Heber*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"The Heavens Are Telling"..... *Haydn*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 537 ..... *Baring-Gould*
POSTLUDE

The congregation stands at the first note of the organ before hymns and canticles.

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor.

John A. Adams, one of the flag bearers, has graduated from the Benjamin Franklin High School as President of his class.

The Mothers' Meeting have made a gift of $25.00 toward the Community House Mortgage Reduction Fund. Many thanks!

DO YOU EVER?

Do you ever visit a new member of your Church?
Do you ever visit the sick?
Do you ever make it a rule to greet strangers and visitors when they come to your Church?
Have you been letting "George" or "Mrs. George" do these things?
Then tell me, please, how do you expect your Church to succeed?
Here is the solution: "So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined unto the half; for the people had a mind to work."

—Nehemiah 4: 6.

PARISH CALLS

A number of individuals have made their calls upon our church families as suggested in the Rector's letter, and now they are wondering when some one is going to call on them. Do not delay further in making the call assigned you. In this way every member of St. Stephen's will receive a call from a fellow member and everyone will make a call in the interest of Christian fellowship. When you have made your call, sign your name to the letter, and send it back to the Rector. Some members of the congregation have made their call by mail, and have received interesting letters in return. This is quite permissable in view of present day transportation difficulties, and when the person on whom you want to call is out of town.

THE VITAMIN OF LIFE

In his latest book, "Man the Master," Gerald Heard uses a striking analogy in diagnosing the disruption of our civilization. He likens what we have been doing in the world to what we did with our daily bread: "When vitamins were unsuspected, the popular snobbish fancy for white bread and the miller's practical wish for a flour that would not become rancid, led to the wheat germ being taken out of the flour, and, in consequence, a bread little better than a slow starvation being eaten. On vitamins being discovered we did not leave them where nature had put them. We still insisted for our snobbish and business interests, on having anemic flour. But the business millers sold the germ to the druggists, who sold it again to us at a high price as a necessary supplement to a diet which with great skill and effort we had succeeded in rendering deficient."

What else have we been doing all through the historical age that began with the Renaissance? Only we have not yet begun seriously to supplement our cultural starvation diet with the extracted essence.

What else have we been doing with American democracy since the heroic days of the founding fathers? And here again we have only begun a feeble effort to try to make up the deficiency.

When all of life became secularized, when science took the place of God, when the physical senses were regarded as the only approach to reality, when in our separation of Church and State we separated religion from education, we were in the process of making such a day as this inevitable.

One might go farther, for there has been an undoubted secularization of religion as well.

But the answer is as obvious as it is in the matter of bread. True religion is the supreme vitamin of life and without it culture, democracy, the Church and individual personality must collapse.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 542 ..... *Godfrey Thring*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Marks*
HYMN 236 ..... *George Matheson*
SERMON—"Life takes a Holiday"
HYMN 465 ..... *William Bullock*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Praise God in His Holiness..... *Shaw*
HYMN 427—"America" (Last verse)
HYMN 517 ..... *John Cennick*
POSTLUDE

The congregation stands at the first note of the organ before hymns and canticles.

The Altar flowers are given by the King's Daughters in memory of Mrs. Vanderslice.

The "younger" members of the Mother's meeting who were 80 years or over, were given a Luncheon on Monday by Miss Mockett, their chairman.

The *Inquirer* tells of a woman who, after the service thanked the minister for his sermon. "I found it so helpful," said she.

The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why! What do you mean?" asked the woman.

"Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months!"

FOR THE FUN OF IT

Minister (at baptism of baby)
"His name, please."
Mother—"Randolph Morgan Montgomery Alfred Van Christer McGoof."
Minister (to assistant)—"A little more water."

"DE DRESSIN ROOM"

A gentleman from the far South recently told the Rector a story which is too good to keep for two reasons: first, it's humorous, and second, it's a perfect sermon in itself.

There was a darkey who used to be a bad "nigger", and changed his ways and became a Baptist preacher. This is the story he told to his boss about his conversion:

"Yassir. I used to be a bad ornery nigger. I used to shoot craps, play cotch, and drink and gamble to quite a extent, but now I'se a licentage Baptist preacher, yassir—"

(Question): Well, Melvin when did you change your ways?

(Melvin): One night, I was asettin' on my back steps in my back yard, and suddenly the evenin' star buss out in my bosom and I saw de Lord's hand as plain as day, tellin' me to pray and to keep on prayin' —So, I says, "Lord, teach me, so that each night when I goes home and sets across the dinner table from my wife, who's been a blessin' to me, that I'll have nothin' to conceal. Blind me, O Lord, to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own. Deafen me, O Lord, to de jingle of tained money and de rustle of unholy skirts. Make me young enough, O Lord, to laugh with my children, and to lose myself in their play, and den, when comes de sound of soft steps, and de smell of sweet flowers, and de crushing of de hearse's wheels on de gravel outside my place, make de ceremony short, 'cause, Lord, I'se with you. I ain't a'scared to die, 'cause when I dies, only my carcass is here, and anyway I'se dressed, and what I mean by bein' dressed is dis—

"Dis here world is de dressin' room, and if you don't get dressed on this side, it's too late when you gits on the other."

I wonder how many of us could express our religion as succinctly and sincerely as that.

Are you confused about the "isms"? Maybe these definitions will help:

Socialism—You have two cows. Give one to your neighbor.
Communism—You have two cows. Give both to the government. Government gives you the milk.
Fascism—You have two cows. Give milk to the Government. Government sells it.
Naziism—Government shoots you and takes cows.
New Dealism—Government shoots one cow, milks the other and pours milk down sink.
Capitalism—You sell one cow and buy a bull.
Townsendism—Milk both cows and feed them the milk.
Anarchism—Keep cows. Shoot government. Steal another cow.
Negroism—You have no cows in the first place.
Conservatism—Embalm the cows. Freeze the milk.

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PRELUDE
HYMN 210.....*Alexander Griswold*
(The Order of Service is to be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
KYRIE .....*Tallis*
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 96 (page 459)
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Matthews*
HYMN 255 .....*Robert Grant*
SERMON—"Be Yourself" .....THE RECTOR
HYMN 493 .....*Washington Gladden*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O My Soul".....*Ivanos*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
HYMN 248 .....*William Henry Burleigh*
POSTLUDE

The Wednesday Night Club elected the following officers for the coming year 1942-1943: President—John J. Spear, Vice-President—John Adams, Treasurer—William Smith, Secretary—Doris Rose.

The congregation stands at the first note of the organ before hymns and canticles.

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Mary O'Connell in memory of her father Charles Joseph O'Connell.

"MY SOLDIER LAD"

My soldier lad, I have one thought to leave you
Before you say good-bye and go away.
Let not the glitter of the world deceive you—
Its honors fade and wither in a day.
Keep your heart clean; worship the God that made you;
Bend not your knees to Mammon's false delights.
Only a life of uprightness can aid you
To reach your great objective on the heights.

Let those who will seek out forbidden pleasure,
And trail their snowy garments in the dust.
Keep in your strong young heart the matchless treasure
Of purity, and place your daily trust
In Him who set the starry world in motion,
And holds within His palm the mighty ocean.

THE CHURCH,

with humanity generally, is facing in the world today a situation so ominous, so threatening, that only by the wisdom and grace of God can we hope to repel the powers which would make might the master of right.

Now, more than ever before, we need the guidance which comes to those who trust in God and live by the strength which He alone can give.

The Church in her Sacraments and worship seeks to bring her members to ever closer union with the life of God as we know it in Jesus Christ. Let us, therefore—all who love their Lord and their fellowmen—gather in ever increasing numbers in every hamlet, town and city of our nation, to seek His leading. Those who neglect to do this, weaken by that much the strength of those who stand for the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Would that every member of St. Stephen's, in common with God-fearing people throughout the world, would gather in God's House every Lord's Day to seek His guidance and receive His strength.

CEILING ZERO

"Ceiling Zero" is the signal that grounds all planes and makes a marvel of mechanism temporarily useless; for when fog gets in the way of horizon and stars, the manmade birds stand earthbound. . . .

When man loses his horizons, when he stops looking at the stars, his ceiling is zero.

Nobody but a fool thinks that building God's kingdom on earth is any task for a man without faith and vision. Nor is it clear that any agency outside the Church stands the slightest chance of making this world even safe to live in.

This Kingdom of God will not come unless Christians take Christ seriously. And the whole program of the Kingdom is being wrecked today by Christians who give God what they can spare.—*Ceiling Zero.*

A good man is known by the acquaintances he cuts loose from.

Have thy tools ready; God will find thee work—*Charles Kingsley.*

We have thirty boxes of Duplex-Envelopes for the year 1942 that are looking for a home. Are you a *regular* contributor to the Church through the weekly envelope. Secure your set today.

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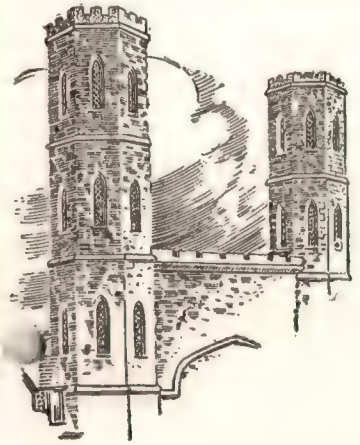
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Eighth Sunday after Trinity
July 26, 1942

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9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on pages 199 and 200.

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE

HYMN 224.....*Anna L. Waring*
(The Order of Service is to be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)

KYRIE .....*Tallis*

VENITE (page 9) .....*Chant*

PSALM 119, parts XIV and XV, page 497

BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) .....*Marks*

HYMN 511 .....*John Mason Neale*

SERMON—"Thou Hast Made Summer" .....THE RECTOR

HYMN 258 .....*Henry F. Lyte*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—
"Let All the Earth in Every Corner Sing".....*Thiman*

HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

HYMN 247 .....*James Edmeston*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Mary McEwen in loving memory of her son, Walter McEwen.

The congregation is asked to stand at the first note of the organ before hymns and canticles.

IN SUMMER

The little girl of Boston who prayed one night, "Goodbye, God, I'm going to New York tomorrow," may be a myth. But if the truth were known, many little boys and girls, many older people too, bid farewell to religious things when summer comes. They go into the country and never seek a church, or they remain in the city and never attend their own church.

And the season when this non-attendance is widespread, is year by year becoming longer. Many children keep away from church from the time their school closes in June to the time it reopens in September. The grown up drops out after Easter and does not drop in again until Thanksgiving.

Every Sunday should see every one of us come under the influence of religious things. When away from home seek some religious service wherever you happen to be. It will do you good to attend a Roman Catholic Mass or a service of the Synagogue, in case there is no church of your own there. When at home go to some one service every Sunday in your own Church. In St. Stephen's Church, the services continue throughout the summer in the same number as in the winter. Go to an early service if you are to be away for the day.

The Chinese have a saying that any excuse is good when you do not want to do a thing. Let us not make excuses for our failure to do what the Bible asks us all to do when it says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together."

HOW TO LIVE ALWAYS

What would you not give to live a thousand years, and go on doing good? Of course, that is not possible; but by making a bequest to the Endowment Fund of St. Stephen's Church, whether large or small, you can live on in the hearts of St. Stephen's men, women and children a thousand years hence.

THE KITCHEN SAINT OF BLESSED HOUSEWORK

"Lord of the pots, pans and things, since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things and watching late with Thee,
Or dreaming in the twilight, or storming Heaven's gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals and washing up the plates.

"Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary mind;
And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals, Lord, I find;
I think of how they trod the earth each time I scrub the floor;
Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time for more.

"Warm all the kitchen with Thy love and warm it with Thy peace,
Forgive me all my worrying and make all grumbling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men food, in room or by the sea,
Accept this service that I do—I do it all for Thee."

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September 6, 1942

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 544.....*tr. John Mason Neale*
KYRIE .....*Tertius Noble*
HYMN 117.....*John Bunyan*
SERMON—"Work" .....THE RECTOR
HYMN 232.....*John Newton*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy".....*Cesar Franck*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SANCTUS .....*Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 334.....*Horatius Bonar*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
HYMN 528.....*Caroline Marie Noel*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

The Rector and his family have had a most beneficial and enjoyable vacation. We return with a grateful sense of God's goodness, rested bodies and freshened minds to serve Him more faithfully and, we trust, more effectively.

The Rector would add an expression of gratitude for those who served so faithfully during his absence from the parish: first of all Dr. Stockman whose ministrations were greatly enjoyed and deeply appreciated by all our people; then to Mr. White for his contribution to the beauty of our summer services; and to the Altar Guild for its faithful service.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

August 9—Miss Marguerite Caldwell, in memory of her parents, James and Margaret Caldwell.
August 16—Miss Marjorie Robertson, in thanksgiving.
August 30—Miss Laura Bell, in memory of her family.

The Altar flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for the sick in hospitals and at home.

HOME COMING

"How are you?" "Glad to see you!" These are the familiar accompaniments of home-coming. One of the delightful compensations of Autumn is found in the joy of seeing everyone again.

In the miracle of Friendship there is an element of necessity. We come not only of our own choosing. We are driven to it. We thrive on it. We would perish without it.

We are recognizing again the essential nature of our Christianity. The outstanding characteristic of it is that of Fellowship. It is a society of persons having the same ideals, aims, hopes. That is how it began: "And all that believed were together and had all things in common." That is how it will continue.

Out of this Fellowship grows the joy of service. There is great work to be done. Will we be equal to it? That again depends on: "How are you?" How are you in character?—in your spiritual life? We are compelled to work from ourselves as a starting point. So much depends upon our own spirit in the solution of great world problems.

With great confidence in Christ, and in you, we eagerly look forward to another season's realization of the far-reaching possibilities of this Fellowship.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

One of the recent acquisitions to our week-day congregation is a young man, Robert Newcomer, a valued member of the advertising department of Gimbel's Store. Although a communicant of the Lutheran Church, he has contributed gratis, a valuable brochure on the week-day services of St. Stephen's. In the brochure we have the reaction of a young business man to the spiritual influence of St. Stephen's Church. His friend and colleague, Mr. Howard B. Newman, a noted artist, drew the picture of the Chancel and Reredos. We are in their debt for this splendid contribution and I know that they will feel their talents and labors well spent, if this brochure will prove the means of attracting others to our week-day services. We do hope and confidently expect the members of our congregation to make the widest distribution of these folders to potential worshippers, men and women, who work within reasonable distance of the Church, or to women who shop in our neighborhood. Additional folders will be found in the vestibule of the Church.

The work and influence of St. Stephen's will never languish as long as we have men and women who are willing and eager to give their time and talents to its service.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 205 ..... *Reginald Heber*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 68 (page 419)
FIRST LESSON
BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) ..... *Chant*
SECOND LESSON
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
HYMN 468 ..... *John Newton*
SERMON—"What Is Your Business?" ..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 511 ..... *John Mason Neale*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—Soprano Solo—
"Rejoice Ye with Jerusalem" ..... *Matthews*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 529 ..... *Thomas J. Potter*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of her mother, Sarah E. C. Thackara.

Our congratulations to Miss Elizabeth C. Mearns who has successfully completed her three-year course of training in the Abington Hospital and who will shortly become a Registered Nurse.

CHURCH SCHOOL begins Sunday, September 20, at 9.40 A. M. Please see that your children are present, right from the opening day. It is very disturbing to teachers and pupils to have them start weeks late.

DO YOU WANT A NURSERY SCHOOL?

The Rector would appreciate it if parents would let him know if they would like to have a nursery school so that they could go to church on Sunday morning. It would be very easy to organize such a group where you could leave your smallest ones and have a free hour at least once a week. We would guarantee competent care and instruction. The Rector knows from experience how essential it is for parents to get out of hearing of their small children now and then for a rest, and the church is the most restful place in the world. Please telephone or write him at once.

JUST IN CASE

We have made certain preparations to meet the possibility of an air-raid upon the city during the hour of a Church service. If the alert should sound, Remain Calm, Obey Orders.

The Rector will say:

1. Keep your seat until I tell you to leave.
2. Put on your wraps.
3. Walk, not run, into your aisle.
4. Face the rear of the Church.
5. Walk in single file on each side aisle, in double file in the center aisle.
6. Follow the person ahead of you.
7. Each aisle has an usher who knows where to lead your column.
8. Now go, and the Lord bless and keep you.

The ushers will lead their respective columns out on Tenth Street and take them into the first floor of the Community House. We are to stay there until the "All Clear" signal is sounded.

Whether it is a drill or the real thing, if an alert should occur, let us show that as a congregation we can take it. For the present, let us continue our church going as normally and confidently as ever.

SAUNTERING

Said Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, "Some people receive very little from what they call worship because they do not fulfill the serious conditions for receiving anything. They saunter in and saunter through and saunter out. Great things are greatly arrived at. We cannot saunter into a Beethoven symphony, saunter through, and saunter out, for if we do it will amount to nothing."

Those who know the definitions and derivations of words tell us that in early times, the very term "saunter" fell into disrepute. And for a very good reason. During the time of the Crusades and thereafter, making a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands was considered to be a very pious undertaking. Many who attempted to do so depended upon the generosity of others for food to carry them on their way. One who made such a pilgrimage was "San Terre-ing"

Soon, mendicant and no-account persons took advantage of people's good nature and begged for handouts under the guise of "Going to the Holy Lands." And the result was that those who were honestly engaged in making a pilgrimage were deprived due to the "saunterer" who was merely taking advantage of good nature.

So, a saunterer has always been frowned upon since that day.

Let's not fall into the vicious habit of sauntering in, through, and out of services of worship.

Each service is an opportunity for worshipping at God's Altar. And our attendance at that service is a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is an act of devotion. Let's not saunter through devotions. Rather, in humility and reverence, let us adore Him Whom we dare to call our Master and our Lord.

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PRELUDE
HYMN 379.....*Day of Rest*
VENITE (page 9).....*Chant*
PSALM 103 (page 466)
FIRST LESSON—Fifth Book of Daniel
BENEDICTUS ES (page 11).....*Thiman*
SECOND LESSON—12th Chapter of St. Luke
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
HYMN 211.....*Adeste Fideles*
SERMON—"The Cry of Creaturehood".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 388.....*Consolation*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Doubt Not the Father's Care".....*Elgar*
HYMN 427 (America)
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
HYMN 258.....*Lauda Anima*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Elsie M. Williams in memory of Peter Williams.

There was an error in the Rector's announcement of the memorial flowers for Sunday, September 6. They were in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

Please note that the Church School opens this morning at 9.40.

Percy Crosby in his book, "A Cartoonist's Philosophy," allows "Skippy" to make an observation on the relations of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. "Skippy," you know is the boy who prayed, "Oh Lord, give me strength to brush my teeth every night, and if thou canst not give me that strength, give me the strength not to worry about it." Well, "Skippy," standing on page 127, says, "I'm a Protestant, and like it." Friend: "I'm a Catholic and like it." Another: "I'm a Jew and like it." "Skippy": "Then we are all set and don't have to sell nothin' to each other."—*The Christian.*

TO A PASTOR

DEAR PASTOR:

For a good many years I have occasionally gone to your church. Usually Christmas and Easter are the best I can manage. I don't contribute much to the support of the church. About fifty cents a year is all you can safely expect from me. But I'll go to church suppers and eat a dollar-and-a-half's worth of food for which I pay thirty-five cents. Yet, in a Write-A-Letter Week, I want to tell you that without your presence to lead a service on a Sunday morning, whether I am there or not, life would not hold quite its present savor. To go to church and to hear you preach is to receive a satisfaction with existence and an inner feeling of power for more and better work that could not be conveyed by a lesser man. Perhaps this will be of some comfort to you in your next squabble with some organization.

Yours cordially,

A. SABBATH SLEEPER.

CHURCH EXPENSES

The Bishop told of two men who met recently, and one asked the other for a subscription for his church. The reply was that the church was always wanting money.

The other friend said, "When my son was a child, he was costly; he always wanted boots and shoes, stockings and clothes, and wore them out fast, and the older and stronger he grew the more money I had to spend on him. But he died, and does not cost me a nickel now."

"Yes," said the Bishop, "a live church always needs money, a dead church doesn't."

A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has never missed church or Sunday school in twenty-three years. The mother has had a perfect record for eleven years. A son has not missed for twelve years. A daughter has been at the evening service every Sunday for eight years.

What's the matter with this family, anyway? Don't they ever have company on Sunday to keep them away from church?

Don't they ever get up tired on Sunday morning?

Don't they belong to any lodges where they get their religion instead of at their Father's House?

Don't they ever have headaches or colds, or nervous spells, or tired feelings, or sudden calls out of the city, or week-end parties, or business trips, or picnics or any other trouble?

Don't they have a radio, so that they can get some good sermons from out-of-town preachers?

THE REV. W. W. WILKE, PANA, ILL.

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE

HYMN 220.....*Pilgrims*

KYRIE .....*Stanford*

HYMN 541 .....*Alford*

SERMON—"How Shall We Take Bereavement?".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"From Thy Love as a Father"....*Gounod*

SANCTUS .....*Stanford*

HYMN 333 .....*Unde et Memores*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Laura Bell in loving memory of her family.

PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

September 12—Corporal Frank L. Dittman and Eleanor Dorothy Ochs.
September 25—Robert R. Blakslee and Betty L. Carlson.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

The secret of an effective life, says Henry Wieman in the "Methods of Private Religious Living," is constantly to relate the lesser concerns of life to the greater. A thousand steps taken only as steps would weary even a strong man, but if he thinks of them as taking him to some place he wants to be, then they are easy and even exhilarating. So the daily job, if it is only a job, becomes deadly, but if it is a way of nourishing the life of one's family or an important community service, it can be done in full stride. One function of Christianity is to help people to interpret all that they do in terms of larger purposes.

Toward this end members of St. Stephen's Church are invited to come to the workers' communion, Sunday morning, October 4, at 11.00 A. M. It is particularly for those who are doing work in the Parish or in welfare agencies, but also for any who want to interpret their daily work as a service to God.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS

Sunday, September 6, 1942

Miss Anna Wilde
Mr. and Mrs. William N. Waters
Mr. John Weber
Mr. George H. Streaker
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Slatcher

Sunday, September 13, 1942

Miss Lillian Bovell
The Misses Corrigan
Mr. William Elliot
Miss Isabel Elliot
Miss Edith Louise Frey
Miss Fannie Alston Goss

Sunday, September 20, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Bussell

Sunday, September 27, 1942

The Misses Davis

FACES TURNED CHURCHWARD

A Christian owes it to the community to move through the streets on Sunday morning toward the House of God. Every face turned churchward Sunday morning leaves an impression on the life of Philadelphia. If no one went to church and everyone glued his ear to the radio, public worship would vanish and spiritual Christianity would gradually fade away. Religion is a social thing and in its form it is impossible for it to survive if men hold aloof from one another. "Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together" is an old exhortation which all the generations will do well to heed.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 111 ..... *Handel*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 57 (page 409)
FIRST LESSON—Proverbs 2: 1-11
TE DEUM ..... *Tertius Noble*
SECOND LESSON—Ephesians 6: 10-18
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
THE RECTOR'S Charge to the Teachers of the Church School, followed by a Litany and Hymn 502 to be sung by the Congregation kneeling.

THE CONGREGATION will then stand and, led by the Rector, will boldly and audibly assure the teachers of their whole-hearted co-operation in furthering the ideals of our Church School thus:

We, the members of this Church and Congregation, recognizing the devotion of our Church School Teachers and Officers, their splendid service in teaching the Word of God, and their value to the welfare of our Church and our Country, do hereby pledge our sympathetic co-operation and support in every way necessary, especially in assisting our children in their study of the lesson, and by seeing that they are regular and prompt in their attendance.

HYMN 493 ..... *Percy Smith*
SERMON—"The Fourth 'R'" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"God Be in My Head"..... *Walford Davies*
HYMN 427 ("America")
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 531 ..... *Henry Gadsby*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Matilda Maulsby in loving memory of Ida T. Maulsby

The average attendance during the month of September was as follows: Sundays, 9.00 A. M.—7; 11.00 A. M.—167 Wednesdays, 60; Thursdays, 37, and Fridays, 30. This is a good beginning for a September. Let's see how much we can increase our attendance during October.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 6—The Altar flowers were given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

September 13—The Altar flowers were given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in loving memory of Sarah E. C. Thackara.

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September 27—The Altar flowers were given by Mrs. B. Hollingsworth Downward in memory of Caroline Miller Johnson.

The Altar flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for distribution in hospitals and in private homes.

The leaders of organizations who plan for any extra equipment of special arrangements for their meeting, should notify the Parish Office not later than ten A. M. to assure themselves of our fullest co-operation. We are short handed, but we can and will do everything possible to make your meeting a success, if we know what you need in advance.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In a questionnaire sent to 20,000 people was this query: "Why do you go to a certain movie?" 52% said they went because a friend asked them to go, or told them it was good; 8% went because of newspaper advertising; 12% because of what they read in review; 4% because of radio advertising; 8% because of the producer's reputation; and 16% went anyway. The important point is that 52%—more than half—went because of what some friend said or did. What is true of the movies is equally true of religion and of church attendance. How long is it since you brought someone to Church who probably wouldn't have gone otherwise? When was it you last spoke of how much religion meant to You?

In these days when we are concerned about the great number of the unchurched, and about the irregularity in attendance of those who are really faithful to the Church this rather obvious method of increasing attendance is one which we may well consider. On certain occasions we have tried this method in St. Stephen's Church and we know that it works. If you bring someone this week and he or she brings you next week it will not be long before we shall need to increase the size of our church buildings. Children in church schools have long been bringing their friends. Can adults allow their children to show more interest than they do themselves? Or perhaps I should say, can they allow themselves to show less interest than their children?

We are happy to call your attention to the enclosed announcement describing the Sunday afternoon Program of St. James' Church, 22nd and Walnut Streets. This is the Fifth Annual Series and promises to be the best ever.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 258 ..... *John Goss*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 119: 5, 6 (page 492)
FIRST LESSON—Solomon 3
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Matthews*
SECOND LESSON—Revelations 21
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
HYMN 480 ..... *John Hatton*
SERMON—"The Romance of Orthodoxy" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"O Come, Let Us Worship" .. *Mendelssohn*

O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord
And bow down to Him, the Lord our Maker
For He is our God, and we are the flock of His pasture,
And the people of His hand.
O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord
Come, bow the knee to the Lord, our Maker.

PRESENTATION OF THE U. T. O.—HYMN 504 (one verse)
HYMN 427—America (last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 529 ..... *Henry Smart*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Paul Downward in loving memory of Mrs. Rachel Hollingsworth Downward, and by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of Edward Donlan.

The congregation is asked to stand at the first note of the organ before hymns or canticles.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY

The Young People of the Parish have arranged a theatre party for October 31 at 8.30 P. M. at the Lantern Lane Playhouse, 3517 Haverford Avenue. The play is a comedy—"Adam's Rib"—and admission is 57 cents. Refreshments will be served in the intermission. See any member of the committee about your ticket. Committee: Fred Schmid, Jr., William McGowan, John Adams, Constance Spear, John Spear.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

The U. T. O. of the women of the Parish will be presented on Sunday, October 25, at the 11 o'clock service. The story of what the women of the Church have been able to do "for lengthening the chords and strengthening the stakes" of the Church's missions by many small thank offerings, placed in the little blue boxes, reads like a modern miracle. Surely America can find no better antidote for the bitterness, hatred and destruction which the war is spreading across the world than continuing to carry forward the mission of good will and peace which is the heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you have a blue box, please bring the contents in the little blue envelope enclosed with this leaflet, with your name on it, or send your gift to Mrs. Phillip Schwarz, 6313 Magnolia Avenue, Germantown, treasurer of the U. T. O. Every woman in the Parish should be a contributor and the enclosed blue envelope is for your convenience. 6302

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Twice a year in each parish, the money in these blue boxes is gathered together and presented at the altar. Every woman in the Parish should be a member of this blessed project.

RECRUITS TO BE ENTERTAINED

On Monday evenings, from 6.30 to 11 P. M., young men from Delaware, New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania who have spent the day in Philadelphia in preparation for their enlistment in the Marines and Navy will be entertained in our Community House. These men are housed at the Seamen's Church Institute. Because they are not in uniform the U. S. O. cannot care for them. Games and dancing and refreshments will be arranged each week by the members of our Young People's Social Club. Donations of money and food will be gratefully received.

GIFT BOXES TO SOLDIERS

Gift boxes, containing cigarettes, candy, sewing kits and other useful articles have been sent to the men of the Parish who are in the armed forces. Mrs. Mearns made the sewing kits and already we have received letters of thanks.

One of the men in writing said, "Thanks for the grand little kit—don't know who had the happy thought of the sewing kit, but they have my heartfelt thanks. Have no wife here—and I don't care for the laundry's method of repair."

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 544 ..... *Dykes*
KYRIE ..... *Stamford*
HYMN 296 ..... *Vaughn-Williams*
SERMON—"The Expediency of Absence" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous"

T. Tertius Noble

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
Nor hurt, nor torment cometh then anigh;
O holy hope of immortality,
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die;
They are at peace, O fairest liberty,
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

On earth as children chasten'd by Love's load,
As gold in furnace tried, so now on high
They shine like stars, a golden galaxy:
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

HYMN 427—America (last verse)
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
HYMN 329 ..... *Miller*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Stanford*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 297 ..... *Cobb*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by the Girls' Friendly Society.

BISHOP HART TO PREACH AT HOLY TRINITY

The United Thank Offering and the Department of Christian Education of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, together with Forward in Service, are sponsoring a service in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, Thursday evening, November fifth, at eight o'clock. Bishop Hart will be the preacher.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

St. Stephen's will publish a birthday calendar for the year 1942. It will cost ten cents to list your birthday and the birthday of your friends. The calendar will sell for twenty-five cents.

The Church School is in charge. You can list your birthday by signing the birthday list which is being circulated among the various organizations and will be available after church services.

CHANCEL PICTURE

A beautiful reproduction (9 x 11) of the Chancel etching by H. B. Newman is available at a cost of 75 cents. These sepia prints are good, and are signed by the artist.

All Saints' Day

Apropos of the service in Church on All Saints' Day, and pursuant to a custom long observed as a part of this service in this parish, there will be read the Roster of the Dead. This comprises names of those buried by the clergy of this parish during the past year.

NOVEMBER 1, 1941, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1942

Nov. 1—Emilyn J. Sullivan
1—Clare Mallia
5—Joseph Clifford Dando
10—Samuel Glading
13—Katherine Mallette
13—John B. Orr
13—Samuel E. Patton
Dec. 5—Ella R. Dwier
10—Agnes Noblit
15—Ella Rose Ryan
24—Frank L. Post
Jan. 1—Nellie Armstrong
14—Louise K. Gill
17—Minnie Acker
Jan. 22—Frank B. Whittington
22—Fred W. Abott
Mar. 2—John J. Hetzel
6—Anna C. Burr
9—Albert Price
Apr. 3—Isabel Marie Phillips
12—Carl H. Floeck
28—Catherine M. Hewett
May 5—Minerva I. Welsh
11—Frank Dugan
12—Margaret Hall
12—Hugh Hall
June 24—Mary Hilton Bryant

DEATH

Two very spiritual, very understanding men, have forever enriched our world with their hopeful, enlightening words. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow with his sublime statement: "There is no death! What seems so is transition," and William C. Doane, when Bishop of Albany, with his poem, "Death," which he wrote while sitting at the side of the casket in which his wife lay serenely beautiful in her last sleep.

We are too stupid about death. We will not learn
How it is wages paid to those who earn.
How it is the gift for which on earth we yearn
To be set free from bondage to the flesh;
How it is turning seed corn into grain,
How it is winning Heaven's eternal gain.
How it means freedom ever more from pain.
How it untangles every mortal mesh.
We are so selfish about death, we count our grief
Far more than we consider their relief
Whom the Great Reaper gathers in the sheaf
No more to know the season's constant change;
And we forget that it means only life.

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

The extra curricula activities of the Rector during the past month were as follows: Preached at a Communion Preparation Service at the First Presbyterian Church, Lansdowne, read a paper on Humor and Pathos in the Old Testament at the Clerical Brotherhood, and attended the Institution of his successor in St. Philip's Church in Brooklyn.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11 A. M.—ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

of THOMAS ROBERTS REATH Marine Post No. 186 of the American Legion

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430—"God of our Fathers"
George William Warren
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 91 (page 454)
FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 2: 1-17
ANTHEM—"There is a Land".....*John More Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun
A land for ev'ry sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun.

There is a land beyond the dusky night,
Where storms are still and skies are ever bright
Where crystal domes deflect immortal light.

There is a land beyond the gates of morn
A land for ev'ry hero battle-worn
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

SECOND LESSON—I Peter 2: v. 9
ANTHEM—"Rest in Peace".....*Schubert*
CREED AND PRAYER
HYMN 433—"Once to every man and nation".....*Ton-y-Botel*
SERMON—"Greater Love Hath No Man".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Recessional".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SALUTE TO THE FLAG (by all)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

AMERICA—427 (last verse)
SOUNDING OF "TAPS"
MOMENT OF SILENCE (all kneeling)
BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
HYMN 441—"God of our fathers".....*Whitehead*
POSTLUDE

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The average attendance at service in October is as follows: 9.00 A. M. Holy Communion 8. 11.00 A. M. Morning Prayer, 174. Wednesdays 66. Thursdays 40. Fridays 23. Private Communions 11.

A very imposing sign in gold leaf has been placed over the lintel of the church entrance reading "St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church." Have you seen it?

Mrs. Mearns, the Parish Visitor, would be grateful for any donations of men's clothing. The need is very great!

ARMISTICE DAY

The Presiding Bishop has called us to a Church-wide day of prayer on November eleventh. All Churches throughout the land on November eleventh can raise their voices to the throne of the Almighty, praying with one accord for the world, seeking guidance, asking forgiveness, rendering thanksgiving and giving praise.

In St. Stephen's we shall have a Communion Service at 10.55 A. M. and the regular Wednesday noon-day service at 12.30 P. M. A small booklet of devotions will be available for those who attend during the other hours of the day.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 4—Miss Laura Bell, in memory of her family.
11—Miss Matilda Maulsby, in memory of Ida T. Maulsby.
18—Mrs. Harry Croyder, in memory of Mrs. John Coats Browne.
25—Mr. Paul Downward, in memory of Rachael Hollingsworth Downward.
Mrs. Martha Atherton, in memory of Edward Donlan.

OUR HONOR ROLL

St. Stephen's Church is proud to honor the young men and women of the parish who are serving in the armed forces of our country. Their names are listed on an honor roll in the vestibule of the Church, and as far as possible each has been sent a war cross, Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors, and a gift box containing a sewing kit and useful articles. We rely on the families of these men to keep us posted as to their address. The Rector writes as often as he can and we hope to organize the men for some sort of correspondence and other expressions of interest of the parish in our boys. The list we have is probably incomplete. If you know of omissions you would do your loved ones in the service a favor if you would inform the Rector. A copy of the Weekly Bulletin goes each week to all whose addresses we have.

Charles V. Adams
Sergeant Arthur Blomquist
Lieut. George Blomquist
Private Harry Blomquist
Lieut. James W. Christie, Jr.
Pvt. 1st Class George T. Christides
Corporal Frank L. Dittman
Pvt. 1st Class Stanley R. Dittman
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PRELUDE
HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 77 (Page 433)
FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 5
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*
SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 8: 4
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Chant*
HYMN 233 ..... *Marsh*
SERMON—"When Your World Crashes" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"He, Watching Over Israel" ... *Mendelssohn*

"He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee."

AMERICA—427 (last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 539 ..... *Bambridge*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. B. Hollingsworth Downward. The Congregation is asked to stand at the first chord of the Hymns and Canticles.

The Woman's Auxiliary will have its regular meeting on November 19 at 11 A. M. in the Parish House. The Tolerance Trio from Fellowship House will speak.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the congregation."

Mr. and Mrs. William Langhhorne, 4515 Pine Street; Mrs. Virginia McCormick, Sylvania Hotel; Miss Eleanor C. Humbert, 1406 N. 16th Street; Mr. Joseph Mears, Benjamin Franklin Hotel.

PARISH REGISTER—OCTOBER

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined, let no man put asunder."

Oct. 5—Horace Sherrouse and Jeanne Redington.
Oct. 24—Ralph C. DeWoody, U. S. N., and Jessie B. Curkeet.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS

Oct. 4—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Carll
Miss Emily Hewitt
Oct. 11—Mrs. Idella Higham
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Miss Gertrude Bixler
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If you are a regular attendant upon the service of the church, you are not only fulfilling your Christian duty, but you are also setting a much needed example to your fellowmen, affording your leader deep encouragement, and following in the footsteps of Him, who "As His custom was, went into the synagogue."

But if not, we urge you to join with us in the "Month of Sundays in Church." In this great day of so great crisis for human and religious liberties, we seek to deepen our zeal, strengthen our faith, re-dedicate ourselves to Christ's service. To achieve these ends, we must pray together, worship together, kneel together in His Holy Temple.

Come next Sunday! Bring some one with you, and so fulfill the first of the great Objectives of our FORWARD IN SERVICE program, which is **EVANGELISM.**

THE U. T. O.

The United Thank Offering for this parish was $211.72. Last Fall our ingathering amounted to $156.68, and the Spring appeal brought the sum of $147.73. We are more than pleased!

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS

The Bible Study Class got off to a good start with an initial attendance of thirty. This number will, no doubt, be doubled at our next meeting and if the enthusiasm of those present is an accurate barometer, this class is destined to play an important role in the religious education program of Philadelphia. Dr. George M. Lamsa, the renowned Biblical scholar, who speaks both the Aramaic and the Christian dialects of modern Assyrian, the language which our Lord Himself used, is teaching this class.

Mr. I. Smith Raspin, president of the class, is anxious that everyone know about this splendid opportunity for adult re-education in the fascinating subject of the Bible. The class meets every Thursday in the Church for one hour, beginning promptly at 7.30 P. M.

Why not join us?

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

Mrs. Nellie Mearns has organized a group of children from the immediate vicinity of the church into a neighborhood club. These children meet in the Parish House every Friday afternoon at four.

POSTERS

The congregation will be glad to know that a very striking poster calling attention to our week-day services is being placed in the stores, hotels, hospitals, railway and subway platforms in the neighborhood. These posters were designed by our good friend, Mr. Robert Newcomer, who conceived the recent brochure describing these noon-day services. We are indeed grateful for this effective publicity.

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PRELUDE

HYMN 528 ..... *Monk*

KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

VENITE (Page 9) ..... *Chant*

PSALM 108 (Page 479)

FIRST LESSON—II Kings 19: 14

TE DEUM (Page 10) ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 6: 19

BENEDICTUS (Page 14) ..... *Chant*

HYMN 240 ..... *Zundel*

SERMON—"Doing Something About It" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"There Shall Be No More Night" *David D. Wood*

> And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein; and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

HYMN 427—America (last verse)

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

HYMN 526 ..... *Mann*

POSTLUDE

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The alternative to regularity in religious life is haphazardness. Some people do not think of God until the need is vital. If you wait until your conscience reminds you of God your religion is not your life; it is not of much use to you. *Let God remind you of your conscience!*

Let your regular observance of certain religious habits keep God ever before you. Select the ones that are most helpful to you, but, for the love of God and the good of your immortal soul, do select something and observe it faithfully.

The average man does not think of God spontaneously often enough to do him any good. These aids, whether habits, hymns or pictures, or what not, are the threads that we tie around our little fingers lest we forget.

God does not knock at our door with a heavy stick. Let us therefore, keep watch at the door from time to time and invite Him to enter.

Come next Sunday! Bring some one with you, and so fulfil the first of the great Objectives of our *Forward In Service* program, which is *Evangelism.*

WHAT TO DO FOR SERVICE MEN?

There are many things we can do for the service men. Here is one which will appeal to those of you who buy the latest books. Why not take one of your recent, good books, and send it to one of the men from our own parish? We will gladly furnish addresses of our service men to anyone who is willing to wrap up and mail a book. In case you do not know it, there is a very special low rate of postage for books. Call the Rector or Miss Robertson for a name.

ANNUAL ST. ANDREW'S DAY MEETING

This is advance notice of the Annual St. Andrew's Day Meeting and the Election of Officers to be held at St. Stephen's Church from 5.30 to 9.00 P. M. on Monday, November 30, 1942. Evening prayer, supper and an evening meeting at 7.30; address by Douglas Turnbull, of Washington, D. C., National President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the United States, are the order for the day. The Rector would like to have a table of St. Stephen's men and boys.

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 62 ..... *J. S. Bach*
KYRIE ..... *Stanford*
HYMN 67 ..... *Monk*
SERMON: "The Lost Book" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet" ..... *J. S. Bach*
HYMN 427—America (last verse)
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
HYMN 339 ..... *French Folk Song*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 61 ..... *Smart*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers today are given by Dr. Carl E. Grammer.

Our Church

Continues next Sunday its Campaign for
"A MONTH OF SUNDAYS IN CHURCH"
OUR MOTTO IS:
"Watch the Congregation Grow When You Are There"

Next Sunday we are emphasizing the second Objective of the *Forward In Service Program—The Teaching Mission of the Church*

Through our Church School, we are striving to instill into the hearts and lives of our children true principles of Christian living and worship. In this effort, no contribution can take the place of the power of the parental example. Let us revive the old family pew custom. Come next Sunday, parents, and bring your children with you.

Increasing attendance! Did *you* bring some one last Sunday?

"Bring up a child in the way he should go
But go that way yourself."

NOON-DAY SERVICES DURING ADVENT

continuing through Thursday, December 24

Cards announcing the speakers for these services are at the doors in the vestibule. Kindly distribute them among your friends.

They are held daily except Saturday from 12.30 to 12.55. The speakers for the week of December 7 are as follows: Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Dr. Howard Johnson, Dr. Charles L. Hussey, Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Dr. Robert R. Littell.

CHRISTMAS DINNNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed.

Will you help us with such amount as you feel able to give?

An envelope for your check or cash is enclosed.

A LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR

DEAR FRIEND:

It is an insecure, uncertain, dark world. What will it be for our children, for those who come after us? We cannot tell. But there is a fellowship of kindred minds, a great company united in spirit and purpose, who hold aloft the torch of faith, courage and good will. It is the Church of the Spirit which ever points the way of life and light.

Consider the church of your community, the church of your choice or affiliation. *Suppose there were none!* No house of praise, prayer and meditation. No preaching of good will and brotherhood. No message of hope in a dark world. No minister to bless the sacred occasions of life; to visit the sick and afflicted; to walk with the sorrowing through the valley of the shadow. No fellowship of Christian joy and faith and helpfulness. No Church School for your children. No guiding hands and voices for young people.

Enough of such supposing. We would not live in such a community. And we do not. The Church *is* here. We may have helped little or much—or none. But some, many indeed, have cared, and ours is a church worthy of pride and affection. It is a privilege to share in its ministry and divide one's substance with it.

Your church—our church—is planning for 1943. All other plans are dependent on maintaining a staff of workers, on keeping buildings and equipment servicable for our activities; on resources to develop promising projects and initiate new ones to meet new opportunities and needs—to maintain our interesting programs of Church music. The financial budget is changed but little in its totals or its individual items from last year. There is no increase in personnel or in salaries. In outline it is as follows:

The Staff (Rector, Parish Visitor, Secretary, Verger)	$ 9,700.00
Maintenance (Fuel, Repairs and Improvements, Gas, Electricity, Taxes, Diocesan Assessment, Pension Fund, Insurance, Advertising, Telephone, Mortgage, etc.)	16,244.09
Activities (Music, Printing, Supplies, Postage, Charities, etc.)	7,204.10
Missions (Pennsylvania Expectation)	3,000.00

All good works. like charity begin at home. But they should not stop there, nor can they long continue on the crumbs that fall from other things. Our Church is a world-wide fellowship of love and mercy. It is preaching the gospel, ministering to the sick and afflicted, educating the young, providing relief and rehabilitation in every corner of the earth. "We that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak"—so the Bible teaches. For the National and Diocesan Missions, Foreign Missions and what we call the Pennsylvania Expectation, we include in our budget, $3,000.00

Good works flourish when people associated with them offer their help, their prayers, their resources generously. Sometimes the best causes must depend on painful sacrifice by the church members.

This is *your* parish. Its work is *your* responsibility. We are asked to meet—not a budget—but human need and spiritual opportunity. Will you give *your* church your generous support?

Faithfully your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

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Noon-day Service and Address, 12.30-12.55
Noon-day Service and Communion—Last Wednesday of the month

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Noon-day Healing Service and Address, 12.30-12.55

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The Wednesday Night Club: Every Wednesday evening.

The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

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The Pipers' Club: Fridays at 4 p.m. For children ten years old and older.

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St. Luke's Day
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
October 18, 1942

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 535 ..... *Henry Smart*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 91 (page 454)
FIRST LESSON—II Kings 6: 8
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Webbe*
SECOND LESSON—St. John 9: 1
BENEDICTUS ..... *Haydn*
HYMN 537 .....*Arthur H. Messiter*
During the singing of this hymn, those to be admitted into membership of the Girls' Friendly Society shall come forward to the altar rail and stand in order before the Rector.

SERVICE OF ADMISSION FOR CANDIDATES OF THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

HYMN 277 ..... *Johann B. Konig*
SERMON—"The Business Woman—Lydia".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"As Torrents in Summer".....*Elgar*
HYMN 427—America
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 433 .....*Ton-Y-Botel*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Harry Croyden in memory of Mrs. John Coats Browne.

We are happy to have at our service this morning, the members of the Girls' Friendly Society of our Parish for their annual service of admission.

HOUSE OF REST FOR THE AGED

The House of Rest is the only home of its kind in the Diocese. There are thirty women living there, and the waiting list is very long. Last year, St. Stephen's contributed $184.00, and one of our vestry made it possible for the home to procure two additional bed rooms; and this year another bed room has been given by the same means. All we are able to do for the House of Rest is greatly appreciated. The Bishop has asked us to "Please help us to help those who cannot help themselves."

ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR

Once in a while we can talk about ourselves or our possessions without feeling apologetic; and then it is of real value if we crystalize our pride and appreciation by talking about something of which we can be pardonably proud. We at St. Stephen's have a truly remarkable choir. Its consistently high standard of music and the performance thereof is second to none; and in the face of many difficulties, this fact is little short of miraculous. Our choir is smaller this year, there are only eighteen members instead of twenty-six. Two of the men are in the army. We miss them very much as we also miss those who were with us in former years.

Behind the scenes of our Sunday morning service, lie preparations which few of us see or seldom stop to think about. The faithful attendance at choir practice, and the devoted co-operation which the members give their Choirmaster is only a part of the fabric which nearly always results in flawless beauty. You have noticed how carefully the hymns, the sermon and the anthem fit each other, and you have realized that each part of the service is chosen with the intention of driving home a special point for you to carry away.

Music has long been acknowledged as an emotional and spiritual directive. Our public worship is effective in proportion to the degree of oneness achieved by means of each individual's participation in prayers, praise and attention. The fitness of our surroundings, the dignity of our ritual, and the glory of the music under Dr. Matthews' inspired direction should prove the people of St. Stephen's parish to be especially fortunate. We are aware of our great privilege in having a choir whose music is the means of lifting our hearts and minds in worship to Almighty God, and we are very grateful.

These are the members of our Choir:

Sopranos
Mrs. John Campbell Miss Margaret Keiser (*soloist*)
Miss Eleanor Hurgeton Miss Phyllis Matthews
Miss Christine Mosler
Miss Eleanor Wilson

Altos
Miss Jeanette Davis Mrs. Robert Staton, Jr.
Miss Florence Fiedler Mrs. Elsie Williams
Mrs. Helen Wilson

Tenors
Mr. Albert E. Clark Mr. Harry Harrison Mr. Frank Karian

Bases
Mr. J. Beatty Alexander
Mr. Frank Grimm, Jr. Mr. Elmer Richardson Mr. Robert Staton, Jr.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE

HYMN 66 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

VENITE (Page 9) ..... *Chant*

PSALM 103 (Page 466)

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 40: 1-10

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Matthews*

SECOND LESSON—Matthew 25: 1-13

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Blessed is He that Cometh"..... *Gounod*
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

SERMON—"Luxuries a Christian Cannot Afford"

OFFERTORY HYMN 53..... *Dykes*

HYMN 427—America

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

HYMN 57 ..... *Wade*

POSTLUDE

The Congregation is asked to stand on the first note of canticles and hymns.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

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CO-OPERATE OR DIE

Now that we have reached the turn in our progress toward victory, and even though hard going lies before an end not yet in sight, we simply must anticipate the postwar responsibility of the Christian brotherhood.

A recent editorial in one of our daily papers focused the issue explicitly. In this editorial, which was a general attack on Wendell Willkie, there occurred a paragraph which urged the Republican Party to rally round the purpose of postwar "Nationalism" as opposed to "Internationalism."

While we may devoutly hope that the Republican Party will not follow this leadership of death, we must do more than hope for the Republican Party and the Nation.

Isolationism is not dead. When Hitler's armies are conquered and the threat of Tojo's war machine has vanished, there will rise up within our own nation this equally armored enemy—the army of isolationism. With loud protestations of patriotism its leaders will appeal to a short-sighted and an inherent selfishness. They will seek to enlist every intransient group. They will aggravate the ancient hatred of the Irish for Great Britain. They will magnify the boogy of Bolshevism. They will stir race against race. They may even try to fasten on China the label of a new "Yellow Peril."

We shall need more than flesh and blood in our struggle against this force of selfishness. We shall need deep conviction as to God. Clear realization of His purposes as world enveloping, and the profound realization that over the lives of nations as well as men, He has written the call, "Co-operate and Live" which if we disregard it, will become the warning, "Co-operate or Die."

THANK YOU

For five weeks now I have been writing you, urging that "Day of Destiny" which was last Sunday. You caught the spirit of cooperation. You seemed to understand the meaning of our slogan: "Love and Loyalty will lift the load."

In spite of the cold weather and the slippery streets, in spite of the interruption of the air raid "alert," I feel that the spirit of the occasion was undoubtedly caught by all who came as well as those whose prayers for our parish were lifted to God—those who could not be present for some good reason or another.

I want you to keep that Love and that Loyalty up to the end of the year. In the mail this week will come your box of Duplex Envelopes, if you did not find it for yourself after the service.

Each quarter we shall send out a statement to remind you of your quarterly standing. I am sure you will like that efficient way of doing God's work.

Thanks again for your pledge, for your spirit of co-operation and generosity. Thanks to *you*, the church "came through"! !

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PRELUDE

HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*

KYRIE ..... *Tallis*

VENITE (Page 9) ..... *Chant*

PSALM 50 (Page 401)

FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 40: 1-11

BENEDICTUS ES (Page 11) ..... *Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—Luke 3: 1-18

BENEDICTUS (complete, Page 14) ..... *Chant*

HYMN 117 ..... *Douglas*

SERMON—"Delightful Beggars" ..... THE RECTOR

HYMN 492 ..... *Walter*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—
"To Whom Then Will Ye Liken God" ..... *Parker*

HYMN 504 (1 verse) ..... *Redheard*

HYMN 427—America (last verse)

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

HYMN 58 ..... *Meiningen*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Mary Duffy, in loving memory of Laura V. Duffy, and also by Mrs. Martha Atherton, in memory of Caroline E. Owens.

The Rector has been elected County Chaplain of the American Legion.

The Thanksgiving offering for the Episcopal Hospital, we are happy to say, amounts to $675 to date. Our thanks goes out to the many who have had a share in this gift. It is still time to send yours.

Our Church

Concludes next Sunday, December 13th, its Campaign for
"A MONTH OF SUNDAYS IN CHURCH"

OUR MOTTO IS:
"Watch the Congregation Grow When You Are There"

We are setting this Sunday aside as Dedication Sunday. On our Day of Destiny, we shall realize anew what God, through Jesus Christ, has done for us. We trust each confirmed member will be present, ready to sign his or her pledge card, indicating what each of us is prepared to do for our Church in the coming year. In these war days, it is well nigh impossible to visit each one of you in your homes. Come, therefore, to God's House next Sunday and offer your pledge at His Altar. It will be a great day for our Church. Remember, our program for the next year will depend upon the measure of our response, as represented by our pledges for 1943. Are you really interested in your Church?

Your Presence Next Sunday, December 13th, Will Answer That Question

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FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 1—Mrs. Walter Llewellyn
Nov. 8—Mrs. Elsie Williams
Mrs. Harry D. Saylor
Nov. 15—Miss Susan C. Thackara
Nov. 22—Miss Edith Grigg
Miss Hedwig L. Kauffman
Nov. 29—Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Morris

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 1—All Saints Day—the Girls' Friendly Society
Nov. 8—Miss Anna Eisenbrey, in memory of Sarah Eisenbrey
Nov. 15—Mrs. B. Hollingsworth Downward
Nov. 22—The Rev. Herbert W. Jones, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gensheimer
Nov. 29—Dr. Herbert Old, in memory of his father and mother.

These flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for the sick in homes and hospitals.

PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"
Nov. 15—Harry F. Seltzer and Vivian McKeever.
Nov. 16—Anthony Walter March and Florence A. Patterson.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve
December 24th
11.30 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols
and Christmas Music

Christmas Day
December 25th
9 A. M.

Holy Communion

11 A. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols
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First Sunday after Christmas
December 27th
11 A. M.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

A Christmas Prayer

May the good will and peace which Christ brought to earth the first Christmas morning, go forth this Christmastide into a war-torn, sorrowing and suffering world, bringing comfort, strength and hope to God's children everywhere.



St. Stephen's Church

10th Street above Chestnut
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Order of Service for Christmas Eve

11.30 P. M.

PRELUDE Choral Improvisation. Puer Natus Est. Everett Titcomb
HYMN 73 ..... *Mendelssohn*
KYRIE ..... *Stanford*
GRADUAL—"Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light" ... *J. S. Bach*
ANTHEM—"Sleep Holy Babe," from the Story of Christmas
Sing Christmas Bells ... *H. Alexander Matthews*
SERMON—"In the Inn" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 79 ..... *Willis*
Processional Carol
HYMN 427—America (last verse)
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 326 Verses 1-5-6 ~~*French Folk Song*~~ Dykes.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Stanford*
BENEDICTION
SILENT NIGHT (Hymn 546) ..... *Traditional*
HYMN 72 ..... *Wade*
POSTLUDE

Christmas Day

9 A. M. Holy Communion
11 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon

PRELUDE Pastoral Symphony from Messiah — Handel
HYMN 72 ..... *Wade*
KYRIE Chanson Joyeuse de Noel — ~~*Tallis*~~ Stanford
ANTHEM—~~"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night"~~ ..... ~~*Horatio Parker*~~ Gevaert.
SERMON—"When the Angels Had Gone Away" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 78 ..... *Redner*
HYMN 427—America (last verse)
SANCTUS ..... ~~*Tallis*~~ Stanford
COMMUNION HYMN ~~339~~ 326 (Vv. 1-5-6) ~~*French Folk Song*~~ Dykes.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
BENEDICTION
SEVEN FOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
HYMN 73 ..... *Mendelssohn*
POSTLUDE

The Rector's Christmas Greeting

BELOVED PEOPLE OF ST. STEPHEN'S:

The well-known Christmas Carol, "O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing," invites us to participate in the peace of Christmas tide. A weary road it is for many—the mad pursuit of gifts because it is the custom, with prostrated shop girls and mail carriers! Worn hearts with resiliency exhausted by sickness of body, mind and soul! A host of house-wives and business men for whom the Advent season has meant added tasks, not inspiration! A harried host of hungry, heart-sick folk moves on to Christmas Day. They do not know when a bomb might snuff out the lives of all whom they love, or when their men might die on some distant battlefield. On Christmas Day, 1942, battle noises will probably be the loudest on the earth since 1917, possibly louder than ever before.

But the peace of Christmas comes not in resting beside the weary road, but in hearing the angels sing. How can we hear their song? No heavens will open to drown the screech of traffic with angelic song. Yet it is possible to rise from Christmas refreshed and renewed; just a gift to some one for whom your bounty will provide an unexpected release from worry; just a particular expression of friendship or love to some one who might otherwise have been passed by on the other side.

Give the Christ a bit of His own day and season. While it is yet time, let us do the good that we would. May we go out of our way to say the word, to write the letter, to do the act, which shall restore friendship, heal a wound, and bring peace among men. Back to the road we go after Christmas, but it need not be so weary a road. It will not be so, if we have heard the angels sing.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

A Christmas Gift

Christmas is the time of gifts for those we love. Shall we leave out God? Surely He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded, "My Christmas Gift to My Church." Will you use it for His sake?

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.40 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 a.m.—First Sunday 8.00 a.m.—Third Sunday

WEDNESDAYS

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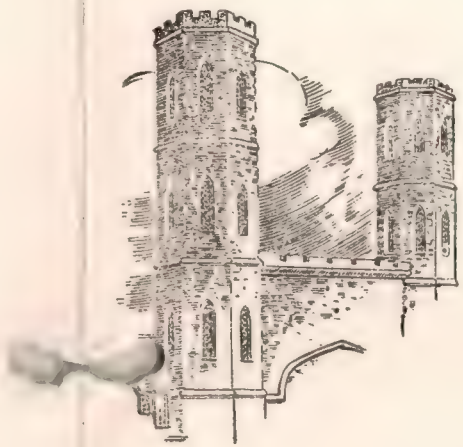
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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 429 (one verse)

HYMN 110

KYRIE ..... *Noble*

HYMN 117

SERMON ..... MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O my Soul" ..... *Ivanof*

SANCTUS ..... *Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 324

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

HYMN 111

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5 P. M.—MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O my Soul" ..... *Ivanof*

PRAYERS AND VERSICLES

ANTHEM—"Christ when a Child" ..... *Tschaikowsky*

FIRST LESSON—I Samuel 3

ANTHEM—"To Thee we Call" ..... *Tschaikowsky*

SECOND LESSON—Saint Mark 1: 32

ANTHEM—"Hospodi Pomilui" (Russian Litany) ..... *Lvovsky*

CREED AND COLLECTS

SOPRANO SOLO—"Christ is Risen" ..... *Rachmaninoff*

OFFERTORY HYMN 24

ANTHEM—"Hymn to The Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*

HYMN 539

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Tuesday, February 3rd
- 6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
- 7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (basketball in gym)

Wednesday, February 4th
- 10.30 A. M.—Benevolent Society
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, February 5th
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, February 6th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 4.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 8th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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HYMN 92

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 20

FIRST LESSON—Samuel 1: 19

TE DEUM .....*Noble*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 20: 24

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 99

SERMON .....Rt. Rev. William Proctor Remmington, D.D.

ANTHEM—"Grieve not the Holy Spirit".....*Noble*

HYMN 104

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SPECIAL NOTICES

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It is our privilege to welcome as the Special Preacher this morning, the Rt. Rev. Dr. William Proctor Remmington, Bishop of the Missionary District of Eastern Oregon. It is a pleasure to have a part in Bishop Remmington's return to his own City.

SERVICES

Monday, January 26th
- 6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, January 27th
- 7.00-9.00 P. M.—Red Cross.
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (basketball in gym)

Wednesday, January 28th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion.
- 1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, January 29th
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, January 30th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 4.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 1st,
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon by Mr. Jones
- 5.00 P. M.—Special Musical Service, Russian Music

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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HYMN 95

HYMN 429

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 97

FIRST LESSON—Exodus 3: 1-15

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. Mark 9: 2-13

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 106

SERMON ..... Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... *Bach*

HYMN 99

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- 6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, January 20th
- 7.00-9.00 P. M.—Red Cross.
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses

Wednesday, January 21st
- 10.30 A. M.—Benevolent Society
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 9.00 P. M.-12.00—Semi Formal Dance. (Community House)

Thursday, January 22nd
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

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Sunday, January 25th
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rt. Rev. Dr. William P. Remington.
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HYMN 92

HYMN 429

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 47

FIRST LESSON—Genesis 28: 10

TE DEUM ..... *Willan*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 2: 1-11

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

HYMN 94

SERMON ..... MR. JONES

DUET—"The Lord Is My Shepherd" ..... EDWARD S. BARNES

HYMN 95

We are happy to announce that the Special Thanksgiving Offering given by the people of our Diocese in commemoration of our beloved Bishop's 80th Birthday, was presented to him on January 5th, in the sum of $100,000.00. The Bishop in turn presented this check to the Episcopal Hospital. We are proud to announce to you that the people of St. Stephen's gave $1,845.00 toward this Special Offering.

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9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
8.00 P. M.—Young People's Fellowship

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Second Sunday after Christmas

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 80

KYRIE .....*Noble*

HYMN 551

SERMON .....MR. JONES

ANTHEM—"Awake, awake, put on Thy Strength, O Zion"

SANCTUS .....*Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 333—1 verse

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 101

5.00 P. M.—MUSICAL SERVICE without Sermon

CANTATA, "THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS"

By H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 80

CREED, versicles and collects

OFFERTORY

CANTATA

BENEDICTION

NOTE:—This evening, January 4th, our Choir will present the Cantata, "The Story of Christmas," by H. Alexander Matthews, our choirmaster. Kindly note the change of time in this special musical service to FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon instead of the evening hour as heretofore.

SPECIAL NOTICES

NOTE:—There will be a meeting of the Red Cross this Tuesday evening at 7 P. M.

Please note the Celebration of the Holy Communion on the Feast of The Epiphany, Tuesday, January 6th, at 11 A. M.

Will all those who have not returned a card signifying the amount of their contribution which they expect to make to the Church during 1942, please send in these cards as soon as possible, in order that the Vestry may finish their work on the Parish Budget for the coming year?

SERVICES

Monday, January 5th
- 6.00 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, January 6th, The Epiphany
- 11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball, Gym (Jefferson Nurses)
- 8.00 P. M.—Samuel H. Wood Men's Club

Wednesday, January 7th
- 12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, January 8th
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball in Gym (Pennsylvania Nurses)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, January 9th
- 12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, January 11th
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- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
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8.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 67
Collect, Epistle and Gospel (Prayer Book, pages 134-137)

11.00 A. M.—MORNING SERVICE

PRELUDE
HYMN 145
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 140 (Page 516)
FIRST LESSON—Zachariah 9: 9
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*
SECOND LESSON—St. Mark 11: 1 .
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
HYMN 152
SERMON—"Challenge of Palm Sunday"
HYMN 154
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—
"Fling Wide the Gates," from "The Crucifixion".....*Stainer*
"AMERICA"—427 (last verse)
HYMN 143
POSTLUDE

SPECIAL NOTICES

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The Altar Palms today are given by the members of the Mothers' Meeting.

Red Cross meets in the Community House, Tuesday, 7 P. M.; Wednesday, 1 P. M., sewing and surgical dressings—all are welcome.

Subscriptions for the Red Cross War Fund can be made in the Church Office through the Parish Visitor.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thursday, 12.00 Noon—Organ Recital
1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
5.15 P. M.—Holy Communion
8.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
(Mothers' Corporate Committee)

Friday, 10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
1.00 P. M.—"Stainer's Crucifixion"
2.00-3.00 P. M.—Meditations at the Cross

Saturday, 4.30 P. M.—Easter Even Baptism

The War Commission at the Church House is compiling a list of Christian homes where defense workers may live. Anyone wishing to place their names on this list may do so through our Church.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week begins again today, Palm Sunday. To members of the ancient historic Churches it is the most impressive period of the Christian year, and it is coming to be observed more and more by the Protestant Denominations as well. This is as it should be, for without earnest reflection upon the dramatic events of this week the Christian life loses much of its significance.

We should not spend too much thought upon the actual physical sufferings of our Lord, because we can thereby miss an appreciation of the deeper current which runs beneath all that suffering. But we cannot leap from where we now are to Easter without missing much of the meaning of the Christian story. It is important to live again the history of our Lord's last week on earth so that we may be induced to study what happened, and why it happened.

Without Holy Week Jesus would have been only a great teacher and wonder worker. Without Easter He would be regarded as only another innocent victom of human fear and mob passion. Without Easter and Holy Week together the world would have some other kind of pagan religion today, the whole course of history would have been different.

Without Holy Week Christianity ceases to be a religion and becomes only a system of ethics. Without the personality of the Christ who gave His life for us, very few people would be interested in that system of ethics because it seems to be opposed to what we would naturally do if we were left to our own devices.

May I, therefore, suggest that each one of us read the Epistle and Gospel for every day in Holy Week, that we go to Church and hear them read in the company of other faithful Christians, if we possibly can do so, and that we make a special point of receiving the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, and of being present at some service on Good Friday? Going to Church in Holy Week does something to us that I cannot explain. But I do not think explanation is necessary. My only desire is that all of you who read this may share in the wonderful experience so that Easter may bring you true joy.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

There will be a service for the Baptism of children on Easter Even, April 4, at 4.30 o'clock. If you have a child who has not been baptized will you bring him or her to that service? The Rector would like to be notified in advance. Please come at least fifteen minutes before the hour of the service for registration.

MUSICAL SERVICES

On Good Friday, at 1.00 P. M., our Choir, under the direction of H. Alexander Matthews, Mus.D., and assisted by special soloists will sing the "Crucifixion" by Sir John Stainer. And on Easter Day at 5.00 P. M. the young people of our Parish will present an Easter Pageant compiled by Edna Lillich and music by Dr. Matthews.

We believe that the Church has a responsibility to present from time to time the great creations of religious music, and we commend these services to our members and friends.

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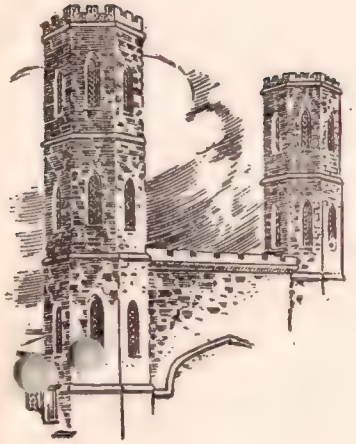
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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 122

KYRIE .....*Tours*

HYMN 124

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"O Sacred Head" .....*Bach*

SANCTUS .....*Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN 339

HYMN 125 (In place of Gloria in Excelsis)

HYMN 135

The Church is preparing to properly care for the spiritual life of men in our armed service. Within a short time you will be asked to contribute to a special fund for this purpose, and we earnestly hope that when this opportunity is offered, you will gladly share some of what you have to make it possible for the Church to carry on its ministry to these men who are fighting our battles.

The American Red Cross is appealing for funds to carry on its work. We know that many of you have already contributed, but this campaign is to raise the necessary Red Cross War Fund. Give generously.

SPECIAL NOTICES

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Monday, March 9th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, March 10th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 11th
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- 1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, March 12th
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- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, March 13th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, March 14th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service

Sunday, March 15th
- 8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
- 9.30 A. M.—Church School
- 11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

The Rector

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11 A. M.—CONFIRMATION

HYMN 126
CREED AND PRAYERS
HYMN 497
SERMON.....RT. REV. FRANCIS M. TAITT, S.T.D.
HYMN 380
CONFIRMATION—Page 296, Prayer Book
HYMN 372
ANTHEM—"God so Loved the World".....*Stainer*
PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION
HYMN 379

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5 P. M.—MUSICAL SERVICE WITHOUT SERMON

CHORALE—"O Sacred Head".....*Bach*
OPENING SENTENCES AND VERSICLES
ANTHEM—"The Trees and The Master".....*Protheroe*
FIRST LESSON—I Samuel 19: 1-7
ANTHEM—"Here Yet Awhile" (from St. Matthew *Passion*)....*Bach*
SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 21: 33
SOPRANO SOLO—"Come Sweet Death".....*Bach*
CREED AND PRAYERS
ANTHEM—"Jesus in the Garden".....*Traditional 16th Century*
OFFERTORY HYMN 159
ANTHEM—"Blessed Jesu" (from *Stabat Mater*).....*Dvorak*
HYMN 20

Soloists

MARGARET KEISER, Soprano LONGSHORE WILLIAMSON, Baritone

SPECIAL NOTICES

We welcome, this morning, the beloved Bishop of our Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Francis M. Taitt, S.T.D.

NOTE: The Preacher at the Noonday Lenten Services this week, Monday through Friday, is the Rev. E. Frank Salmon, D.D.; Saturday, the Rev. William J. Dietrich, Jr.

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12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, March 3rd
12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
6.00 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, March 4th
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Thursday, March 5th
12.00 Noon—Organ Recital
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7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, March 6th
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1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
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Saturday, March 7th
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 123

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 54

FIRST LESSON—II Samuel 11: 2—12: 13

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*

SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 18: 10-14

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 122

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"Into the Woods My Master Went".....*Protheroe*

HYMN 126

The Bishop of the Diocese will visit our Parish to administer the Rite of Confirmation next Sunday morning, March 1st, at the 11 o'clock Service. We hope that everyone will be here to greet him.

The Confirmation Class will meet on Tuesday at 8.00 P. M.

There will be a meeting of the Red Cross this Tuesday evening at 7.00 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar Flowers today are in loving memory of Eliza Howard Burd, and are given by the Alumnae of the Burd School.

Note: The Preacher at the Noonday Lenten Service this week, Monday through Friday, the Rev. Dr. John R. Hart; Saturday, the Rev. Frederick W. Blatz.

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Monday, February 23rd
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, February 24th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (gym)
- 8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 25th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
- 8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, February 26th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
- 7.30 P. M.—Mothers' Meeting

Friday, February 27th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service
- 1.00 P. M.—Holy Communion
- 7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
- 8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Saturday, February 28th
- 12.30 P. M.—Lenten Service

Sunday, March 1st
- 9.40 A. M.—Church School
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER

HYMN 113

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 15

FIRST LESSON—Ruth 1: 1-17

BENEDICTUS ES .....*Webbe*

SECOND LESSON—St. John 15: 1-17

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

HYMN 118

SERMON.....RT. REV. R. BLAND MITCHELL, D.D.

ANTHEM—"To Thee we Call" .....*Tschaikowsky*

HYMN 116

The Bishop of the Diocese will visit our Parish to administer the Right of Confirmation on Sunday morning, March 1st, at the 11 A. M. Service.

The Confirmation Class will meet on Wednesday at 8.00 P. M.

There will be a meeting of the Red Cross this Tuesday evening at 7.00 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Eliza Howard Burd.

The SPECIAL SPEAKER at the Meeting of the Women's Auxiliary at 11 A. M. Thursday morning, the 19th, will be Mrs. Frances R. Packard, President of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

SERVICES

Monday, February 16th

6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, February 17th

6.30 P. M.—King's Daughters
7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (gym)

Wednesday, February 18th

10.30 A. M.—Benevolent Society
12.30 P. M.—Noonday Service
1.00 P. M.—Red Cross
8.00 P. M.—Confirmation Class
8.00 P. M.—Wednesday Night Club

Thursday, February 19th

11.00 A. M.—Women's Auxiliary
7.00 P. M.—Basketball (gym)
7.30 P. M.—Mother's Meeting

Friday, February 20th

12.30 P. M.—Holy Communion
7.30 P. M.—Choir Rehearsal
8.00 P. M.—Boy Scouts

Sunday, February 22nd

9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon

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HYMN 429 (one verse)

HYMN 116

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 93

FIRST LESSON—I Samuel 17: 17

TE DEUM .....*Noble*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 10: 32-39

JUBILATE .....*Stanford*

HYMN 114

SERMON .....Mr. Jones

ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy" .....*Franck*

HYMN 511

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The Board of Managers of the Episcopal Hospital has written a letter to our Parish thanking every person who made a contribution to the offering taken at Thanksgiving time for the work of that great institution. We are justly proud of our offering and it is nice to know that we have had a part in doing such a fine job.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Altar flowers today are in loving memory of Howard H. Higham.

It is a privilege to announce that the Preacher next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service will be the Rt. Rev. R. Bland Mitchell, D.D., Bishop of Arkansas.

SERVICES

Monday, February 9th

6.30 P. M.—Girls' Friendly

Tuesday, February 10th

7.00 P. M.—Red Cross
7.30 P. M.—Jefferson Nurses (gym)
8.00 P. M.—Men's Club

Wednesday, February 11th

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Sunday, February 15th

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The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7.30 p.m.

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The Pipers' Club: Fridays at 4 p.m. For children ten years old and older.

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Second Sunday after Trinity
June 14, 1942

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on pages 191 and 192.

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 1.....*John Keble*
(The Order of Service will be found in the Prayer Book on page 6)
VENITE (page 9) .....*Chant*
PSALM
JUBILATE DEO (page 15) .....*Mozart*
HYMN 244 .....*John Henry Newman*
SERMON—"Individualism—with a Difference".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 232.....*John Newton*
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"The Marvelous Work".....*Haydn*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
HYMN 266 .....*Athelston Riley*
POSTLUDE

THE RECTOR'S PARAGRAPH

The business of the Church is to save souls. But what does salvation mean. The release of the energies of a personality for full self-realization and full self-expression. Salvation is not a turning away from something, but a discovery of the resources of life. It begins not with a fear that life is evil, but with a faith that life is gloriously good. The truly religious person is one who literally "lays hold on life." We sometimes think of Jesus as being poor because He had not where to lay His head, but if we had ever seen Him in the midst of an ordinary crowd of people, we should have been struck by how much richer He was than the rest. He gave the impression of abundance. Every life He touched added to the world. He gave the blind a world to see, the deaf a world to hear, the lame a world to run in, and the bereaved a world to love in. To the disciples He gave the wide horizons of all the world there was. This large inclusiveness is of the essence of the religion of Jesus. Salvation is a man discovering himself in the midst of a world bigger than himself that is still his world. When Jesus went away, He left the spinning earth on our doorstep.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN DECLINING YEARS

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, whose gift is length of days, help me to make the noblest use of mind and body in my advancing years. Teach me to bear infirmities with cheerful patience. Keep me from narrow pride in outgrown ways, blind eyes that will not see the good of change, impatient judgments of the methods and experiences of others.

Let Thy peace rule my spirit through all the trials of my waning powers and take from me all despair or undue love of life or fear of death; that, with a glad heart at rest in Thee, I may await Thy will concerning me, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TESTIMONIALS

"I must tell you how greatly the Healing Services are helping me. First of all, my faith is strong, so that when my good Rector placed his hands upon my head, I felt as though a shock and peace came over me. Ever since I feel like a different person. I have more patience in my home life and take more interest in my home. I rest more peacefully and have lost my melancholy and am able to eat and sleep normally."

Signed .....

"Your Healing Service has been of inestimable value to me. Through its helpfulness in learning to pray more faithfully for healing, I believe a little neice who was at death's door for days was greatly benefited. I know she was healed through Christ's touch."

Signed—A.M.

"I do want you to know that through prayer and the attendance upon the Healing Service, God has healed me of painful neuritis."

Signed—H.F.

"My father is just getting along splendidly—he enjoys everything so much and we are all so thankful for his miraculous recovery. 'The prayer of the faithful availeth much'."

Signed—C.W.

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First Sunday after Epiphany
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 93 ..... *Gotha*
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 50 (page 401)
TE DEUM (page 10) ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
JUBILATE DEO (page 15) ..... *Mozart*
ANTHEM—"Through the Dark the Dreamers Came".... *Mabel Daniels*

Through the dark the dreamers came,
Melchior, Balthasar,
Caspar, following the flame
Of a star.
Via, via
De profundis via.

But the way did not seem
Shadowy or long;
It was brightened by a dream
And a song.
Gloria, gloria
In excelsis gloria.

It was worth the journeying
To the weary end,
For they found their dream a King
And a Friend.
Maxima, maxima,
Gloria Dei maxima!

SERMON—"The Epiphany Hope" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 95..... *Harding*
HYMN 427—America
HYMN 98 ..... *Bach*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Isabel Kirkpatrick.

The congregation is asked to stand on the first chord of the Canticles and Hymns.

PARISH REGISTER FOR DECEMBER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful servant . . ."
December 13. Leslie Robert Laum; Barbara Ann Martelli

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."
December 7. George Tiley Stephens and Adeline Mary Ward
William W. Barnett, Jr., and Mariellyn Denman

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."
December 7. Emily N. Colbourn. December 9. Bertha Glazer.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN DECEMBER

Dec. 6. Dr. Carl E. Grammar.
13. Mrs. Martha Atherton, in memory of Caroline E. Owens, Miss Mary Duffy, in memory of Laura V. Duffy
27. Miss Laura Bell.

The Altar flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for distribution among the sick in hospitals or homes.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS

Dec. 6. Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiley Christie
Dec. 13. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Armstrong Dec. 20. Mrs. Edith Garret

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At the close of one of his radio programs, Eddie Cantor made this statement:

"We've had a lot of fun here tonight, ladies and gentlemen, and now, if you'll permit me, I'd like to say something a bit more serious. Here in Los Angeles a few days ago we had a rather disturbing windstorm. I was walking along Sunset Boulevard at the time, and like other pedestrians, I ran for cover as the gale swept down. There were a number of stores nearby, but something guided me toward a building across the street. I stood there in the archway several minutes, I guess, before I realized where I was. I had taken refuge in the doorway of a church—and it set me to thinking. The world today is going through something far more threatening than a windstorm. Every single one of us needs refuge of one kind or another. And I know of no better place to go for it than a church. You know, the Church must be a very strong and righteous thing—for it has survived every enemy it ever had! And the book which embodies the principles of the Church—the Bible—is still at the top of the best seller list. We are extremely fortunate to live in a country, where we can worship as we please, when we please. Let's make the most of that blessing. Go to church, whatever your race or creed. You'll meet old friends and make new ones. The greatest calamity that can befall a people is the loss of religion. Don't let it happen here. Go to Church."

Our attendance continues to increase. Are you helping this effort in every way you can?

DEAR DR. PRICE:

I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you for your open Church door. It is a great comfort to enter in these trying days. I feel the Lord is very near in the blessed quietness of your Sanctuary. Thanking you again for your welcome open door, I am,

Sincerely yours,
A VISITOR.

EVERY HOUSEHOLD needs a Church Calendar. A most attractive one showing the Church Festivals and the colors of the Christian Year together with several hundred birthdays of the members of our Parish may be obtained for twenty-five cents. Secure yours today from one of the ushers.

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HYMN 99 ..... *Havergal*
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86 (page 447)
TE DEUM (page 10) ..... *King Hall*
BENEDICTUS (page 14) ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"There Shall a Star from Jacob"..... *Mendelssohn*
SERMON—"The Democratic Way"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 501 ..... *Arthur Somervell*
HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

The members of the Young People's Club have undertaken a program on Friday evenings for the entertainment of Midshipmen from the School Ship *Keystone State*. These young men are in training to become Ensigns in the Merchant Marine.

The Club will welcome any help that the congregation is able to give in the way of donations or suggestions. The entertainment will always be simple, games, dancing, light refreshments, etc. The activity is a part of our Church's contribution to the men in the armed services. We must do our best to keep the level of their morale at a high point. So little effort on our part brings such great returns, that it is inspiring to do one's very best.

An evaluation of the work with Recruits is soon forthcoming.

OUR TEACHERS

St. Stephen's has reason to be proud of its Church School officers and teachers. They are an unusually loyal group who are doing a splendid piece of work. The interest of the pupils is the best guage of their effectiveness. We cannot pay them adequate tribute, but we can at least list their names:

Primary: Mrs. Nellie Mearns, Miss Blanche Erwood; Junior: Mrs. John Reinhardt, Mrs. John Spear; Intermediate: Mr. John Reinhardt, Miss Isabel MacMillan; Senior: Mr. John Spear.

Mr. John Spear is superintendent of the whole School and greatly responsible for its high standards and efficiency. Mrs. Mearns is the treasurer.

The staff would welcome constructive suggestions from parents. Staff meetings are held once a month.

UNITED WAR CHEST SUNDAY

The United War Chest asks the help of generous friends as volunteer workers and voluntary givers in raising $7,300,000 urgently needed for our home charities, our men and women in war service, and the relief funds for our fighting allies. This United War Chest is many campaigns in one. It is local. It is national. It is international. It is to be one, big, overall campaign and eliminates at least sixteen fund raising campaigns this year—each taking time and manpower.

HOME CHARITIES

One hundred and fifty agencies serving 500,000 of our neighbors in the Philadelphia area, one out of five men, women and children of all races, creeds and color have need for this United Charities help. The family front may mean a pair of shoes with soles on them. It may be a meal on the table. It may mean medical care for the baby . . . glasses for a daughter . . . braces for a crippled son. It may be keeping Johnny away from the Adolescents' Court and teaching him to want to stay away. It may be helping an unmarried mother make plans for her child. Above all, it means keeping the family together when the going is rough. $4,128,000 is needed to finance the services of our social agencies.

WAR FRONT

Morale on the war front is always high when it is known that the community is concerned about each of its individuals back home. Our men and women in war service have need of recreation and fellowship which will be available wherever they may be. $826,000 is needed for the National U. S. O. Campaign and $351,000 for local war services. Your gift to the United War Chest will help such united service organizations as: the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board, Travelers' Aid, Emergency Aid War Work, United Seamen's Service and the Stage Door Canteen.

OUR FIGHTING ALLIES

The United War Chest includes: Appeals for $813,000 which must be raised to help keep the hope and spirit, and to protect the very lives of millions.

United China Relief. China fighting our fight for five long years—devastated by famine, epidemics and ruthless war.

British War Relief. Mobile Kitchens, Ambulances, hospital equipment and a hundred other civilian aids help maintain the already magnificent British courage.

Greek War Relief. A starving nation—one-fifth of its people dead.

Russian War Relief. Russia's winter has brought rigorous hardships for families left helpless by military destruction and a Spartan scorched earth policy.

Polish War Relief. More than 2,000,000 Polish refugees in France, Russia and the Middle East need food, clothing, medical supplies.

Queen Wilhelmina Fund. The Dutch fight on at home and in the South Pacific. We must bolster their determination.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Mary Shields in the passing on of her husband, William P. Shields, who died on New Year's Day.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

HYMN 97 ..... *Barnaby*
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 116 (page 486)
TE DEUM ..... *King Hall*
BENEDICTUS (page 14) ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"God's Peace Is Peace Eternal" ..... *Grieg*
SERMON—"Commanding Respect" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 367 (omit verses 2 and 3) ..... *Parker*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 110 ..... *Plainchant*

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The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in memory of Laura B. Sausser.

On Sunday afternoon, January 24th, at 4.30 o'clock, a special service commemorating Phillips Brooks will be held in the Church of The Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets. Bishop Hart will make an address on the life and character of Phillips Brooks. The Rector of St. Stephen's has been invited to preach in the evening on the same subject at the Phillips Brooks Memorial Chapel. Phillips Brooks died fifty years ago yesterday.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

The Rector wishes to thank the Committee and those who gave so generously to the Christmas Dinner Fund which made Christmas Day so joyful for 72 families; $205.35 was received from 81 persons, 16 of which were anonymous.

The generous contributors are as follows:

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Mr. Paul Downward
Miss Matilda Maulsby
Mr. & Mrs. I. Smith Raspin
Miss Laura Bell
Dr. Herbert Old
Dr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Price
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ST. STEPHEN'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

A recapitulation of the report of the President of the Young People's Club shows that 519 Naval Recruits attended a total of eight meetings at a total cost of $24.55 for food, punch, coffee and miscellaneous expenses. There was an average attendance of 65 and an average expenditure of $3.07 for the period the Canteen was open.

Mr. John Spear says in his report: "It may interest you to know that our active membership has increased by 50% in the club. Also, that we have developed our own talent to the point where the Artist Service Bureau of the U. S. O. is asked to send down only two acts while we supply the other three, which go to entertain the Naval and Marine Recruits each Monday."

Our hearty congratulations to the Young People's Club and its able President for the excellent work they have accomplished.

The Rector conducted Evensong at the Leamy Home on January 17th.

The Opening Rally of the United War Chest Campaign will be held in Convention Hall, 34th and Spruce Streets, Sunday, January 24th, at 2.30. Over 1000 people will take part in the program and pageant. You are cordially invited to attend. The Hon. Roland S. Morris is the chairman of the Church and Synagogue Committee.

"PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE . . . ."

Where do we get our supply of Clergymen? Of course, the Vestry goes out and "calls" someone when a Church is without a Rector. But the Vestry assumes that there will be clergy available when it needs them.

Heretofore, our Theological Seminaries have shouldered the responsibility for seeing to it that an adequate supply of the clergy is available. The parish church has not assumed any of the cost of educating men for the ministry.

Now, our Theological Institutions need aid. Consequently, Presiding Bishop Tucker has set aside a Sunday when the Laity may make a special offering for Theological Education. He has designated January 24th as the day.

You are asked to use the envelope enclosed, and make a generous offering on that date for the purpose of guaranteeing a supply of clergymen in our Church for the post war world.

It costs approximately $15,000 of your tax money to train an officer for the Army. To train a clergyman costs only about $5,000 (or one-third as much).

In our own Diocese there is a growing shortage of clergymen, and this is true throughout the church. We must do our part in helping to overcome this shortage, or we will soon be asking the question that St. Paul asked:

> "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

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HYMN 106 ..... *Lowell Mason*
VENITE (page 9)
PSALM 146 (page 522)
BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS (page 14)
ANTHEM: "I Will Lift up Mine Eyes" ..... *Webbe*
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help? My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
SERMON—"Shuttered Minds" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 480 ..... *John Hatton*
AMERICA—Hymn 427
RECESSIONAL HYMN 531 ..... *Gadsby*
POSTLUDE

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

During the past year the rector has prepared the weekly bulletin with the thought of reaching our scattered membership with a weekly message, news and coming events that we may become well informed and intelligent Church members.

We are convinced that a weekly is superior to a monthly publication, however modest the format and content of the latter may be.

In order to help defray the cost of mailing, we are asking each family to make an annual subscription of one dollar. May we count on you? The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

WHAT'S THE USE?

Who has said it? The situation looks hopeless. Life has no meaning. What's the use? What difference will it make if I give up? My circle is small. If I were in the lead.....but there's no one following me. What I do counts for little.

Curiously enough, the greatest leader of men's lives the world has known never did much, either. He healed fewer than does the average physician. He taught less matter than most teachers. He worked at his calling only a possible three years. He died at thirty-two. But by what he *was,* he achieved this incredible result—of making men have faith in a better God. In place of the question mark, in life, he set faith in a good God.

To life, Jesus made a Sportsman's answer. He did not care what happened.....whether he lost or won, as the world sees it. His one intent was to *be* all that life asked of him. This, not winning, is the purpose of life's game. What we have and do is soon lost. What we *are* touches life wherever we think or speak or act, and goes on living. The question, "What's the use?" is asked sometime by everyone. It is answered every time by those of God's Sportsmen who play not for the prize, but for the playing.

CHURCH MUSIC

Have you ever stopped to think of how our Sunday morning service would be without music? Do you realize that music is as indispensible as prayer—that it *is* prayer at times. Someone has defined prayer as the lifting up unto God of the heart and mind. When we sing hymns together or listen to the anthem, the beauty of the music lifts our hearts and minds in like manner.

But all church music is not able to help us in this way. Only the best type of objective music—that is music that puts emphasis on a point above and outside ourselves, can do this. Otherwise we become even more self-centered, looking within ourselves instead of upward.

Our choir, whose sixteen voices are painstakingly blended to produce a perfect harmony to help us worship more effectively, is striving always to give to the service that beauty of color which satisfies the aesthetic sense, and puts you in tune with the purpose for which you come to church.

The Rector at the altar, the organist and his choir, you in the pews —this trinity is interdependent, each part necessary to the other two in creating a service wholly acceptable unto Almighty God.

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PRELUDE

HYMN 519 ..... *Jeffery*

PSALM 103 (page 446)

BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) ..... *Gaul*

BENEDICTUS (page 14) ..... *Haydn*

ANTHEM—"Greater Love Hath No Man" ..... *Ireland*

Many waters quench Love, neither can the floods crown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the Tree, that we, being dead to sins should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

SERMON—"Washington—The Faith of a Soldier"

OFFERTORY HYMN 441 (sung to tune of Hymn 227) ..... *Hemy*

HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)

HYMN 445 ..... *Croft*

POSTLUDE

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OLD ST. STEPHEN'S CLUB

The Army and Navy Commission of the Diocese is planning to set up a center here at St. Stephen's for the service men, patterned after the Old St. Stephen's Club of the last war. St. Stephen's is to throw open all her facilities from twelve noon to midnight, seven days a week. We shall look for volunteers both clerical and lay from all the churches in the Diocese to service this program. The Church Periodical Club will furnish attractive reading matter. A clergyman will be present each day for spiritual counselling. There will be available showers, music, writing materials, contact with friendly people, darning, mending, pressing of clothes, telephone service, parcel checking, dancing, games, movies and entertainment, etc.

The Rector would like to have as many of our people as possible volunteer for this program. The Center is to open March first.

The Annual Corporate Communion and Breakfast of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square on Monday, February 22, at 8.00 A. M. The breakfast will be served for $1.00 per plate at the Girard Hotel. The Rector is anxious for a good delegation from St. Stephen's.

The Rector has a splendid class of candidates for confirmation which meets Sundays at 10.00 A. M. in his study.

The Hon. Joseph C. Grew, our Ambassador recently returned from Japan, has this to say to you and me: "We must have spiritual faith in Almighty God as ultimate ruling force of our lives and our destinies. We admit that many of us neglect this spiritual motive in times of peace and material prosperity. We must regain our faith in God and we must give more than lip service to God, not merely during the war but thereafter, if we would win the sort of peace we profess to desire.

"It is the task of religion, through our Churches to provide our people with moral and spiritual courage and stamina to bear the burdens of this hour without fear or shrinking. And the Churches of America have risen to this responsibility; the doors of 200,000 of them are open.

"To these Churches we must turn as the source of the spiritual power we need."

St. Stephen's Church is one of the 200,000 Churches whose doors are open. It is helping to provide the sound foundation for our future society. St. Stephen's deserves and should now be receiving your support and your participation in its services.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE

HYMN 530 ..... *Sullivan*

KYRIE ..... *Tours*

ANTHEM—"The King's Highway" ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*

I know not where the road will lead,
I follow day by day;
Or where it ends: I only know
I walk the King's Highway.

The way is truth, the way is love,
For light and strength I pray,
And through the years of life to God
I walk the King's Highway.

I know not if the way is long,
And no one else can say,
But rough or smooth, uphill or down
I walk the King's Highway.

The countless hosts lead on before,
I must not fear or stray;
With them, the pilgrims of all creeds,
I walk the King's Highway.

And some I love have reached the end.
But some with me may stay;
Their faith and hope still guiding me,
I walk the King's Highway.

Through light and dark the road leads on,
Till dawns the endless day,
When I shall know why in this life
I walk the King's Highway.

SERMON—"There Is a Lad Here" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 117 ..... *Douglas*

SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN 333 (verses 1 and 2) ..... *Monk*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

HYMN 433 ..... *Welsh Hymn*

POSTLUDE

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PARISH REGISTER FOR JANUARY

BAPTISMS

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hand upon them and blessed them."

Jan. 3—Victor Herbert Wong. Jan. 31—Sandra Frances Zimmerman.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

January 21—John Henry Green and Mildred Pauline Frederick.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise, the blest. Alleluia."

January 6—William P. Shields.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household"

Miss Blanche A. Chambers.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN JANUARY

January 10. Miss Isabel Kirkpatrick.
17. Mrs. Craig Atmore in memory of Craig Atmore.
24. Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in memory of Laura V. Sausser.
31. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper in memory of Daniel Roberts Harper.

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BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

The Boy Scouts of America are celebrating that organization's thirty-third birthday during the period of Boy Scout Week, February 6-12.

In the Philadelphia Council more than 10,876 boys have received Scout training up to January 1943. These Scouts and Cubs are enrolled in 368 Boy Scout Troops and 45 Cub Packs, the greatest proportion of which are in churches. There are also, as you know Senior Units of Rover Crews, Explorers and Sea Scouts.

360 Scout Masters, 956 Assistant Scout Masters, 135 Council Members, 214 Merit Badge Examiners, and many other volunteers, recruited by sponsoring institutions, carry out the character building and citizenship training program of Scouting.

Sunday, February 7th, has been designated as Boy Scout Sunday. Our troop, No. 2, will attend and take part in the eleven o'clock service.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN IN SERVICE

On the first Sunday of each month prayers will be said for the men and women in service. The Rector will mention each person by name. The following from our parish are serving in the armed forces:

Adams, Charles V.
Ahmie, Joseph J.
Atmore, Robert C.
Blomquist, Sgt. Arthur
Blomquist, Lieut. George
Blomquist, Harry
Christie, Lieut James W.
Christides, George T.
Davis, Robert W.
Dittman, Corp. Frank L.
Dittman, Stanley R.
Downward, Paul
Earle, Lieut. Marshall D.
Frazer, Favre C.
Goff, Frank
Gore, Allen M.
Gore, George L.
Gwynne, Lillian
Haines, George H.
Haines, William S.
Harris, John M.
Head, 2nd Lieut. Josephine
Hepburn, Lieut. James
Hume, Major Evans B.
Knox, Ensign William Scudder
McAnulty, J. B.
McCaughin, Morris
Owens, Capt. Matthew J. I.
Price, George Martin
Runkle, Frederic
Ruxton, Alfred
Stevenson, Ross
Stephens, George Tiley
Sullivan, Donald
Sullivan, Leo G.
Taxis, David
Taxis, Lieut. Wilbur
Thoma, Henry J.
Weber, John
Wong, Lieut. Henry

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PRELUDE

HYMN 123 ..... *Herbst*

VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*

PSALM 71 (page 425)

BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) ..... *Thiman*

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"The Trees and the Master" ..... *Prothero*

Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him:
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him,
When into the woods He came.

Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last:
'Twas on a tree they slew Him last,
When out of the woods He came.

SERMON—"Where Is God?" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 259 ..... *Dykes*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 255 ..... *Croft*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Margaret Tappen in memory of her mother.

We are again indebted to Mr. Robert Newcomer for a most attractive poster advertising our Lenten services. These posters have been placed in the railway terminals, subway platforms, and in many of the Churches in the Diocese.

Through the courtesy of one of our city officials, five metal signs have been affixed to the electric light poles along Market and Chestnut Streets. These signs bear the legend, "Old St. Stephen's Church Service Club—For all Uniformed Men" with an arrow and address.

We are most grateful to the Hajoca Company and Mr. William M. Anderson for the installation of fire grates in one of our oil burners which will enable us to use coal during the war emergency. This invaluable gift came through the active interest of Mr. George M. Bridgman, a valued member of our congregation. Many thanks!

LENTEN NOON-DAY SERVICES

Our friends, both the ministers of out-of-town parishes and of many churches here in the city, are very generous to us at St. Stephen's. They give us their best thought and a large share of their time and strength by coming every day during Lent for the Noonday service.

The purpose of the twenty-five minute service of hymns, prayer and short, earnest addresses is to give an opportunity to the men and women in down-town offices, and the shoppers in the department store area to set aside a portion of their lunch hour for the worship of God and the hearing of His Word.

For many years past the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, during Lent, has been conducting noonday services, first in the Garrick Theatre, and more recently in the Locust Theatre. This year, in order to reach a larger and more diversified group of people, the Brotherhood is co-operating with St. Stephen's Church and consolidating these services.

The Brotherhood celebrates its fiftieth anniversary of these services and St. Stephen's celebrates its fifty-seventh year of similar services.

These services reach many people but they should reach many more. And the more numerous the people who attend, the more helpful they will be. We ask our own members to support these services by their presence, to advertise them among their friends, and to do whatever they can to spread word about them.

The War Commission of the Diocese in co-operation with St. Stephen's will open a Center for service men in the Community House on March fifteenth. Volunteers are needed throughout the week to assist in this most interesting program.

Confirmation Instruction Classes, conducted by the Rector on Thursdays at 4 P. M. and on Sundays at 10 A. M., are surveying briefly the essentials of Christian Belief and Practice. All those who are thinking of confirmation this year are asked to attend. Any other interested persons will be welcome, whether or not their minds are made up, and any additional persons desiring a little refresher course in Christian Faith may come.

Our guest preachers this week are our friends and neighbors the Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton of St. Luke and the Epiphany who will preach March 15-19, and the Rev. James M. Collins, Superintendent of the City Mission who will preach on Saturday.

The Rector and his family have moved to 2814 Midvale Avenue, Germantown.

The Rector addressed the Baptist Ministers' Conference on March 1st on the subject of the Bible.

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 528.....*Monk*

KYRIE .....*Tertius Noble*

ANTHEM—"I Am the Bread of Life".....*George Alex A. West*
I am the Bread of Life, he that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

SERMON—"The Food of Religion".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 326.....*Dykes*

SANCTUS .....*Tertius Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 224.....*Dearle*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 121 .....*Stainer*

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14—Miss Anna Eisenbrey
21—Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
28—The Burd School in memory of Eliza Howard Burd

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Anyone who wishes to volunteer in the Service Center which is to open shortly in St. Stephen's Community House, please register your name and type of service with Miss Brehm at the Church House, Spruce 6650.

PARISH REGISTER

Burials

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February 7—Blanche A. Chambers February 25—Idella W. Higham

IDELLA HIGHAM

The Parish of St. Stephen's Church rejoices in the faithful Christians who have lived and worked in our fellowship. We remember them before God with gratitude. Nevertheless it is with with profound grief that we now add to their number Mrs. Idella W. Higham, Parish Visitor of St. Stephen's from 1928 to 1938, an inspiration to us all, whom we shall sorely miss. In her quiet way she was a power for good in our midst.

May God give her rest and may perpetual light shine upon her.

LENT

Lent provides us with an excellent opportunity for girding ourselves to meet the peculiar stresses of wartime. Few of us can go ahead these days with any confidence, save as we can believe that out of suffering can be born strength and from the travail of the nations can come some new equilibrium making for security and peace.

A philosophical mind, not given to theological doctrines has recently said, "The peculiar strength of the Christian Faith lies in its insistence upon holding up the very worst in life and finding through it the best." He had reference to the Cross of Christ, that fact and symbol of what the world can do to Goodness and Kindness and Spiritual Independence. The world may go on "toiling up new Calvaries ever" but it is Calvary that continues to epitomize the nature of the enemy and to express the abiding hope of mankind!

At its best, there is nothing "escapist" about the Christian Faith; rather, the determination, based upon belief in God to make adversity and misfortune the occasion for finding Him and relying upon Him, so that the things which we have failed to do of ourselves, may be done by the power of His might working in us.

It should be clear to us now that we cannot avoid suffering, in all probability a great deal of it. The only issue is what attitude to take in meeting it, what to do with it, what to hope from it. And this issue has to do primarily with God. He is the One who will determine our success or failure. Can we turn to Him in the spirit of the Master who sought His Will, and when He found it did not hesitate to expend Himself, in the confident belief that God would make use of His devotion?

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Noon-day Service and Communion—Last Wednesday of the month.

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HYMN 113 .....*Boyd*

PSALM 132 (page 508)

BENEDICTUS ES (page 11) .....*Thiman*

BENEDICTUS (page 14) .....*Chant*

ANTHEM—"To Whom Then Will Ye Liken God?".....*Parker*

To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him? Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundation of the earth? It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princess to nothing; He maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. . . . But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard that the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? Praise Him, and magnify His holy Name for ever. Amen.

SERMON—"Wings"

OFFERTORY HYMN 114 .....*Hodges*

HYMN 234 .....*Cologne*

POSTLUDE

EVERY MEMBER of the Parish should appear on the list of Subscribers of St. Stephen's Church. No name should be overlooked or omitted. The poorest person can spare a few coins weekly.

The envelope system is a vital factor in our parish support. Ask for a package of envelopes today.

"I was part of that strange race of people, aptly described as spending their lives doing things they detest to make money they don't want to buy things they don't need to impress people they dislike." This sentence from Emile Gauvreau's "My Last Million Readers," the autobiography of a successful tabloid journalist, is not a bad text for a sermon on what is wrong with the world.

ALL YOUTH SERVICE

On Sunday, March 7th, the Youth Commission of the Department of Religious Education will sponsor a Pageant and Worship Service in St. Stephen's Church at 3.00 P. M.

"The World We Seek" will dramatize the role which Church Youth must take in this world crisis. Youth groups from All Saints, Crescentville, Christ and St. Michael's, Good Shepherd, Germantown; Grace, Mt. Airy; Holy Communion, St. Augustine, St. George and St. Mary's, Ardmore; and St. Paul's Chestnut Hill, will take part. Bishop Hart, Dr. Gateson, Dr. Bagnall and other prominent clergy will assist. Everyone in the diocese and their friends are most welcome.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK FOR THE BLIND

Miss Helen Mockett is receiving contributions of money for Episcopal Day, Monday, March 22nd, of the annual Educational Week for the Blind which is held in Gimbel Brothers Store, March 22nd to 27th. The change in custom from receiving donations of food is justified on the grounds of great difficulty in obtaining foods this year. Please give your contribution to Miss Mockett, or send them in to the Parish Office, designated "Blind Fund."

MOTHERS' MEETING

The program for the Mothers' Meeting for the next few weeks is as follows:

March 4—Music?
11—Mrs. Sanford—Prayer
18—Boy Scouts
25—Brigadier Ward of the Salvation Army
April 1—Dr. Percy Stockman
8—Miss K. Kennedy

RED CROSS MONTH

To continue its duties on a scale commensurate with needs, the Red Cross will conduct a nation-wide War Fund campaign in March, named Red Cross Month by President Roosevelt. The annual Roll Call was postponed from November to coincide with this campaign so that, excepting dire emergency, there will be but one Red Cross appeal during the year.

The goal is $125 million dollars and the quota for the Philadelphia area is four million dollars.

Mrs. Nellie Mearns, R.N., is the Chairman of this Parish and will be happy to receive all contributions.

BISHOP HART will visit this Parish on April 11th to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, which is the Historic way of admitting Christians into full fellowship with the Church. If you are an adult and have not yet been confirmed, don't you want to take your rightful place in the Christian Church in this community? Give your name to the Rector today.

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PRELUDE
HYMN 539 ..... *Bambridge*
KYRIE ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law"

SOPRANO SOLO

"Great peace have they which love Thy law, and nothing shall afright them. I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, and let Thy judgments help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep. Seek Thy servant for I do not forget Thy commandments."

SERMON—"All This and Heaven Too" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 338 ..... *Webbe*
SANCTUS ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 339 ..... *French Folk Song*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 132 ..... *Knecht*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Elsie M. Williams as a thanksgiving to commemorate the birthday of Lieut. William I. Taxis.

Your Rector preached at St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, on Wednesday last and at the Chapel of the Hard of Hearing on the evening of the Third Sunday in Lent.

CONFIRMATION

"And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?"

It is the eleventh hour in the preparation of this year's Confirmation Class. Yet it is not too late to take your place in the Kingdom of God. Christ calls us at all hours of the day into the Vineyard of our Father. This is the eleventh hour of this year. Dare you now to ignore that call? A week from Sunday, on April 11th, Bishop Hart will visit this Parish to perform the ceremony of admitting into full membership of the Church through the gateway of Confirmation those who are ready to ratify their Baptismal Vows and to enter into the privileges and obligations of Christ's Holy Church. Preparation for Confirmation is really not a matter of knowledge and information, but is rather a matter of the heart. Do you want to be a full-fledged citizen of the Kingdom? There are a good many adult persons connected with this Parish who have never been confirmed. Now is the accepted time to enter into full fellowship of the Church.

SUGGESTED LENTEN READING

"Forward—Day by Day." A small booklet of prayers and meditations for every day. Five cents.

"Forth." The official magazine of the Episcopal Church telling of missionary work at home and abroad. Special Lenten number, ten cents a copy.

"Which Way Ahead?" by Walter Russell Bowie. A thoughtful provocative book. The Presiding Bishop's suggested Lenten reading, $1.50.

"You are My Friends," by Frank Lanback. Recommended by the Rector as a simple, usable devotional book. Written simply and popularly, $1.50.

These suggested Lenten readings may be obtained or ordered at the literature table in the rear of the Church.

PARISH REGISTER FOR MARCH

BAPTISMS

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hand upon them and blessed them."

March 29, 1943—Robert Philip Jacob, born December 12, 1942.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

March 4—George W. Houch and Evelyn A. Swirk.
March 10—Russell Bleakley, Jr., and Ruth Muro.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise, the blest. Alleluia."

March 17—Helen Alexander.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household."

Martha Insenger Schultz Vivian McKeever Seltzer
The Rev. and Mrs. George R. Bishop

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN MARCH

March 7—Mrs. William K. Barclay.
March 14—Miss Margaret Tappen, in memory of her mother.
March 21—Mrs. Thomas Ross, in memory of Anne M. Earle.
March 28—Mrs. David Wood and Miss Anne R. Daley, in memory of Blanch V. Moore.

The Altar flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for distribution among the sick.

Most persons obey the Latin exhortation: "De moritus nil nisi bonum" (of the dead be nothing said but what is good). But, George Arnold observed, "The living need charity more than the dead."

St. Stephen's increased her missionary giving 50% this past year. Our missionary expectation was $3,000 and we gave $4,500.

St. Stephen's contributed $29.00 to the National Blind Week. We also wish to acknowledge with many thanks, the subscriptions for the Parish Bulletin sent in by the Misses Davis, Mrs. George R. Bishop and one anonymous one.

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PRELUDE
HYMN 126 ..... *Dykes*
VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 132 (page 508)
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Matthews*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Lord is My Shepherd" ..... *Schubert*
(for women's voices)

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to rest in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He giveth peace unto my soul: He leadeth me in paths of goodness for His Name's sake. Yes, though I walk through Death's dark vale of shadow, no evil will I fear. For Thou art still with me: Thy rod and staff they comfort me. Thou preparest here a table for me, in presence of mine enemies: my head with oil Thou anointest; my cup runneth over. Yea, surely peace and mercy all my life shall follow me: and I will dwell with God for evermore.

SERMON—"The Doorway to Life" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 468 ..... *Haydn*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 477 ..... *Smart*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. David W. Wood and Miss Anne R. Daley in memory of Blanche V. Moore.

Our guest preacher this week is the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

THE ARMY AND NAVY COMMISSION

The Army and Navy Commission of our Church is appealing to parishes throughout the Church for supplemental funds to carry on their important work of helping our own chaplains in the armed forces to do their work; and to assist churches near the large camps and training stations to provide for worship and facilities to take care of soldiers and sailors in leave areas. They also furnish the Soldiers and Sailors Prayer Books, which have been found so very useful, and provide the small metal crosses which have been distributed to our men far and wide.

Sunday, March 28, has been designated as the time for this national offering; 40% of the goal of $50,000 which our Diocese hopes to raise will be used here in the Diocese and will support among other activities, the Center which is being housed in our Community House for the service men. Bishop Hart is the Chairman of our Diocesan Commission and our Parish representatives are Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. I. Smith Raspin and Mrs. James H. Mearns.

Bishop Hart asks for a generous response in every parish to this important appeal.

FROM THE MEN IN THE SERVICE

The Rector receives numerous letters from St. Stephen's Church boys in the armed forces. You may be interested in certain portions of them. Staying at home may seem pretty hum-drum to some of us who would like to be in the field with the men, but a word from that same home means so much more to them when they are away.

One man, writing at 10.30 P. M. says "Today, I received a copy of the Church Bulletin, and was more than pleased to receive it, so just couldn't wait until tomorrow to write and thank you."

Another writes: "It was very kind of you to send me those copies of the Bulletin. Thanks a lot. Even though I can't get to it so often now, I'm still very interested in the church and read about it whenever I can. So far, all my religious news has been coming from *Time* magazine."

"The last time I was in St. Stephen's Church and saw my name on the Honor Roll, I felt pretty good, believe me! . . . I'll always remember those inspiring services at St. Stephen's Church. I truthfully get as much comfort going to church as when I go home to see the folks."

Still another says: "I will surely cherish the cross and prayer book which arrived last Friday. The cross I have attached to my dog tags which we always wear and it will serve as an added reminder of the happy years I spent at St. Stephen's with my grandfather."

Yet another: "Thank you for sending the Church Bulletin. Things from home sort of help to keep in touch with things on the outside."

We can all help by writing to the men and by letting them know from time to time that we are thinking of them and praying for them. These men are deeply religious. One man who has been under fire writes: "I am more than willing to play my part in this war. I still think that if people went to Church more often, and with the idea that there is more to it than fulfilling a duty, that we wouldn't be in this war today. I am sure that the Church is doing a lot of good in the guidance and morale of the soldiers in the front lines. Maybe this war will bring people back to their equilibrium. We live and learn the hard way."

The U. S. O. and other agencies are doing a fine job for the men. One who had been sick in the hospital for a few weeks wrote how much they had done for him. They had called on him again and again, and offered to help him in any way. But nothing takes the place of the home touch. The Rector spent five months in army hospitals in France. He received one call from one Y. M. C. A. secretary; as far as he was concerned there were no chaplains at all, but the letters from home did the trick. Our chaplains are very helpful in this struggle, but we all have a responsibility and can do more because the boys know us better.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. George Nevinger in the passing of her mother, Mrs. Helen Alexander.

Red Cross subscriptions totaling $307.00 have been received by Mrs. Nellie Mearns who is the Chairman of our parish appeal. Mrs. Mearns will be happy to receive all contributions and see that the appropriate receipts are sent in return.

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VENITE (page 9) ..... *Chant*
PSALM 105 (page 470)
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Turn Back, O Man" ..... *Holst*

Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is Earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim, "Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways!" Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age after age their tragic empires rise. Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep. Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry, "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

SERMON—"The V Sign" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 536 ..... *Baker*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 501 ..... *Somervell*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Thomas Ross in memory of Anne M. Earle.

Our guest preacher this week is the Very Rev. Kirk B. O'Ferrall, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit. The Saturday service will be conducted by the Rev. Stanley R. West, Rector of Calvary Church, Conshohocken.

The Rector preached at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton, on Sunday evening, March 14, and at St. Philip's Church, Brooklyn, on Wednesday evening, March 17.

On March 22 will begin Philadelphia's Sixteenth Annual Educational Week for the Blind in the Auditorium of Gimbel Brothers Store. You are cordially invited to attend as often as possible. As we mentioned in this bulletin on February 28, Miss Helen Mockett will receive contributions for Episcopal Day which is Monday, March 22; or you may send your check to the Parish Office, labelled "Blind Fund."

OUR ECONOMIC AUTHORITY

The Decalogue, given to people living in a relatively simple civilization, offered largely a system of private morals. The things which were forbidden for the most part were phrased in such a way as to seem concerned almost exclusively with the relationship of individuals—of one person with one person.

For years it has been assumed that the principles set forth by Jesus, while deeper in spirit, were not broader in scope.

Apparently it never occurred to economists, among others, to seek the very foundations of a science of man's material well-being in the words of the Gospel. Had they done so, the world would have been spared a vast amount of failure and misery. That in reality selfishness, which is an antithesis of Christianity, has been the keystone of many an arch of economic theory is shown by two widely accepted theories and one prevalent practice.

The classic theory of economics for our age has been *laissez faire,* which in the words of its formulator, Adam Smith naively proclaims, "that the individual in the pursuit of his selfish ends will be led as by an invisible hand to work the common good." Quite the reverse of the word of Christ, who said, to paraphrase into corresponding terms, "Seek ye first the common good and material well-being will be added unto you."

Again, it is commonly accepted that the thing that makes the wheels of material well-being turn is the profit motive—self advantage. It does sound a bit ridiculous when one analyzes the tremendous dynamic behind the Russian resistance at Stalingrad, or behind the Chinese perseverance—or, to put it in terms of the individual, the motivation of a Colin Kelly or a little Jewish lad named Epstein, who saved the lives of three of his fellow soldiers at the deliberate cost of his own. Mercenary troops have scarcely been heard of since the days of the Hessians.

Or take the question of Argentine Beef. Its exclusion is the violation of a venerable economic law, that of "supply and demand." The demand is here and the supply is in Argentina; but the organized self-interest of a relatively small group has been influential enough to suspend the law of supply and demand.

Some day the world will discover that Jesus is its leading economic authority!

1143 people attended our Ash Wednesday noon-day service. This is a record!

More subscriptions for the Bulletin have come in. We are very grateful and extend our thanks to Mrs. E. J. Cooke, Mrs. J. M. Johnson and Mrs. J. B. Mearns.

The King's Daughters have contributed $10.00 toward the Community House Indebtedness. Many thanks!

We are grateful to Mr. Howard Newman for a beautiful etching of the Reredos which we will reproduce for our Altar Flower chart in the near future.

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Fifth Sunday in Lent
Passion Sunday
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—CONFIRMATION AND SERMON

PRELUDE

HYMN 379 .....*Elliott*

CREED AND PRAYERS

HYMN 154 .....*Miller*

SERMON.....THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART

HYMN 139 (three verses).....*Elvey*

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION—Page 296

HYMN 139 (verses 4, 5 and 6).....*Elvey*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God".....*Barnes-Matthews*

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou didst love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will.
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine:

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity. Amen.

COLLECTS AND BLESSING

HYMN 535 (tune 534) .....*Smart*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. William Dickhart.

THE RECTOR'S PARAGRAPH

Spring has come into our world of brute facts. Not all brute facts are brutal. Some are. Fate has its bludgeonings that none of us entirely escape. There are scars upon all our spirits. They are not all our fault, either. We are caught in a net of circumstance that sometimes trips us in spite of ourselves. Nevertheless, Spring does come. I heard the liquid brilliance of a thrush's voice out of a thicket near the rectory just the other day. The tides of life are surging back. No matter how severe the testing life has reserves enough to meet it if we hold steady. There is the miracle of the bud on the limb that was frozen a month ago and there is the miracle of serenity in the heart that was despairing yesterday. God is not sleeping or on a far journey. He is continually within us creating new power for new emergencies. "I will encamp about mine house . . . and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: For now I have seen with mine eyes. Rejoice greatly, O Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: Behold thy King cometh unto thee."

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

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"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Adams, Theodore Julius
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Larkin, Edith Shirley
Latta, Richard Stevenson
Lacey, Evelyn
Mortenson, Harold Haakon
Murray, Ruth Bertha
Nelson, Patricia Elise
Nelson, Samuel Warren
Oberholtzer, Edward
Price, Louise May
Rose, Doris Susan
Seltzer, Harry Frederick
Scherzer, Ruth Charlotte
Steele, Albert Raymond
Steele, Jane Patricia
Zazzie, Rose Marie

COMMUNICANTS' PACKET

The members of the Confirmation Class of 1943 have received a packet containing the following:

1. A copy of the *Diocesan News.*
2. A copy of our national missionary magazine, *Forth.*
3. Forward Movement Bible Readings.
4. Book of Common Prayer.
5. Did Henry the VIII Found the Church of England?
6. Confirmation Certificate.
7. A package of duplex envelopes.
8. Prayer is Power, Alexis Carrel.
9. My Rule of Life.
10. A Child's Guide to Morning Prayer.
11. After Confirmation, What?
12. The Ideal Layman.
13. Some Common Sense Reasons Why.
14. The Church and Our Dead.
15. Holy Communion.
16. Why I Prefer the Episcopal Church.
17. The Charm of the Prayer Book.
18. Symbols and Terms of the Church.

Our sympathy is extended to Mr. James Carrigan, for the death of his sister, Mrs. Mary Rennebaum.

The Rev. Dr. Phillips E. Osgood, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Boston, will be the Guest Preacher this week at the Lenten Noonday Services. Dean Shryock will preach on Saturday.

The Mothers' Meeting will hold a sale from four o'clock on, in the Parish House, Thursday, April 15. All monies realized will be given to the American Red Cross, the Save the Children Fund and the Diocesan War Commission.

Donations of cake, white elephants and fancy articles will be most welcome.

Many thanks for the generous response to Bishop Hart's appeal for the Diocesan War Commission. The sum contributed by St. Stephen's is $318.10 to date.

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9.45 A. M. Church School
10.00 A. M. Confirmation Instruction; also on Thursdays at 4.00 P. M. in the Rector's Study
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DAILY

Lenten Service and Address by visiting speaker, 12.30-12.55

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Sunday before Easter
Palm Sunday
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The Confirmation Class will make a Corporate Communion.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143.....*Teschner*
VENITE (page 9).....*Chant*
PSALM 91 (page 454)
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS .....*Gounod*
"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest."
ANTHEM—"O Saviour of the World".....*Matthews*
"O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Passion hath redeemed us: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord."
SERMON—"The Light of the World".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 132.....*Knecht*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 145.....*Dykes*
POSTLUDE

The Altar Palms are given by the Mothers' Meeting.

The Congregation is asked to stand at the first note of the Canticles and Hymns.

The flowers for the Altar on Maundy Thursday will be given by Mrs. Otis E. Taylor, in memory of those who fell in battle in the First World War.

The name of Mr. Clarence Salisbury Slatcher should have been listed among the published names of our splendid Confirmation Class last Sunday.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the following paid subscriptions to the weekly Bulletin: Mr. and Mrs. Geol A. McKenna, Miss Mabel Boisnot.

The Service Men's Club of St. Stephen's Church was officially opened on Wednesday, April 14th.

THE EASTER OFFERING

In these difficult times we have come to count a great deal on your generosity at Easter. I hope you will make your offering just as large as you can, realizing that while no material is adequate to express what the Day means to us spiritually, no parish can carry on its work without sufficient financial support.

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS

The Rector will be glad to make appointments for private services during the Easter season for any who are ill or shut-in. Please do not hesitate to call upon him. The service for the Communion of the Sick is not intended for the dying only, but to give strength and comfort to all who are ill.

PALM SUNDAY

"If these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

Jesus is riding into Jerusalem to make his claim, and to face his enemies, and suffer his inevitable death, which as he well knows, is only a few days distant. Yet he is strangely happy, uplifted, overjoyed. His heart is full of song and the shouts of his followers simply echo that song. "Blessed is the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said unto him, "Teacher, rebuke thy disciples," and Jesus replied, "I tell you, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out." Yes, if these should hold their peace all nature would sing to him; the very stones would cry out. For he has chosen duty over safety, the fatal right over the comfortable wrong. And he is learning that such a choice brings immediate compensations—a heart full of exultation, a sense of inward well-being, a consciousness of being true to self and therefore true to God.

If we look upon him with pity, it does us no credit. If we look upon him with wonder, we ought to feel shame. Envy is the only graceful emotion we can feel, because envy indicates the ability in us to understand, and in the truest sense to sympathize. The conditions of modern life are making that envy more and more difficult, and it is precisely at that spot that his teachings and example press upon us with deepest penetration and sharpest cutting edge.

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HOLY WEEK

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, we mark the beginning of our commemoration of the Holy Week of our Lord's life, leading to His Crucifixion. To members of the ancient, historic churches it is the most impressive period of the Christian year, and it is coming to be observed more and more by the Protestant Denominations as well. This is as it should be, for without earnest reflection upon the dramatic events of this week the Christian life loses much of its significance.

Our preacher at the Noon-day services from Monday through Thursday will be the Very Rev. Frederick Adams, Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey.

On Maundy Thursday, in addition to the usual Noon-day service, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at 1.00 P. M., 5.15 and 8.00. The Mothers' Meeting will make a Corporate Communion at this service, at which the full choir will sing, and the Rector preach.

On Good Friday there will be a service of Morning Prayer, with Sermon at 10.30 A. M. Bishop Taitt will preach at the Noon-day service, and will give meditations on the Cross from two to three. "Stainer's Crucifixion" will be sung at 1.00 P. M. under the direction of Dr. Matthews. The soloists will be George Lapham, Tenor, and Robert Grooters, Baritone. We believe that the Church has a responsibility to present from time to time the great creations of religious music, and we commend these services to you and your friends.

Altar Flowers

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January

3.
10. Miss Isabel F. Kirkpatrick
17. Mrs. Craig Atmore
24. Mrs. I. Smith Raspin
31. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper

February

7. Mrs. Idella W. Higham
14. Miss Anna Eisenbrey
21. Mrs. Otis E. Taylor
28. The Burd School

March

7. Mrs. William K. Barclay
14. Miss Margaret Tappen
21. Mrs. Thomas Ross
28. Mrs. David Wood
Miss Anne R. Daley

April

4. Mrs. Elsie M. Williams
11. Mrs. William Dickhart
18. The Mothers' Meeting
22. Maunday Thursday,
Mrs. Otis E. Taylor
25. Easter Sunday

May

2. Mrs. Margaret Dougherty
9. Mrs. James F. Armstrong
16. Mrs. William B. Campbell
23. Mrs. John C. Knox
30. Mrs. Emory R. Johnson

June

3. Ascension Day
6. Mrs. Thomas Armstrong
13. Miss Charlotte Shoemaker
20. Mr. Harry J. Hauger
27. Mrs. James H. Mearns

July

4. Mrs. Harry J. Hauger
11. The King's Daughters
18. Miss Mary O'Connell
25. Mrs. Mary McEwen

August

1.
8. Miss Marguerite Caldwell
15. Miss Marjorie Robertson
22.
29. Miss Laura Bell

September

5. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer
12. Miss Susan C. Thackara
19. Mrs. Elsie M. Williams
26. Mr. Paul Downward

October

3. Miss Laura Bell
10. Miss Matilda Maulsby
17. Mrs. Harry Croyder
24. Mr. Paul Downward
31.

November

1. The Girls' Friendly Society
7. Miss Anna Eisenbrey
14. Mrs. B. Hollingsworth Downward
21. The Rev. Herbert W. Jones
28.

December

5. Dr. Herbert Old
12. The Rev. Carl E. Grammer
19. Mrs. Martha Atherton
25. Christmas
26. Miss Laura Bell

Flowers for the Magee, Atmore and Pancoast Windows are provided on Christmas and Easter.



The Order of Service for Easter Sunday, April 25th

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9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on Page 67, the Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on Pages 163-164

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

HYMN 169.....*Sullivan*

ANTHEM—"Christ, Our Passover".....*Tours*
(Words on Page 162, Prayer Book)

KYRIE .....*Noble*

THE NICENE CREED

ANTHEM—"The Strife is O'er".....*Thiman*

The strife is o'er, the battle done,
The vict'ry over death is won:
The song of triumph has begun.
Alleluia!

He brake the age-bound chains of hell,
The bars from heavn's high portals fell,
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! Amen.

SERMON—"Christ's Own Evidences of His Resurrection", THE RECTOR

HYMN 172 .....*Lyra Davidica*

SANCTUS .....*Noble*

ANTHEM—"By Early Morning Light".....*Traditional*

By early morning light,
Ere yet the day was bright,
Three women came to seek their Lord;
But what their joy to hear
The angel's message clear:
Fear not,
For Christ the Lord is risen!

They saw upon the tomb,
Dispelling all its gloom,
An angel fair in raiment white.
To them the angel said:
Mourn not your Lord as dead,
Fear not,
For Christ the Lord is risen!

Shine forth, Oh glorious ray,
O'er all the world today!
The Lord is risen!
He lives on high!
Joy bring to those that mourn,
Hope to the sorrow-worn,
Fear not,
For Christ the Lord is risen!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

HYMN 171 .....*Haydn*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

The immortal message of Easter is the indestructibility of the spiritual, and of the soul of man. This is the thing that Easter reiterates to us. It is the glorious thing that the life of Christ is always proclaiming to man, and Easter is the day that man has set aside to declare these glad tidings to the world. Easter is the warmth of Spring bringing new life out of the seemingly dead earth. Easter is the assurance that death has no permanency; it is life that is permanent.

Then why are we troubled? Because most of us will admit that we love mortality as well as life. We loved the eyes, the face, the body of our loved lost ones, as well as the spirit that animated the mortal life. It is a stern fact to face that our love for all mortal things is a love for the treasures of this earth. However, the love-lit eye, the friendly hand, the cozy home, the cherished books are treasures of heaven as well as treasures of earth.

Life is a paradox between being fed and being weaned; between getting established and preparing for change; between holding and letting go the things we love. It is in this experience that we are caught between the joy of new experience and the pang of losing the familiar.

There can be no Easter without Calvary. There can be no life without death. But the end of all is *life*, not death—for death is the promise of life.

My Easter prayer for you is that the sorrowing may be comforted, and the bereaved learn that over their beloved death has no more dominion; that I may meet you at His Altar and partake of His Resurrected Life, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion and may God bless you, and fill you with joy and peace in believing.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE

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EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose use the enclosed envelope.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266 ..... *Cologne*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALMS 110 and 111, Page 482
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Gaul*
JUBILATE ..... *Mozart*
ANTHEM (Soprano Solo)—"These Are They Which Came"..... *Gaul*
These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His Temple. And they shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever.
SERMON—"Our Present Relation to Those Who Have Passed On"
OFFERTORY HYMN 295 ..... *Vaughn-Williams*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 528 ..... *Monk*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. John C. Knox.

The Rector spoke on the Sweet Land of Liberty program over WFIL on Sunday last at 1.30 P. M.

The Church School Mite Box proceeds amounted to $200. Considering the limitations this year on benefits usually engaged in to augment the fund, the pupils in our Church School did very well.

A Card Party and Auction Sale will be given by the Board of Managers and Auxiliary of the House of Rest for the Aged at the Philadelphia Cricket Club on Wednesday, May 26th, at two o'clock.

Mrs. William Clarke Mason's gardens will be open to the guests of the Card Party. Tables are $4.40 and single tickets are $1.10. Please send and make checks payable to Mrs. Philip E. Ronzone, 423 E. Montana Street, Germantown.

The Cricket Club is on Willow Grove Avenue west of St. Martins Lane Station.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Occasionally the writer, in his capacity as rector of a busy parish, receives anonymous letters. These usually go into the wastebasket where they deserve to go. But within the past year two letters have come, each signed by someone who claims membership in St. Stephen's Church. These the Rector takes notice of in these columns because he is a pastor and is concerned with the souls of the misguided persons who wrote these letters.

The first letter was a mean, malicious one, warning against the giving of aid to a family which had been very thoroughly investigated by several agencies and found to be really in need of assistance. The writer of that letter, if actually a member of the Parish, should have been man or woman enough to come forward and give information that he believed would have prevented the Parish from being defrauded. The natural conclusion to be drawn was that spite or jealousy lay at the root. God has two commandments covering such conduct, the ninth and the tenth.

The second letter was not malicious; in fact, it was just the opposite. It told the Rector of a family which the writer believed was in need of food. The person's motive in this case was commendable. But why should anybody be afraid to tell the Rector of someone's need? Is that anything to be ashamed of? The Rector likes to know of people who think of others. But the furtive way in which this was done casts suspicion on the family named in the letter. One immediately wonders if they took this indirect way of asking for food themselves. Did the writer of the letter think of that? He really did them no good turn at all.

All of us respect people who are willing to stand by their convictions. Jesus Christ never concealed his but "spoke right out in meeting." No one need be afraid to approach any minister of Christ's religion with any matter at all. There is no safer place to deposit a secret. There is nobody who will listen with more sympathy. Anonymous letters are either a sign of weakness or of wickedness.

What courage these Chinese children have who learn the English language. The little daughter of the blind organist in Anking writes a note of acknowledgment:

> I am very thank you. I answer the letter so late, because my father wants me to learn to write letter you. I have no much English, it is very hard for me. But, my father decided to want me to do this. So, I write the letter now. It must has wrong words in the letter. Please excuse me. I have no forget you often. How is about your health? Please pray for me, hope Lord to give me clever.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 259.....*Dykes*
VENITE, Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 80, Page 441
BENEDICTUS ES, Page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous".....*T. Tertius Noble*

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh;
O holy hope of immortality,
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die;
They are at peace, O fairest liberty,
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

On earth as children chasten'd by Love's rod,
As gold in furnace tried, so now on high
They shine like stars, a golden galaxy:
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

SERMON—"The Nature of Life After Death".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 511.....*Ewing*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 193.....*Wesley*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. William B. Campbell.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Stephen's Church will be held on Wednesday evening, May 19, at 8.00 P. M. in the Parish House. The Elections to the Vestry and the reports of our parish organizations will be the order of the evening.

In the Office of Instruction in the Prayer Book, we are told that "it is the bounden duty of every Christian to work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom." The brief annual reports of the many organizations of our parish are presented at this annual meeting that you may see to what extent we have been faithful to that command. Very few of our members are aware of all the work being done in St. Stephen's and we therefore urge you to attend this meeting that you may have a better understanding of what the Church, your Church is doing.

A piano is needed for practice purposes at the Burd School. Any one in the Parish who has one which they would like to donate, will find that the gift will be greatly appreciated!

Thirty-nine women took part in the ingathering of the United Thank Offering which brought our Spring Offering to $109.53.

PARISH MEETING

On Wednesday, May nineteenth, in the Parish House, the following will give *brief* reports on

"WHAT OUR CHURCH IS DOING"

I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden
Miss Marion Headman, Treasurer
Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Noon-Day Services
Mrs. William H. Hollar, Woman's Auxiliary
Mrs. Philip Schwarz, United Thank Offering
Mrs. John C. Knox, House of Rest for the Aged
Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Chairman, Missionary Box Society
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Miss Susan Thackara, Altar Society, Church Periodical Society
Mrs. William B. Campbell, Burd School
Mrs. William Dickhart, Girls' Friendly Society
Miss Helen F. Mockett, Mothers' Meeting
Miss Isabel R. MacMillan, Church School Young People's Fellowship, Red Cross Chapter
Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., Chairman, Christmas Basket Committee
Mr. John Adams, the Wednesday Night Club
Mr. Harold H. Mortensen, Scoutmaster
Mrs. James H. Mearns, R.N., Parish Visitor

Let us make this a great Parish gathering to promote fellowship, co-operation and enthusiasm in God's greatest work on earth—the Christian Church.

There will be an annual election to the Vestry, and matters pertaining to the future of our Church will be discussed.

The Time—8.00 P. M. The Place—The Parish House.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNION

The opportunity to worship God as a family group is a privilege which should be especially valued in times like these. The Church teaches us to say, "I believe in the communion of saints." Saints are those who are called of God to serve Him. We are saints—some good, some indifferent, some of us very poor specimens indeed, but still saints by reason of our Baptism into the Body of Christ, which is the Church.

The Church Militant—those of us who are fighting God's cause here on earth, and the Church Expectant—those who have gone on before us, are united in the communion of saints.

When we worship God in the Holy Communion, we are able to pray for those absent ones whom we love and can say with conviction that "both they and we, drawing nearer to thee, are bound together by thy love in the communion of thy Holy Spirit and in the fellowship of thy saints."

All of us have some one who is now absent from us. On the Sunday assigned or which you chose for your Family Day Communion, you and they are knit together in God's sight—you *know* that this is so, you have God's word for it. Therefore, when you are invited to come to St. Stephen's, you are assured that you and your family and all who are dear to you are once more together even though only you are visibly present at the Altar rail.

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 170.....*Sullivan*

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 44, Page 394

TE DEUM, Page 10 .....*King Hall*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14 .....*Chant*

ANTHEM—"From Thy Love as a Father".....*Gounod*

"From Thy love as a Father,
O Lord, teach us to gather
That Life will conquer Death:
They who seek things eternal,
Shall rise to light supernal
On wings of lowly faith."

SERMON—"The Preparation for the Life After Death"...THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 509 .....*Martin*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 517 .....*Pleyel*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Grace Armstrong in loving memory of James Fisher Armstrong.

The congregation is asked to rise on the first note of Canticles and Hymns.

We received $50.00 from the Mothers' Meeting; half of it is for the Diocesan War Commission, and half for St. Stephen's Service Club, and we acknowledge our grateful thanks for this generous gift. We are also most grateful to all who have subscribed to the Parish Bulletin. New names come in from time to time, accompanied with their dollar. Among those to whom we have not yet said "thank you" are Mrs. Frederick Schmid, Lieut. Mildred G. Brown, Miss Alice Coe and Mr. Paul Downward. We are encouraged by your response and interest!

EVENTS TO COME

May 9—Ingathering of the United Thank Offering, 11.00 A. M.
May 15—Burd Day. Reception to Miss Florence L. Davies, 4.00 P. M.
May 19—Annual Parish Meeting, 8.30 P. M., in the Parish House.
May 30—Special Patriotic Memorial Service, 11.00 A. M.

BLUE BOX

"Thank goodness for my slippers," exclaimed a foot-sore shopper as she came back to her home. "I am thankful to say that I've not had a cold this winter!" "Aren't you thankful that you live in America when you read about the bombings and bitter persecutions and massacres in Europe and China!" "Thanks be, my boy has passed his examinations." Gratitude is a basic virtue, and so this morning the women of our Parish are presenting something of their "Thank you's" which they have from time to time, through the medium of a coin here and there, dropped into their blue boxes. Others in the congregation this morning are given the opportunity of making a thank offering in special envelopes which will be found in the pews. Additional offerings may be sent to the Parish Custodian of the United Thank Offering, Mrs. Philip Schwarz, 6313 Magnolia Avenue, Germantown.

This offering, together with the thank offering of thousands of other women, will be presented at the next General Convention. The thank offering from this Parish collected through the past three years amounted to $984.66 and the offering of our whole Diocese amounted to $79,287.69, while the United Thank Offering presented at the General Convention in 1940 from the women of our whole Church amounted to $974,089.70. Surely there is a good deal of thankfulness expressed in nearly a million dollars.

LET YOUR PASTOR KNOW

Mrs. Huff is up the Miff Tree
On a seat fixed good and firm;
And she'd like to tell the Rector
A few things and make him squirm.

Mrs. Huff was sick abed, sir,
Yes, sir, sick abed a week.
And the Rector didn't call, sir,
Never even took a peek.

Wasn't that enough, enough, sir,
To provoke a Saint to wrath?
And to make a Christian Pilgrim
Wander from the Churchly path?

When I asked her if the doctor
Called to see her, she said "Sure,"
And she looked as if she thought I
Needed some good strong mind cure.

Then I asked her how the Doctor
Knew that sickness laid her low,
And she said that she had called him
On the 'phone and told him so.

So the Doctor called to see her,
But the Rector didn't go,
For the Doctor knew that she was ill
And the Rector didn't know.

Now the Doctor gets his bill paid
With a nicely written check,
But the Rector, for not knowing,
Simply gets it in the neck.

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PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 171.....*Hadyn*
KYRIE .....*Tours*
ANTHEM—"The Three Lilies" .....*Old Breton Carol*

"Three lilies blossomed from the ground,
Christus resurrexit.
Where blood-drops fell from Jesus' wound,
Christus resurrexit.
One for each Mary burst into bloom,
Christus resurrexit.
When they sought Jesus at the tomb,
Christus resurrexit."

SERMON—"The Fact of the Life After Death".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 173
SANCTUS .....*Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 334 .....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS
HYMN 176 .....*Gauntlett*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Margaret Dougherty in memory of Tabitha Frass.

RETROSPECT

We have just had another glorious Easter in St. Stephen's Church, the memory of which will cheer us for a long time to come. Many have said, as many do after Easter each year, that it was the best Easter we have had. I am glad they feel that way because Easter ought to be so refreshing that it seems to have brought a new kind of joy.

I wish all of you could be the rector of a congregation, or a member of the choir, or server at the Altar, for then, you could know a different kind of joy, that of seeing a church full of people. I know that you who sit in the pews are always glad to see a full church, but you can never feel quite the same as those of us who put a great deal of time, thought and preparatory work each week into trying to make our services means by which everyone who comes to church may be helped to worship God "in spirit and in truth."

I am very grateful to you all for making our Lent and Easter so fruitful this year. I am sure that you all feel the new life that is stirring in the Parish, and that you have confidence that we are going on to greater achievements. I should like particularly to thank Miss Thackara and the Altar Guild, who with Mr. Carrigan made the church so beautiful for Easter, and Dr. Matthews and the Choir for their heavenly music. With such a spirit of unselfish devotion at work we can hope to make every Sunday the Easter that it should be, and every day a day lived for God.

Our heartfelt congratulations are extended to the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Morris who celebrated their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on April 20th with a service of Holy Communion in the Church.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN APRIL

April 4—Mrs. Elsie M. Williams, in thanksgiving for the birthday of Lieut. Wilbur I. Taxis.
April 11—Mrs. William Dickhart.
April 18—Palms were given by the Mothers' Meeting.
April 22—Mrs. Otis E. Taylor, in memory of men who fell in battle in World War I.
April 25—The Altar Guild.

The Altar flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for distribution among the sick.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

". . . to continue Christ's faithful servant unto my life's end."
April 4—Doris Susan Rose.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise, the blest. Alleluia."
April 24—Janet MacAllister.

Our deep sympathy is extended to the sisters of Miss Janet MacAllister, who passed to her reward on April 21st. May God rest her soul in peace!

Elizabeth Mearns, R.N., daughter of Mrs. James H. Mearns, has enlisted as an Army Nurse and has been sent to El Paso, Texas. Congratulations!

The etching of part of our Reredos used on the Altar Flower Chart and published on the outside page of the Easter program was made by Mr. H. B. Newman. Copies of Mr. Newman's complete etching of the Chancel and Reredos are still available at a modest cost.

One of the most important responsibilities in connection with the Service Club is the work of the House Committee. This Committee which is made up of St. Stephen's women has been most efficient in the performance of their duties. The Committee consists of Mrs. Craig Atmore, Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Miss Mary Swift, Mrs. Evan Hume, the Misses Daley and Miss Marjorie Robertson.

NOON-DAY LENTEN SERVICES

19,439 attended the noonday services this year, as compared to 13,606 in 1942. Last year 7727 people attended the Theatre Services. Therefore the combining of the Brotherhood Theatre Services with St. Stephen's Church Services has proved mutually satisfactory.

The Rector would like particularly to thank the following ushers who gave such devoted services throughout the season: Messrs. Agnew, Boyer, Brooks, Carrigan, Conradi, Dashiell, Granger, Matthews, Miller, Newcomer, Paist, Streaker, Warner and Winter.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 468 ..... *Haydn*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALMS 120, 121, Page 502
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence" ..... *Schubert*

Great is Jehovah, the Lord,
For Heaven and Earth testify to His great pow'r!
'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm,
In the torrent's loud thundering roar;
Great is Jehovah, the Lord,
Mighty is His pow'r!
'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest,
Seen in the waving of golden fields,
In lovliest flowers' gaudy array,
'Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven.
Fierce is sounds in the thunder's loud roll,
And flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash.
Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims
Jehovah's pow'r,
The Lord God Almighty.
Look thou praying to Heav'n,
And hope for grace and for mercy.

SERMON—"Playing the Game of Life" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 223 ..... *Marsh*
RECCESSIONAL HYMN 224 ..... *Hullah*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. James H. Mearns in memory of Lauretta M. Cunard.

Mr. Lewis Armstrong, at a considerable expense, has converted our two moving picture projectors in the Community House to sound film projectors. These projectors will now make possible the use of the regular 35 mm films. The Service Club will have the exclusive use of this equipment during the war emergency. Our parish organizations will find this equipment very useful after the war in their programs. A regular screen has also been provided by Mr. Armstrong. Many thanks!

THE CHILDREN'S COUNTRY WEEK ASSOCIATION has allotted a number of places for St. Stephen's Church, to mothers and children who will spend some time during the summer at the Association camps. If you are making a contribution to this worthy object, will you please state in your letter that you would like it to appear as coming through St. Stephen's. All such contributions improve our standing with the Country Week Association and often enable us to send more mothers and children away for a summer vacation.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Human nature has a consistent way of reverencing ideals in the abstract and of being indifferent to them in the concrete.

The basic reason is, of course, obvious. Obligation to a professed ideal can be discharged with words alone, as long as that ideal is kept abstract. When it becomes concrete, effort is demanded.

Another reason lies in the fact that when an ideal takes form, details and personalities enter into the picture. People subconsciously looking for escape from responsibility can seem to themselves to remain loyal to the ideal by justifying a failure to put forth effort on the ground of disagreement as to detail or exception as to personalities.

We all know the man who professes devoted belief in God but is unconcerned about the Church.

We also know the person who professes belief in the Church but can't stand the music or doesn't like the minister.

But let us look at an ideal which is inescapable if we believe in God and in the Christ. That is the ideal of Christian brotherhood, of Christian unity. We preach about it and we pray for it. We proclaim it as an essential doctrine of faith when we confess to believe in the "Holy Catholic Church" and the "Communion of Saints."

But let the attempt be made to give that ideal reality— embodiment—form—expression—organization, and how many of us have sufficient grace continually to discharge our obligation to it, in spite of our objection to detail and our dislike of personality?

The new *Forward Day by Day* is now on sale in the vestibule of the church. The current issue is a double one, and runs from Trinity Sunday, June 20 to October 2, the close of this longest season in the Church Year.

The keynote of this *Forward* is concern with problems which confront our society and may be summed up by a paraphrase on a quotation from the great Frenchman, Charles Peguy . . . "He who prays for a better America (and a better world) and will not work for it, is ill-bred."

In the back pages is a "Statement of Christian Belief" by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Moderator of the English Free Church Council. No one should miss this pertinent exposition which lays its stress upon our seeking for the Kingdom of God as a means for solving the vexing question of "Unity".

There are a number of new prayers appended; especially valuable are those on page 121 for our men in the major branches of our country's service. Many of the prayers are so short that they may be memorized and used in those moments of private devotion which give to each of us that needed "lift" to help us through the strenuous, anxious days we all must face in times like these.

USE your *Forward* . . . day by day!

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205 ..... *Dykes*

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 103, Page 466

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*

JUBILATE ..... *King Hall*

ANTHEM—"Glory to the Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and to ages of ages, Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God, the blessed and ever virgin Mary; Changeless Essence, lo, Thou wast made very Man; and crucified; Thou the God-man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.

SERMON—"The Sacred Ministry" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 207 ..... *Cobb*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 210 ..... *Smart*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Harry J. Hauger in memory of Louisa C. Hauger.

The Baptism of Jean Van Dyke Price is to be postponed until the Fall.

The Rector made the address at a Flag Day observance at the Shoemaker Junior High School on the evening of June 10.

PRAYER IN SUMMER

I hope that I may never grow too old
To hear frail music when the leaves unfold,
To see as dancing elves with silvery feet
The raindrops pattering down the mirror-street,
To watch in every bluebird's sudden flight
A rhythmic rainbow showering delight!

TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday marks the climax of the life and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, the last of the five great festivals of the Christian Year. This is also the season when many are being ordained to the Sacred Ministry. Let us remember these men in our prayers that God's richest blessing may be upon them and all who are serving in the Ministry, for the quality and devotion of the leadership of the Church is vital to its continued and increasing usefulness. This is peculiarly true today when the whole cause of Christ faces more implacable cruel and powerful foes than possibly ever before in its long life.

RECTOR'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, June 20, the Rector will observe the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination. He is asking the people of the Parish to join with him in celebrating that occasion by making it "Family Sunday"; that is, that all the families of the Parish will attend Church at one of the services, preferably the eleven o'clock service, having as many members of the family present as possible and sitting together as families.

He chooses this method of celebration, because of a deep conviction, growing out of the experience of these fifteen years, of the fundamental importance of family life. The lasting influences of life are, for the most part, those which we receive in our homes and from our parents. Many influences today tend to weaken family ties; the Church should do everything in her power to strengthen them. The Holy Spirit is the only power in the world today able to resist the disintegrating influences and to stimulate the love and devotion which will unite families for time and eternity.

The Rector hopes that many of the people of the Parish will gather in Church by families that day and make this a memorable and inspiring occasion.

The Rector is to preach at the Anniversary Service of the Priory and St. Luke's Hospice on June 20 at 3.00 P. M. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Collins and East Cumberland Streets.

At the annual State meeting of the Military Order of the Purple Heart held in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on June 13, the Rector was elected Department Chaplain.

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Family Day Communions

May 2—Mrs. Mary McEwen, Mrs. Edward J. Cooke
May 9—Miss Susan C. Thackara, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schmid, Mrs. Jane Smith
May 16—Mr. and Mrs. Neilson Franger, Mrs. Learta Hunter, The Misses Wallace
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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 199 ..... *Dykes*

VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*

TE DEUM, Page 10 ..... *King Hall*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God" ..... *Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"What the Holy Spirit Saith unto the Churches in Philadelphia" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYM 202 ..... *Calkin*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 542 ..... *Storer*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.

WHITSUNDAY

Today is Whitsunday, the festival of the Holy Spirit, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the Apostles, after which they went forth to establish the Christian Church throughout "Judea, Samaria, Galilee and unto the uttermost part of the earth." It also marks the fulfillment of Christ's promise to send His disciples the Comforter, who would guide them unto all truth and give them abiding peace.

Whitsunday or Pentecost should quicken us in our zeal to lead other people into the Christian life. Without this conception of our task our own Christian life becomes shallow and meaningless. A Church without this normal evangelistic spirit becomes lifeless and dead, for it has missed the purpose of its high calling. It is difficult for an individual or a Church to be Christian without combining Christian character and Christian service. Evangelism produces both. You cannot have one without the other. They go hand in hand.

BRITISH MISSIONS

For the third successive year we are offered the privilege of extending a helping hand to British Missions. As a mark of our admiration for the courage and determination with which the people of the British Empire have carried on in spite of bombing, death and destruction, we are again appealing to our people to give a generous offering to assist the various missionary societies of the Church of England to carry on their world-wide work. Whitsunday, June 13, is the date fixed upon in the Diocese of Pennsylvania for receiving these offerings.

Miss Mary A. Townsend, of the Philadelphia Council of Defense and Army Intelligence, will bring a brief message of vital concern to the members of our congregation on Sunday morning, June 13, at 11 o'clock.

Two hundred Protestant clergymen of Philadelphia held a conference on evangelism in our Church on Ascension Day.

One of our boys in service writes and offers to following suggestion: "Tell people that one kind thing they can do is to put in with their letters some Victrola needles—they're priceless here."

The congregation is cordially invited to attend the Baptism of Jean Van Dyke Price on Sunday morning, June 20, at the 11 o'clock service.

Members of the Parish and friends of parishioners in the Armed Services:

Alexander, James B.
Adams, Charles V.
Ahmie, Joseph J.
Atmore, Robert C.
Bealmear, Corp. James A.
Bickel, Frederick Leonard, III
Blomquist, Sgt. Arthur
Blomquist, Lieut. George
Blomquist, Harry
Brown, Lieut. Mildred
Christides, George T.
Christie, Lieut. James W.
Cook, Edward J., Jr.
Davis, Robert W.
Dickhart, William, III
Dittman, Corp. Frank L.
Dittman, Stanley R.
Downward, Paul
Earle, Lieut. Marshall D.
Goff, Frank, Jr.
Gore, Allen M.
Gore, George L.
Gwynne, Lillian
Haines, George H.
Haines, William S.
Harris, John M.
Head, 2nd Lieut. Josephine
Hepburn, Lieut. James
Hume, Major Evan B.
Hurgeton, Eleanor
Karian, Frank
Knox, Ensign William Scudder
McAnulty, J. B.
McCaughin, Morris
Mearns, 2nd Lieut. Elizabeth C.
Owens, Capt. Matthew J. I.
Price, George Martin
Runkle, Frederic R.
Ruxton, Alfred H.
Ruxton, William
Sherrouse, Horace
Smith, William S.
Steele, Raymond
Stephens, George Tiley
Stevenson, Ross E.
Sullivan, Donald
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Taxis, Lieut. Wilbur
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
HYMN 190 ..... *Elvey*
KYRIE ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*
ANTHEM—"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" ..... *Foster*
"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house there are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also," St. John 14: 1-3.
"My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest," St. Matt. 11: 30, 28.
SERMON—"The White Corpuscles of Civilization" ..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 480 ..... *Hatton*
SANCTUS ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*
COMMUNION HYMN 329 ..... *Miller*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 185 ..... *Monk*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Thomas Armstrong in memory of her mother.

The Rector and Mrs. Price are to be congratulated upon the birth of their second daughter, Jean Van Dyke Price, on Friday, May 28, 1943.

The Altar flowers on Ascension Day were given by Mrs. Winifred Schwarz.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them."

May 2—Margaret Stewart Blomquist and Carolyn Ann Sayers.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

Raymond Butler

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN MAY

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CAST YOUR CARE UPON HIM

Occasionally a friend says to me, "I don't see how you ministers find something to talk about every week. I could never be a minister." The standard reply to that is that everything that comes under our notice is grist for the mill. But it is nevertheless true that times come when a man gets fed up on modern problems. He does feel as if he had said all that can possibly be said. His mind is empty. What does he do then?

I'll let you in on a secret, and tell you what I do. I turn to the Psalms, which is just another way of saying that I turn to God in worship and prayer. There is no other possible source of spiritual refreshment than God himself. The Psalmist turned continually to God when life seemed most difficult.

So this morning I just naturally opened the Psalter and found this text: "Lord, I am not high-minded; I have no proud looks. I do not exercise myself in great matters which are too high for me," Psalm 131: 1, 2. I think you will agree that it is refreshing. This poet was undoubtedly tired of wrestling with life's problems, and he decided that he would take a temporary rest from "great matters which are too high for me."

My friends, may I earnestly recommend this simple act to you whenever you are world-weary. Just throw off the load, and let God's strong arms carry it for a while. Let your soul bask in God's sunshine; let your courage grow from contact with His power; let your tired mind rest to the point where new ideas begin to spring up out of the wall of living water. Then you will rise from your knees with a grateful heart, and a new and prodigious strength, coupled with an astonishingly keen insight. You will go forth with eagerness to slay the dragons which surround you.

The Annual Church School Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 5, at Riverview Beach on the Wilson Line. Boat leaves 10 A. M. Reduced tickets for adults who care to come. We meet at foot of Chestnut Street at 9.30 sharp. All welcome.

The Indians' Hope Association invites you to join them on Wednesday, June 9, 1943, at the University Museum, 33rd and Spruce Streets, for a talk on American Indians, by Dr. Hallowell, at 2.00 P. M. The offering will be for a salary of a teacher at St. Mary's, Springfield, S. D.

William Dickhart, III, who recently graduated from Cornell University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, is now a student in the Officer Training School at Fort Niagara, New York. Congratulations!

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9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430 ..... *Warren*
OPENING SENTENCES
VENITE, Page 9 in the Prayer Book..... *Chant*
PSALM—91, Page 454 (read responsively)
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2: 1-17
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Gaul*
SECOND LESSON I Peter 2: v. 9 (following)
ANTHEM—"There is a Land Beyond the Setting Sun"..... *Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for ev'ry sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun.

There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for ev'ry hero battle-worn;
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

CREED AND PRAYER
ANTHEM—The Recessional..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
(The words of Hymn 439)
SERMON—"The Stars Fought Against Sisera"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN—"A Hymn of Prayer for our Fighting Men" *Dykes*
(To be found in the fly leaf of the Hymnal)
THE DOXOLOGY
HYMN 427—America (verses 1, 2 and 4)
MASSING OF THE COLORS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

CLOSING PRAYER
TAPS
SILENCE (all kneeling)
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 441 (tune 136) ..... *Hemy*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by the ladies Auxiliary Unit No. 4, Military Order of the Purple Heart and by Mrs. Emory R. Johnson.

The Patriotic Societies Participating in this Service:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapters 4, 45 and their Ladies' Auxiliaries.

The Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post of the American Legion and the Ladies' Auxiliaries.

Distinguished Guests:

William Thomas, National Commander
Frank Haley, National Service Director
John R. McGee, National Junior Vice-Commander
Edna V. Morrell, National President.

The Rector will speak at the Northeast High School Memorial Exercises on May 28th and the Memorial Service at the Helen Fairchild Memorial Tree, Pennsylvania Hospital on Sunday at 10.00 A. M., and the Memorial Service on the Parkway at 23rd Street for Thomas Roberts Reath on May 31, 1943.

AFTER THE WAR, WHAT?

A young woman who works in a store where religious books are sold said to me recently that most of the new books had to do with the kind of world that is to be built after the war is over. We all know that people are very much concerned about this question, and they base their thinking on the assumption that the allies are going to win. I agree with them; but I replied to my friend that I did not see how we could plan the new world until we should know what we were going to have to work with when "peace" comes.

The problem of world reconstruction on sound lines will be met not by concrete plans drawn up at this time but rather by people who are so imbued with Christian principles that they will be able to make sound plans when the time comes. I beg of you not to look at the Church and say, "Tell us exactly what a Christian world ought to be like so that we can organize it after we have won the war." The Church cannot do it. But the Church can say, and does say, "Come to me and make the most of your opportunities to learn about God and His will for you, and you will be given a true vision of a better world." It is in worship of God that such visions come.

Peace, after all, is a kind of harmony which depends upon an even-handed justice. Injustice inevitably breeds discord and strife. It is a mistake to think that we can ever have lasting peace apart from righteousness and justice. To work for peace as an end in itself is futile. This is the mistake of all peace movements and peace organizations, which while they work and pray for peace, see not the true nature of the disease. War is the fever of a social body frought with injustice. All our efforts then should be directed toward securing a remedy for unrighteousness and injustice. When such a remedy is found and applied peace will follow as day follows night. This is a law of social ethics, and it is scientifically true as any law. What kind of world shall we build after the war is over? The Gospel of Jesus Christ gives the answer, and it will be found only when the very best minds in the human race look for it there and apply it to what is left of the world when firing ceases.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 259 ..... *Dykes*
KYRIE ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"O Brother Man" ..... *Martin Shaw*

O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was "doing good,"
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
Of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace!

SERMON—"The Understanding Heart" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 494 ..... *Gardiner*
SANCTUS ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 333 ..... *Monk*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 240 ..... *Zundel*
POSTLUDE

Bishop Taitt Memorial Service will be held in Holy Trinity Church Sunday, October 17th, at 8.00 P. M. The whole Diocese will gather to honor his great service, extending over sixty years. An offering will be presented that evening representing the thank offering of all our people and this offering will be gathered in all the parishes in the Diocese on Sunday, October 3. Special envelopes are herewith provided for this great offering. We hope all our people will take advantage of this opportunity to express appreciation for the life and work of Bishop Taitt, especially those who have been confirmed by him. The Memorial Gift should be ready before October 17, so that St. Stephen's may adequately express its appreciation at the great service at Trinity Church on the evening of October 17th. The gifts are to be used for the Endowment Fund of the Episcopate and will thus serve to carry on the work of the Bishops of Pennsylvania in the years ahead, a real continuation of the life of Bishop Taitt.

PARISH REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

September 25—George Thomas Crittenden and Ruth Plaga.
Edward G. Hartley and Maria A. Arejula.
27—Harris E. Flick and Mary Vandevander.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

September 13—Maud D. Ashmead.

TRANSFERRED TO ST. STEPHEN'S

Mr. Roland M. Bickerstaff, Jr.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5—In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.
12—Miss Susan C. Thackara, in memory of Sarah E. C. Thackara.
19—Mrs. Elsie M. Williams, in memory of Peter Williams.
26—Mr. Paul Downward, in memory of Rachel Hollingsworth Downward.

These flowers are at the disposal of the Rector for the sick in home and hospital.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS

Sept. 5—Mrs. Casimira Petroski, Mrs. George Price, Mrs. James C. Hepburn, Mrs. Lottie Blomquist.
12—Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Williams.
19—Miss Margaret Davis, Miss Elizabeth Davis.
26—Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

The Rector made the address at the Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Service at the National Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, September 26th.

The Anniversary Improvement Fund has reached the sum of $3,105.00. This reflects a generous response on the part of our parishioners and friends. There are some, perhaps, who feel that because they cannot pledge a large amount they do not want to give at all. This attitude is unfortunate. It is not what we give but *that* we give. Small gifts are welcome, because we want every one to have a share in this program. Send your gift today. We want your name to appear on the Honor Roll.

The Rector presided at an "Information Please" panel at the 73rd Annual Conference of the Department of Religious Education on September 27th.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—Impression ..... *Karg-Elert*

HYMN 113 ..... *William Boyd*

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM—Part of the 119th, Page 497

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*

ANTHEM—"I Will Lift up Mine Eyes" ..... *Webb*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; from whence cometh my help?
My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

SERMON—"The Opiates of Religion" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 117 ..... *C. Winfred Douglas*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Paul Downward in memory of Mrs. Rachel Hollingsworth Downward.

The congregation is requested to stand on the first chord of the Canticles and Hymns.

The current issue of *Forth,* our national missionary magazine, carries a two-page article with appropriate illustrations of St. Stephen's Service Club. Copies of this issue may be found on the literature table in the vestibule of the church.

St. Stephen's Service Club is launching a new service, i. e., Sunday night suppers. The cost per supper will be about $35.00. Our Church has contributed $50.00 to start off this worthwhile activity. Members of our congregation are asked to contribute to this fund.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

In 1871 the General Convention created the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. In 1920 it was made the Auxiliary to the National Council and its services were enlarged to include religious education and social service as well as missions.

Each parish has a branch which co-operates with the diocesan branch. Delegates from the parish attend missionary and educational meetings at the Church House where the Diocesan Branch is held and report the proceedings at the parish meeting—thus trying to keep the members interested and informed.

Women cannot be interested in missions unless they know the need of missions and the way to meet that need. Speakers from the various fields are brought to the Church House almost every month and bring first hand word of the needs in the district from which they come. Gifts and service are stimulated by these contacts.

The Auxiliary should try to understand the problems which the Church faces in a modern world—internationalism, race, economic justice. It is pledged to work in the rural field and for the foreign born, and for the missions and Episcopal Institutions in the Diocese; to help obtain boxes through the Missionary Box Committee, for hospitals, schools and for missionary clergy. Through the United Thank Offering money is raised especially for the work of women in the missionary field.

All Church women should be members of the Auxiliary to help serve the Church. St. Stephen's Branch was organized by Dr. Grammer in December 1905. Miss Fanny Magee was its first President. When, after a few years, she resigned, Miss Laura Bell began a long and faithful service of thirty-one years.

Mrs. William H. Hollar succeeded Miss Bell and through her stimulating leadership St. Stephen's Branch is going forward with ever increasing effectiveness.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

One of the outstanding features of every General Convention is the presentation of the United Thank Offering of the women of the Church. The offering is an expression of gratitude for the many simple daily blessings of a great company of Church women, who once in three years lay upon the altar a token which is thereafter used in the service of women in this country and in other lands; women who have never before known the privileges possessed by the givers.

The Diocesan In-gathering Service is to be held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday at 8.00 P. M. Bishop Hart will be present to receive the offering, Dr. Nathaniel Groton will preach, Dean Shryock will read the lesson and your Rector will conduct the service. The goal for the Diocese of Pennsylvania is around eighty thousand dollars. The total offering to be presented at the General Convention which meets in Cleveland on October 2 will be about a million dollars. The women of St. Stephen's will have close to one thousand dollars for their three-year total.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *William S. Bambridge*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 137—Page 513
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
JUBILATE DEO—Page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEN—"By the Waters of Babylon" ..... *S. Coleridge-Taylor**
SERMON—"The Purpose and Profit of Pain" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 386 ..... *Henry W. Baker*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 532 ..... *Francis P. Havergal*
POSTLUDE

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*Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was the son of a full-blooded Negro physician of British West Africa and an English mother. His works are expressive and impassioned in style and in keeping with the musical idiom of his period. He was born in 1875 and lived in England, dying there in 1912. Coleridge-Taylor is famous for his cantata "Hiawatha" and many other choral and orchestral compositions.

This anthem, filled with the mental anguish of the Israelites in bondage under the Egyptians, is typical of the composer's work. It has been chosen with care to fit the general thought of the sermon as closely as possible. The words of the text are those of Psalm 137.

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Elsie Williams in memory of Peter Williams.

The Fall ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be received at the 11 o'clock service.

It is not too late to contribute to the Anniversary Improvement Fund.

Lieutenant and Mrs. James Wiley Christie, Jr. are to be congratulated on the birth of a son, James Wiley Christie, III, on August 21, 1943.

We regret that there was no mention of the death of Mrs. Nellie Drinkwater, who died on July 28th last. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Church School reopens on Sunday, September 19th, at 9:40 A. M. and we hope to have every teacher and pupil present that we may have this one of the best years in the history of our school.

On Wednesday, September 22nd, a special meeting of all Church men and boys will be held in the Parish House of St. Stephen's Church. Addresses will be by Bishop Oliver J. Hart and Mr. Percival H. Granger, member of the Diocesan Executive Council. This meeting, in connection with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, is for the purpose of co-operation with Bishop Tucker's Forward-in-Service Program. All the men and young men of the Diocese are invited to attend this inspirational gathering.

The Rt. Rev. Oliver James Hart, D.D., LL.D., S.T.D., will be enthroned as Bishop of Pennsylvania at a service held in the Cathedral Church of Christ at 11 A. M. on Tuesday, September 21st. The Clergy and laity of the Diocese are urged to attend. Car 61 on Ridge Avenue, or R. Bus taken at Hunting Park Avenue and Broad Street will transport you with minimum difficulty.

Bishop Hart will be the Celebrant and Dean Snowden will preach. The music will be led by a choir of clergy under the direction of Dean Caley.

CRITICAL MONTHS OF HISTORY

The war is at its crucial stage. The assault on Europe is at hand. It will be a terrible ordeal for flesh and blood—a supreme test of human courage. Its price will lay the burden of suffering upon many a body and the load of sorrow on many a home.

Remembering the darkness of July, 1918, followed so unexpectedly by November 11—for wars always end more suddenly than they begin—and at the same time attempting to assay the weakening of German strength and German morale, it is possible that Hitler will be through before another Armistice Day dawns.

Will we be prepared when the sudden ending comes for the task of making a just and durable peace? That is the supreme issue confronting us. And the Church could give assuring answer if it would, for the answer is set down in the Gospel of Christ. The law of Christ demands a world of brotherhood and a world of brotherhood must be a world of political co-operation, of economic justice and of racial fair dealing. Let us pray as we have never prayed during these next few months! Pray for the men who pay the fearful price with their bodies! Pray for the homes into which darkness will come! Pray for friend and foe alike! Pray for the nation and the world! Pray for the Church that it may rise in energy and in courage to minister the salvation of brotherhood!

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 537.....*Arthur H. Messiter*
KYRIE.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
ANTHEM—"God So Loved the World".....*Stainer*

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

SERMON—"The Mystery of Pain".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 493.....*H. Percy Smith*
SANCTUS.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*French Folk Song*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVEN-FOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 85 (third tune).....*William Croft*
POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gensheimer.

The new term for the Church School will begin on September 19th.

THE THIRD WAR LOAN DRIVE

A letter from one of our parishioners, the Hon. Roland S. Morris, who is the Chairman of the War Finance Committee, asks that your Rector announce that the Third War Loan Drive is to begin on September 9th; Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergy are being asked to be responsible for obtaining volunteers from their congregations who will be willing to solicit in their neighborhood, enabling the drive to contact every individual in the Philadelphia area.

The Treasury of the United States expects from Philadelphia approximately $490,048,700, a sum which is not a gift, but a loan to our government, and which is essential to the successful prosecution of the war. May we have your name an address if you are willing to become a solicitor in your neighborhood? The volunteers will later be asked to report to 12 South Twelfth Street for details concerning the drive.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"He took little children up in His arms and blessed them."

July 18—Harry Joseph Perkins

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the calm of Paradise, the blest. Alleluia.

July 1—Miss Laura Bell. August 23—Mary Mousley.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS

An extensive program of repairs has been in progress during the past six weeks and the interior of the Church is once more in excellent condition. The painters have restored the caen-stone finish of the walls and ceiling. The pews have been painted and numbered, and the worn carpet removed and the floor painted. New kneeling benches are being made.

The Tiffany Champville marble Reredos, Altar and Chancel have been cleaned and repaired. The three famous Parian marble statuary of the Burd Memorials have been repaired and cleaned. St. Gauden's masterpiece of the young daughter of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the busts of David D. Wood, Ludovic Cleeman and James Magee have been cleaned. In fact all the marble throughout the Church has been cleaned and pointed up.

Eight bronze and brass plaques including the large Rudder tablet have been refurbished and lacquered. The Altar Cross and the decorative silver mesh around the Altar Rail have been re-silvered and lacquered. Two of the South Windows have been repaired and twenty diamonds in the clear story windows have been replaced. All the windows have been thoroughly cleaned. The radiators on the East wall have been removed thus obviating future wall discoloration.

The rector's study and the office of the secretary have been painted. Extensive repairs have been made in the roof of the Church. Kitchen equipment has been installed on the second floor of the Parish House for the convenience of our parish organizations.

We have reason to be proud of our Church. St. Stephen's is not only a temple of worship, but is also a shrine of the most refined and spiritual beauty. That it may continue to minister ever more vitally to the spiritual needs of this great city is our earnest prayer.

ANNIVERSARY HONOR ROLL

The response to the request from the Vestry in July that we celebrate our 120th Anniversary by launching a program to paint and repair the interior of the Church has met with instant and generous response on the part of our parishioners. Fifty-four contributed and pledged the sum of $2,694.50. Feeling that there would be many more who would like to share in this celebration, the Vestry contracted for needed repairs to the sum of $5,000.

This program was launched on faith that the members and friends of St. Stephen's would respond to this practical way of marking an important mile-stone in the history of this Church. We need exactly $2,000 above what has already been received to pay for these needed repairs. However, what is more important we would like to see every parishioner's name as a donor on the Honor Roll which should be ready by the last Sunday in September.

No matter how modest your gift may be we want your name on that Honor Roll. The amount of the gift will not be recorded. Remember, it is not what you give, but *that* you give.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 210.....*Henry Smart*

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 62—Page 413

BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Gaul*

ANTHEM—"There Shall Be No More Night".....*David D. Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein; and His servants shall serve Him and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there: and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun for the Lord shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

SERMON—"Is God the Author of Evil?".....The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 221.....*Christopher Tye*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 209.....*Giardini*

POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers are given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of Sarah E. C. Thackara.

Mr. Conrad Brooks, who has been an usher at our noonday services for forty-five years, celebrated his sixty-second wedding anniversary on August 30th. Hearty congratulations!

A SAILOR TO HIS MOM

I know that you are lonely,
But there is nothing I can do
Till this troubled world is peaceful
And I am home again with you.

I can't even send you flowers,
To express my love in part;
But a carload full of flowers
Couldn't ease an aching heart.

Now Mom, you keep on smiling,
And at times if you feel blue,
Remember other boys are fighting,
And their mothers miss them too.

So you mothers stick together,
Please don't worry about us men;
And before you even know it—
We'll be coming home again.

Theodore Adams and Pal,
U. S. Training Station, Sampson, N. Y.

Theodore was one of our flag bearers. Our other flag bearer, his elder brother John, is in the army.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Parish in-gathering for the U. T. O. will be held on Sunday, September 19th. The Diocesan in-gathering is to be held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, September 28, at 8.00 P. M. Bishop Hart will be present to receive the offering, Dr. Nathanael Groton will preach, Dean Shryock will read the lesson and your Rector will conduct the service.

We are receiving the offering early this fall in order to have in this parish the full statistics and offering ready for General Convention which meets in Cleveland in October, beginning on Saturday, October 2.

You all know that twice a year the money in the blue boxes is gathered together and presented at the Altar. Every woman in the parish should be a member of this blessed and important project. The U. T. O. is one of the means of assuring salaries to teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers and others, and the fees for their training in work for the Church. The purpose of the U. T. O. is the spread of Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad. If you have a blue box, or an occasion for a thank-offering (and who has not!) please bring the contents in the little blue envelope enclosed with this leaflet, with your name on it, or send your gift to Mrs. Philip Schwarz, 6302 Magnolia Avenue, Germantown, treasurer of the U. T. O.

Tuesday, September 14, will be our Primary Election Day. Normally three out of four qualified voters fail to vote in our most important of all Elections—the Primaries. This neglect gives the politicians easy control of the Election which determines the candidates for office in the General Election.

While our boys are fighting the enemies of Democracy abroad, we at home will be guilty of helping to sabotage Democracy on the home-front unless we vote and vote intelligently in the Primaries and the General Elections.

This pulpit has no place in advocating any political party but it is determined to do all it can to help our Democracy to function; and, therefore, urges all qualified voters to vote on Tuesday, September 14th.

"JOIN THE BLUE STAR BRIGADE AND BACK YOUR MAN WITH WAR BONDS" urges the Treasury Department.

The Blue Star Brigade is the mobilization of the Women of Philadelphia to "Back the Attack" of their fighting men with War Bonds during the Third War Loan Drive—September 9 to 30. An award of honor will be given to each "Brigader" who sells or buys ten War Bonds, and Commissions will be awarded to "Brigaders" on the basis of the number of War Bonds sold beyond the $1000 individual quota. Become a Captain, with twenty Bonds to your credit—a Major with thirty, or a Major General by selling seventy-five Bonds!

You are cordially invited to attend the formal opening of Philadelphia's Third War Loan Drive on Wednesday, September 8 from twelve to one o'clock noon, in the U. S. O. Labor Plaza north of City Hall.

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St. James' Day

9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 119, Part V, Page 492
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*
ANTHEM—"Immortal, Invisible" ..... *Thiman*
SERMON—"How to Deal with the Impossible"
OFFERTORY HYMN 211 ..... *Lowell Mason*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530 ..... *Sullivan*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Mary McEwen in memory of Walter McEwen.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the Misses Daley and to Mrs. William H. Kern, Jr., their grandneice. Lieutenant Kern, who has been a prisoner of the Japanese for over a year has been reported dead—a merciful release.

The Church will be closed for repairs Monday, July 26 to Saturday, September 4.

THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY

The most momentous decision in history is looming before the American people. Upon that decision depends the course of the future, the happiness and the welfare of hundreds of millions of living human beings and of hundreds of millions as yet unborn.

If the United States will commit itself to a world co-operation—that co-operation can be brought into being.

If the United States refuses to commit itself, that co-operation cannot be achieved.

During the last twenty-five years, we have talked about all sorts of relatively superficial things which we called causes of war. We have not faced the basic elemental cause from which all others emerge. That basic cause is international anarchy—a world of completely independent, self-determining nations—each an absolute law unto itself.

Nowhere in the universe has it ever been evidenced that anarchy resulted in peace.

Always and everywhere it has been evidenced anarchy has led to friction and strife.

It is just as simple as this: Now in our time we must create a co-operative world of nations under law or face the assurance of a disaster vastly compounded a generation hence.

It ought not to be hard for Christian people to see this truth. Christ's law of co-operation, the Golden Rule is followed by dire warnings. Life has vindicated that rule and those warnings beyond a peradventure.

The real difficulty is this: Will we face the reality of Christ's law? Will we face the reality of this vast world tragedy of Total Global War? Will we overcome inertia and irresponsibility and act, each one of us?

Will we make this—not the American Century, God forbid and forgive the arrogance—but will we make this the Christian Century?

FRANCIS M. TAITT

Bishop Taitt has gone on ahead! But then Bishop Taitt was always out ahead—out ahead in his selfless devotion to the Christ—out ahead in his concern for those for whom He died—out ahead in his refusal to compromise the meanings of the Gospel to suit convenience or to surrender to opposition—out ahead in the thoroughness and in the courage with which he faced the varying circumstances of life, willing always, to trust the Master's way and the Master's truth. Yes, Francis M. Taitt was always out ahead. And because he walked so modestly in our midst, not judging but loving, each of us knows in his heart that we are farther along because he lived and in God's providence his life touched on ours.

What can the world produce to match Christian character? What answer to the mystery of life can equal that presented by Christian character? What hope have we except Christian character?

Francis M. Taitt has gone on because the Master had a purpose for him in the Kingdom beyond the West. We can not doubt that, nor can we cease to thank God for His ministry to us through him.

Let us commend to Almighty God the soul of His servant
FRANCIS M. TAITT

Almighty God, who hast given us the comforting assurance that Thou art present in every place to hear the prayers of such as love Thee, and to protect those for whom we pray; we commit our dear Bishop to Thy favor and care, that he may dwell with Thee in Thy glory, and that we may ever be faithful to his memory here on earth, and re-united in communion and fellowship in the life that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created him.
In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed him.
In the Name of the Holy Ghost who sanctified him.
May the soul of Francis M. Taitt rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

BEQUESTS

In the Will of Miss Laura Bell the Parish received a generous legacy of $30,000.00 to liquidate the mortgage on the Community House. $5,000.00 was bequeathed to the endowment fund and $1,000.00 to the Woman's Auxiliary. Miss Bell also remembered the Diocese very generously. Miss Laura Bell's devoted work in our parish and diocese will thus be continued indefinitely through her generous bequests.

A Rubric on page 320 of the Prayer Book reminds us of our Christian duty when making disposition of what large or what small estates we may leave: "The Minister is ordered, from time to time, to advise the people whilst they are in health, to make Wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and when of ability, to leave Bequests for religious and charitable uses."

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 248 ..... *Lanfran*

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 56, Page 408

BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Marks*

ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy" ..... *Cesar Franck*

"O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour,
Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor,
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee."

SERMON—"Sanctified Tongues" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 493 ..... *Smith*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *Bambridge*

The Altar flowers are given by the Kings' Daughters in memory of Miss Vanderslice.

LAURA BELL

In the passing of Miss Laura Bell on June 28, the parish has lost a faithful and generous member. She was in her 85th year, and retained her faculties until the last.

The Rector assisted Bishop Taitt at the funeral service held in the church on July first.

For thirty-one years she was the inspiring and devoted president of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, and for thirty-seven years a delegate to the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary.

In addition to her great service to women, Miss Bell was a tower of strength to every good work in the Church and through the parish, especially the world-wide missionary work of the Church.

Laura Bell will be sorely missed by us all, but we thank God for her good example and for all these years of loving service and we rejoice with her as she joins the blessed company of the faithful people and receives our Lord's well-earned welcome: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

BE A BLOOD DONOR

A letter from Bishop Hart has gone out to every parish in the County of Philadelphia, asking the Rector to form a committee which will be responsible for obtaining blood donors. Philadelphia must give 4,500 pints of blood a week to help meet the increasing demands for blood plasma needed abroad and here at home.

Our aim is to give a pint of blood for ever star on the service flag of every parish. St. Stephen's Church now has sixty men and women in the armed services. Our obligation is obvious; our opportunity to give a pint of blood is a privilege.

Blood Donor Pledge Sunday will be July 11th. Please fill in the enclosed slip and put it on the plate at the eleven o'clock service, or send it to the Parish Office, if you are between the ages of eighteen and sixty.

We hope to have an Episcopal Day at 1424 Walnut Street, Philadelphia's Blood Bank. Many of you have already done this act of service—those of you who have not, may now have this chance to save a life—the easy way!

THE LITTLE GREY TOWERS

The little grey towers which face on the street,
  Are symbols of strength and of trust,
Two qualities which will ne'er suffer defeat,
  Upholding whatever is just.

Proclaiming the strength both of truth and of love,
  And of service, within and without,
The tasks for our Lord, who from heaven above
  Dispels all our fears and our doubt.

These towers have stood for a hundred of years,
  And long may they stand as a sign
That the service of love is what counts and which cheers
  The lives of your neighbor and mine.

And this is the work which they never will shirk
  These little grey towers of ours.

—Laura Bell

This was written by Miss Bell for the Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of St. Stephen's Church.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Dr. Herbert Old in the passing of his brother, Captain Old, of the U. S. Navy, on July 1st.

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PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 433.....*Welsh Hymn Melody*
KYRIE .....*Barnes*
ANTHEM—"Greater Love Hath No Man".....*Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

SERMON—"Has Religion a Place in National Life?"
OFFERTORY HYMN 445.....*Croft*
SANCTUS .....*Barnes*
COMMUNION HYMN 336.....*Hodges*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 441 (tune 136).....*Hemy*
POSTLUDE

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We gratefully acknowledge the subscription to the parish bulletin sent to us by Miss Marion Hart.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

" . . . to continue Christ's faithful servant unto my life's end."
June 12—James Addison Swink.

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
June 12—William H. Ruxton, U. S. N., and Renée Rochat

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household."
Mr. and Mrs. James A. Swink Mrs. Anna Evans Buck.

FAMILY DAY COMMUNIONS

Sunday, June 6
Mr. and Mrs. David German Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Armstrong

Sunday, June 13
Miss Mary Duffy Mrs. Mary Shields

Sunday, June 27
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Mearns Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Powers

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Two vital responsibilities for the Church are coming into sharp focus with the approach of Independence Day. We shall greatly fail if we do not evaluate them carefully and direct our fullest energies to their discharge.

The first calls for intensive spiritual ministry to the individual. If life in Philadelphia seems on the surface to be fairly normal, let us not for a moment be deceived. There are all about us thousands of human beings who, in addition to the general concern which we all share, carry a heavier and infinitely more personal burden on their hearts.

There are mothers, fathers and wives of men in dangerous posts of service. They want, they desperately need, what God alone can give and the true church of Jesus Christ must sensitively strive to minister to this need. Particularly on the Fourth of July let the Church offer abundant sanctuary, not with militant pulpit rantings, but with priestly ministration. Men and women want God, not us. They need the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit.

The second responsibility is that of humble dedication to the building of a world of justice and brotherhood after the war. So many people who are concerned with postwar problems fail to see the relevance of the problems of human relationship that confront them now in their own neighborhood.

If, for instance, such a one is committed to the belief that the post-war world must, on the international scale, make provision for a relation-ship of justice and fraternity between the great racial groups which people the earth, and among whom the white race is a minority, must he not commit himself to the establishment of justice and fraternity now, in his own city, among varying racial groups of whom the white race constitutes the great majority?

How shall we cast the mote out of the eye of the world unless we are casting the beam out of our own eye now?

We have been asked by the Postal authorities to call your attention to the new ordinance requiring the number of your "Delivery Station" as part of your address. The Church's number is Philadelphia 7. What is yours? The next time you write to us, include your "station number" in your return address, to expedite the delivery of mail, a job much hampered by the manpower shortage.

St. Stephen's Service Club is endeavoring to lend a helping hand to the service men who want to bring their families here to live. If you know of a furnished or an unfurnished apartment that is available, please phone the information to the Church Office.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN MAY

May 3—Ascension Day. Mrs. Philip Schwarz
May 6—Mrs. Thomas Armstrong in memory of her mother
May 13—Miss Charlotte Shoemaker in memory of her parents
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—Come, Sweet Death ..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266..... *Cologne 1623*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 148, Page 524
TE DEUM, Page 10 ..... *Stanford*
BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Saw Another Angel"..... *C. Villers Stanford*

And I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the Seal of the Living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the Servants of our God in their foreheads.

And lo, a great multitude, which no man could number of all nations, and kindreds, and people and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb clothed with white robes and palms were in their hands; and cried with a loud voice saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, Amen.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and Thanksgiving, and honor and power, and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON—"The Comrades Who Have Climbed Ahead"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 295..... *Barnby*
HYMN 427,—America (last verse)
RECESSIONAL HYMN 290 ..... *Smart*
POSTLUDE

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Monday, All Saints' Day, November 1st at 12.30.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

God, Father of Freedom, look after that boy of mine, wherever he may be. Walk in upon him. Talk with him during the silent watches of the night, and spur him to bravery when he faces the cruel foe. Transfer my prayer to his ear.

Keep my boy inspired by the never-dying faith in his God. Throughout all the long days of a hopeful Victory, wherever his duty takes him, keep his spirit high and his purpose unwavering. Make him a loyal friend. Nourish him with the love that I gave to him at birth, and satisfy the hunger of his soul with the knowledge of my daily prayer.

He is my choicest treasure. Take care of him, God. Keep him in health and sustain him under every possible circumstance. I once warmed him under my heart. You warm him anew in his shelter under the stars. Touch him with my smile of cheer and comfort, and my full confidence in his every brave pursuit.

Fail him not—and he will not fail You, his country, nor the mother that bore him.

All Saints' Day

Apropos of the service in Church on All Saints' Day, and pursuant to a custom long observed as a part of this service in this parish, there will be read the Roster of the Dead. This comprises names of those buried by the rector of this parish during the past year.

NOVEMBER 1, 1942, TO NOVEMBER 1, 1943

Dec. 4—Emily N. Colbourn
6—Bertha Glazer
Jan. 1—William P. Shiels
Feb. 7—Blanche A. Chambers
24—Idella W. Higham
Mar. 14—Helen Alexander
Apr. 21—Janet B. MacAlister
June 28—Laura Bell
Aug. 19—Mary Mousley
28—Nellie Drinkwater
Sept. 9—Maud D. Ashmead
Oct. 10—Emma Florence Sachse
16—Maybelle S. Nissen
23—Mary C. Ertel

DEATH

Two very spiritual, very understanding men, have forever enriched our world with their hopeful, enlightening words. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow with his sublime statement: "There is no death! What seems so is transition," and William C. Doanes, when Bishop of Albany, with this poem, "Death", which he wrote while sitting at the side of the casket in which his wife lay serenely beautiful in her last sleep.

We are too stupid about death. We will not learn
How it is wages paid to those who earn.
How it is the gift for which on earth we yearn
To be set free from bondage to the flesh;
How it is turning seed corn into grain,
How it is winning Heaven's eternal gain.
How it means freedom ever more from pain.

How it untangles every mortal mesh.
We are so selfish about death, we count our grief
Far more than we consider their relief
Whom the Great Reaper gathers in the sheaf
No more to know the season's constant change;
And we forget that it means only life.

Anyone who has lost a member of his family, or some other loved one is at liberty to give the name or names to the Rector who will add them to the Roster of the Dead, that they may be remembered in our prayers.

We will be happy to welcome the Girls' Friendly Society next Sunday at their annual Corporate Communion.

RED CROSS

St. Stephen's Red Cross Unit continues to meet each Tuesday evening to prepare surgical dressings. It is a fine sociable group of ladies and they have a pleasant time together doing this most important work.

Why not come out and help with this work? You are assured of a worthwhile time—a useful couple of hours.

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PRELUDE—Larghetto from Sixth Organ Concerto.....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 346 (tune 190).....*Elvey*
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 50, Page 401
BENEDICTUS ES, Page 11 .....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness".....*Dvorak*

"I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten stringed psalter. Every day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy holy Name. Great is God and great His mercy; who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory.

SERMON—"Life's Ultimate Choice".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 118 .....*Cantica Laudis*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530 .....*Sullivan*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Matilda Maulsby in memory of Ida T. Maulsby.

The Anthem is one of the famous Biblische Leider by Anton Dvorak arranged for chorus by H. Alexander Matthews.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY of St. Stephen's Church will hold its first meeting of the new season on October 21, at 11.00 A. M. The Rt. Rev. C. F. Reifsnider, D.D., the Bishop in charge of Japanese rehabilitation in this country, will be the speaker.

All the women of the Parish are invited to be present. This is a serious problem—mismanagement, and misunderstanding of the Japanese in our country is not only the business of government departments assigned to deal with aliens, but is the urgent business of every Church man and woman who wants to see justice tempered with mercy extended to all men whom Christ called brothers.

We gratefully acknowledge the Bulletin Subscription of Miss Louise Costello.

THE DIOCESAN IN-GATHERING of the United Thank Offering amounted to $13,739.32. Mrs. A. Disston Rile, the Treasurer, has presented close to $85,000 at the Altar on October 4th on the occasion of the Corporate Communion of the Churchwomen delegates to General Convention. This sum is nearly $10,000 over that which was presented at the last Triennial.

ATTENTION OFFICERS OF PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:—Notice of extra meetings, programs, guest speakers, and the need for special equipment should be sent in to the Church Office well in advance of the date concerned. Our bulletin goes to the printers at noon every Monday, and we are short-handed as is everyone else. The calendar of meetings on the Secretary's desk is up-to-date as the full roster of organizations begins the new season. Keep it that way in order to assure good service and successful programs, by letting us know in advance, what we can do to help.

Miss Margaret Kaiser, our Soprano Soloist, is giving a concert at Town Hall in New York on Tuesday evening, October twelfth. Our very best wishes, Miss Kaiser!

The Diocesan Young People's Fellowship will hold their Annual Corporate Communion at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, October 17, at 9 o'clock.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

The Rector has been asked now and again about the vexed question of prayers for the dead. It is true that much superstition and abuse has clustered about the question of prayers for the dead with the result that many Protestants shy away from it as something not quite orthodox. While we cannot have any knowledge of the conditions in which souls live beyond the grave, the revelation of Christianity implies very distinctly a relationship of the soul which is everlasting. We have grounds sufficient for the belief that the intuitive conclusion of the writer of the Hebrews "that they without us might not be made perfect" holds a deep truth. In an apprehension such as this of the continuance and progress of personality in the spirit world, it is the intuition of the mother mourning her child, of the lover mourning his beloved, which would seem to come nearer to the truth than the cold logic of the rationalist.

When Romeo bursts out with that sublime lament, "O my love, my life,—thou art *not* conquered" he is expressing Shakespeare's own conviction. The blessed dead may experience joy and sorrow over their dear ones still on earth, and conversely, we need to commit to God all our hopes and desires for them.

" . . . but thou
If thou shouldst never see my face again,
Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
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9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on pages 213 and 214.

9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Supplication"
(based upon Arcadelt's Ave Maria) *Robert Elmore*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 ..... *Samuel Webbe*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86, Page 447
TE DEUM, Page 10 ..... *Stanford*
BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" ..... *Brahms*
"How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy House, they praise Thy Name evermore."
SERMON—"The Priorities of Life" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 326 ..... *Dykes*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 213 ..... *Martin Luther*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Harry Croyder in memory of Mrs. John Coats Browne.

The Rector spoke before the Philadelphia Regional Conference of the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Clubs on Monday, October 11, on the subject, "Music and Religion."

We welcome today the Young People's Fellowship of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for their Annual Corporate Communion.

A letter from John Spear, recently transferred to Cleveland, informs us that the guest speaker at St. Peter's last week was the Rev. Claude L. Pickens from the Diocese of Hankow, China.

Many of you will remember the all too short ministry in 1938 of Mr. Pickens and the many blessings conferred through him upon this Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Spear invited Mr. and Mrs. Pickens to dinner and learned that they and their five children are all well, and send hearty greetings to St. Stephen's.

The Pickens family left China on the *Gripsholm* last year after being confined for over six months by the Japanese. They are now living in Pelham, New York, and Mr. Pickens is working with young people on the campus of various universities.

The School of Christian Education which will be held as usual in the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, on six Tuesday evenings beginning October 19 through November 30th. This year the course is based upon the Six Pillars of Peace formulated by the Commission to study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches. Each session will consist of an address followed by a panel discussion.

This course begins at 7.15 and is followed by a second period which ends at 9.40, and deals with valuable material for all Christians, as well as Church School teachers and superintendents.

Registration is fifty cents. Apply to the Church House, Spruce 1150 for further information.

Women of the Parish! Don't forget the Woman's Auxiliary meeting on October 21st, at 11.00 A. M. The Rt. Rev. C. F. Reifsnider, D.D., will be the speaker.

WHITHER CHRISTIANITY?

Some time ago, after I had just baptized a baby, one of his grandfathers opened a conversation with this startling question: "What is going to happen to Christianity? Will it die out completely?"

I felt distinctly that my questioner believed that Christianity (or any other religion) could not stand the logical scrutiny of modern thought. One cannot argue against this point of view, one can only observe that there are still a large number of extremely intelligent thinkers who are convinced that nothing in modern thought or knowledge rules out God. As long as people believe in God, religion will not die.

No. Christianity is not going to die. No human organization can supplant it. Christianity will be reformed—yes. It is always being reformed. God is not being changed, but we are slow to interpret His will.

What will keep Christianity alive is, then, our faith and the regular practice of our religion. Much of what we do may seem perfunctory. There may be days when we go to Church and come away unmoved. There will be such days. But is not the fault with ourselves, should we not try all the more faithfully to do those apparently perfunctory acts which circulate the life blood of our spiritual life? The heart is a dramatic organ, the tiny capillaries which feed the extremities of the body may not seem important. But they are. The heart exists only to feed the capillaries and the flesh which they nourish. Thus it may be interesting to argue whether Christianity is reasonable or not; and it is necessary to concern ourselves with the big problems which concern human life, but it is vitally necessary that the power of God may reach into the tiniest parts of human life.

So it matters whether we pray, whether we go to Church, whether our whole life is a worshipful response to God. If we fail in this, gangrene appears in the flesh of human society.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—Adagio from the Second Sonata.....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105.....*Hayne*
KYRIE, Page 70.....*Tours*
ANTHEM—"Lovely Appear" .....*Gounod*

Lovely appear over the mountains the feet of them that preach and bring good news of peace.
Ye mountains, ye perpetual hills, bow ye down;
Over the barren wastes shall flowers now have possession.
Dark shades of ancient days full of hate and oppression,
In the brightness of joy fade away and are gone.
In this age truly blest, more than ages preceding,
Shall the corn never fail from the plentiful ground.
Under the shining sky shall the lambs gaily bound,
Void of fear, undisturbed, safely shall they be feeding;
Then the timorous doves, wheresoever they fly
Shall not fear any more the hawk's merciless cry.

SERMON—"Christianity Today".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 474.....*Walch*
SANCTUS .....*Stainer*
HYMN 427—America (third verse)
COMMUNION HYMN 333.....*Monk*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 468.....*Haydn*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Anna Eisenbrey in memory of Sarah Eisenbrey.

The congregation is requested to stand on the first note of the Hymns and Canticles.

MOTHERS' MEETING

In 1937, Miss Helen Mocket was appointed by Dr. Franks as the leader of Mothers' Meeting to succeed Mrs. D. R. Harper, who had successfully presided as the Club's chief executive for seventeen years.

We learned of Miss Mocket's resignation this fall with sharp regret. Under her leadership the Mothers have made outstanding contributions to the Episcopal Hospital, Greek Relief, The Salvation Army, Save the Children Foundation, The Red Cross, the Community House Debt and many other charities too numerous to mention.

Any organization is dependent upon leadership for its success. The Mothers' Meeting, secure in the reputation established for it by two splendid presidents, moves on to further achievements under Mrs. Mearns, who hopes, with the co-operation of the hundred and fifty active members, to maintain its healthy spirit of enthusiasm engendered and sustained by past triumphs under Mrs. Harper and Miss Mocket.

PARISH REGISTER FOR OCTOBER

BAPTISMS

"Then took he up little children in his arms and blessed them."

October 31—Charles Jameson Wood.

BURIALS

"The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

October 13—Emma Florence Sachse October 21—Maybelle S. Nissen
October 23—Mary C. Ertel

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

October 10—Miss Matilda Maulsby in memory of Ida T. Maulsby
October 17—Mrs. Harry Croyder in memory of Mrs. John Coats Browne
October 24—Mr. Paul Downward in memory of Caroline Miller Johnson
October 31—The Girls' Friendly Society for All Saints' Day

A LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR BOYS IN THE ARMY

My dear DR. PRICE:

I do want to tell you how much it means to me to receive the bulletin each week and read your message and keep up with the activities of the church. It is a very pleasant touch in the week's work.

A few days ago, I received a lovely package from the church which I appreciated more than I can say. Those of us who are away from home and home-town churches are always tremendously pleased with anything which the good people at home do for us. Their thoughtfulness means a great deal and makes things easier and brighter for us all.

We have a very nice Episcopalian Chaplain here who conducts a communion service at eight o'clock each Sunday. Since I have not been going away on the week-ends, I have been attending these simple services and enjoying them greatly. I sometimes wonder if we realize the full beauty and significance of our services until we are away from home and friends and find what a wonderful bond a service can be. The average army chapel, while more than adequate, is hardly like the fine churches we have been used to at home. Despite this, the mere reading of the familiar prayers and texts has a power and charm which give one new and added strength. I hope soon that I may be nearer home and so I look forward to seeing you then.

Faithfully,
G.

Everyone is welcome to receive the Holy Communion at St. Stephen's Church. Members of Christ's Church in any of its branches, by whatever denominational name they may be called, are welcome to the Table of their Lord.

Oh may we all One Bread, One Body be
In this blest sacrament of unity.

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11 A. M.—ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

PRELUDE—"Oh! how happy ye whose souls have wandered"..*Brahms*
VENITE, Page 9 in the Prayer Book.....*Chant*
PSALM 91, Page 464
FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2: 1-17
BENEDICTUS ES, Page 11.....*Thiman*
SECOND LESSON: I Peter 2: v. 9
REST IN PEACE.....*Schubert*
CREED AND PRAYERS
ANTHEM—"Land of Hope and Glory".....*Elgar*
SERMON—"For Country and for God".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 436.....*Baker*
MASSING OF THE COLORS
SALUTE TO THE FLAG (by all)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HYMN 427—"America"
PRAYERS
SOUNDING OF "TAPS"
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 441.....*Cruger*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 4, in memory of its departed members.

The Rector will preach the sermon at a Memorial Service of the Second District of the American Legion at the Church of the Redemption, 56th and Market Streets, Sunday evening, November 14th, at 8 P. M.

We extend a hearty welcome to our distinguished guest, the Rev. Marcus F. Lewis, Chaplain of the United States Navy assigned to the Coast Guard. He is the esteemed and beloved Chaplain of the SPARS.

Thomas Roberts Reath enlisted in the United States Marine Corps April 27, 1917, at the age of nineteen. He was sent abroad in the First Expeditionary Force June 11, 1917. He was killed by a German shell June 12, 1918, while a member of the 43rd Company, Fifth Regiment of the Marines. For his exploits, he received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross and the Croix de Guerre.

The Rector preached and conducted the Sunday evening service at the Leamy Home on November 7th.

The speaker for the Women's Auxiliary meeting, which will be held in the Parish House on Thursday, November 18th, at 11 A. M., is the Rev. Wilfred C. Files. He is from the Diocese of Maryland. In 1932 he went to Alaska as a layman, but was put on the regular missionary staff in 1935 at the Mission of Our Saviour. Mr. Files does general social work among the natives and is of great value at the hospital at Tenana.

The Patriotic Societies participating in this Service:

The SPARS
Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapters 4 and 45
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Units 4, 45 and 63
American Gold Star Mothers, Philadelphia Chapter
The Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post of the American Legion
The Auxiliary of the Thomson Roberts Reath Marine Post.
Helen Fairchild Nurses, Post 412, of the American Legion.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 4, is sponsoring this service in St. Stephen's Church. The Sunday nearest Armistice Day has been selected as being an appropriate time for the service this year. We cordially welcome to St. Stephen's Church the members of the various Patriotic Societies, and express to them our appreciation for their co-operation. This great service offers us all an opportunity to pledge our allegiance to our Flag and to our Country, and to remember the men and women who gave and are giving their lives for freedom.

POST-WAR RECONSTRUCTION

The American equivalent of the British Beveridge Plan has been overwhelmingly passed by the Senate. The new Connally post-war plan for an international organization with power to prevent aggression and preserve the peace of the world has been established.

Of course, an intensive job of study and reflection is a prerequisite to intelligent comment upon the two reports, and no one has had time to do that yet, but certain relevant observations are appropriate.

First, it is obvious that, in view of the profound dislocation of our national and world life during the last quarter century, any post-war plan worthy of a moment's consideration must contemplate vast changes in the ordering of human relations.

One of the great books of the time, Edward Hallet Carr's "Conditions of Peace," closes with this statement: "The old world is dead! The future lies with those who can resolutely turn their back on it and face the new world with understanding, courage and imagination." Naturally, if our hearts and minds are not conditioned by such realization as is here expressed, we are bound to be overwhelmed by what *must* be done.

In the second place, we simply cannot afford to approach the contemplation of post-war internal reconstruction under the dominating influence of any partisan bias, political, social or economic. We can no more afford to do this with regard to post-war reconstruction than we could afford to face the national war effort in this mood.

The post-war task will be as great as, and more complex in many ways than, the war task. Our future as a nation depends on the courage and clarity of mind with which we face it.

And face it me must, for our common welfare depends upon it—the health, the happiness and the security of every family and every life are involved. Religion should be concerned for that fact alone, but there is further obligation. Christianity possesses in the teaching of Jesus Christ the laws of human relations, which are the fundamental standards of judgment.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

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PRELUDE—"Prayer" ..... *Boellman*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247.....*Dulce Carmen*

VENITE, Page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 105, Page 470

TE DEUM, Page 10.....*King Hall*

JUBILATE, Page 15.....*Naylor*

ANTHEM—"God is My Shepherd".....*Dvorak*

God is my shepherd, I want for nothing.
My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.
My fainting soul doth He restore and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name.
And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

SERMON—"Soldiers and Providence".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 221.....*Christopher Tye*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

HYMN 427—"America," last verse

RECESSIONAL HYMN 255.....*William Croft*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by the Rev. Herbert W. Jones in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gensheimer.

There will be a service on Thanksgiving Day—Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 o'clock. The offering is for the Episcopal Hospital. Please use the enclosed envelope.

Ninety-five persons contributed $3,202.52 toward the expenses of our Church Renovating Program. This has been a most generous response, and we are exceedingly grateful. The total expense amounted to $5,045.06. There must be many more in our parish who would like to contribute toward the Improvement Fund. Help us to have a real celebration on St. Stephen's Day (December 26th), when we celebrate our 120th Anniversary.

The Rector made an address at the annual luncheon of the Philadelphia Music Club at the Bellevue-Stratford on November 9, 1943.

THE ENEMY OF ENEMIES

"Furthermore, the individual's first obligation is to himself, and this Nation's obligation is to itself. What we give to charity can be given from what we have left after we've satisfied ourselves."

The quotation is from the lips of William J. Grace, chairman of a Committee which calls itself the Republican National Revival Committee. Its avowed purpose is to swing the party and the nation to an outright policy of Nationalism.

We should all be deeply indebted to Mr. Grace for this frank, clear and concise definition of the philosophy and motivation underlying Nationalism. We need to see this thing reduced to its very essence—and there is it.

To the Christian mind it is the antithesis of the law of God revealed by Jesus Christ, for it is the presentation of selfishness as the fundamental precept of life.

To the political mind it is the epitome of the philosophy of anarchy, and, if widely accepted, no government of any kind anywhere could hope to endure.

Consider the trail of havoc and suffering which would be left by a life lived on that basis! How destructive it would be to every human relationship. Is not the tacit or avowed assumption of it the agent of the disease of social disintegration?

Broken homes—broken friendships—broken partnerships—crime—industrial conflict—racial strife—war itself!

Here is a man actually advocating that we accept as our ruling principle the fundamental cause of most of our disasters. No! Not the fundamental cause, but the primary result of the fundamental cause—for the fundamental cause is godlessness.

The loss of God from a soul, a nation or a world is a prelude to egotism, disintegration and death.

Mr. Grace has described the enemy of emenies.

We cannot cope with that enemy by the mere maintenance of parish routine—we cannot conquer it by remaining safely within the four walls of the Church.

We must go out to meet it wherever it seeks to entrench itself.

THE EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

Last year our parish gave $773.30 in answer to the annual appeal sent out by the Episcopal Hospital. In view of the fact that this is the only Church Hospital in this Diocese, and of its outstanding service to the community, this sum is not large. It does not represent our pride and interest in the institution, which is stretching every facility to do an even bigger job and under increasing handicaps and a growing shortage of nurses. Read the enclosed statistics and decide whether or not your interest in your Episcopal Hospital can show a more tangible evidence of its reality!

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve
December 24th

11:00 P. M.
Holy Communion with Christmas Carols
and Christmas Music

Breakfast
will be served in the Service Club on Ludlow Street
(back of the Church) directly following
Christmas Eve Service. Everyone welcome

Christmas Day
December 25th

9 A. M.
Holy Communion

11 A. M.
Holy Communion with Christmas Carols
and Christmas Music

Sunday after Christmas
December 26th (St. Stephen's Day)

9 A. M.
Holy Communion

11 A. M.
One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary Service

A Christmas Prayer

May the good will and peace which Christ brought to earth the first Christmas morning, go forth this Christmastide into a war-torn, sorrowing and suffering world, bringing comfort, strength and hope to God's children everywhere. Amen.

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Order of Service for Christmas Eve

* 11.00 P. M.

PRELUDE—Choral Improvisation, "Puer Natus Est"...*Everett Titcomb*
HYMN 73 .....*Mendelssohn*
KYRIE .....*Stanford*
GRADUAL—"Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light"...*J. S. Bach*
ANTHEM—"Sing, Christmas Bells" .....*H. Alexander Matthews*
SERMON .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 79.....*Willis*
PRESENTATION OF COLORS
HYMN 427—"America"
SANCTUS .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 325 (verses 1, 5, 6).....*Dykes*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Stanford*
BENEDICTION
HYMN 546—"Silent Night" (kneeling).....*Traditional*
HYMN 72.....*Wade*
POSTLUDE

* *Breakfast following Service*

Christmas Day

9.00 A. M.—Holy Communion
11.00 A. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon

PRELUDE—Pastoral Symphony from Messiah.....*Handel*
HYMN 72.....*Wade*
KYRIE .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—Chanson Joyeuse de Noel.....*Gavaert*
SERMON .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 78.....*Redner*
HYMN 427—"America" (last verse)
SANCTUS .....*Sanctus*
COMMUNION HYMN 326 (verses 1, 5, 6).....*Dykes*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
BENEDICTION
SEVEN FOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
HYMN 73.....*Mendelssohn*
POSTLUDE

Christmas

"Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

MY BELOVED PEOPLE OF ST. STEPHEN'S:

Fear not! That is a message for all people at all times. But it has a strange sound in the ears of many people in this war-torn world. They look at Christmas askance, and ask, "A Saviour, did you say? How can anyone save us? Stop the war; stop the killing; stop the bombing; give us food! That is the only way to save us. Do not talk to us about a baby born nearly two thousand years ago."

But their despair does not destroy Christmas. For Christmas is not a thing of the moment; it sweeps majestically across all history and prophecy until time shall be no more. The present world conditions are not an indictment of Christianity, but of men and nations who, having Christianity, have chosen something less.

The prodigal son had a good home, a loving father, a good brother and friends. But he chose low adventure. We need not have the slightest doubt that he knew he was doing wrong. No one brought up in a home like his could help knowing he did wrong when he wasted his substance in riotous living, and undermined his health and character. He was not able to resist the low attraction.

Like the prodigal, the world knows better. But the attraction of power, wealth, and prestige which comes to a conqueror has driven men and nations mad.

Yet, the prodigal came to himself, redeemed by the thought of his father's love, and he was saved. The world will come to itself, too. It will remember the love of its heavenly Father, so perfectly demonstrated by the Saviour, and the Christmas message will be seen to be true, after all.

Let it sound forth today as never before. The prodigal world is ready for it in its hour of extremity.

Faithfully and affectionately, your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

A Christmas Gift

Christmas is the time of gifts for those we love. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded, "My Christmas Gift to My Church." Will you use it for His sake?

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THANKSGIVING DAY
November 25, 1943

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420.....*Kocher*
THANKSGIVING DAY PSALM (page 264).....*Chant*
PSALM 65 (page 416)
BENEDICTUS ES.....*H. Alexander Matthews*
ANTHEM—"Praise God in His Holiness" .....*Geofrey Shaw*

Praise God in His holiness: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness;

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him in the cymbals and dances;

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

SERMON—"Thanksgiving" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 422.....*Cruger*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
HYMN 427—"America"
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433.....*Welsh Hymn Melody*
POSTLUDE

Every confirmed man and boy in the parish is urged to be present next Sunday at 9.00 A. M. for the twenty-sixth Annual Nation-Wide Corporate Communion of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. This is a call to rededication of Heart and Life to the Purpose of God.

ADVENT

A new Christian year begins next Sunday. Advent comes with its call to worship, and to a consideration of how we look to the eyes of Him whose Christmas Birthday is so near.

Noon-day Services During Advent
Beginning Monday, November 29th, and continuing through
Friday, December 24th, 1943.

Cards announcing the speakers for these services are in the mail, and also at the doors in the vestibule. Kindly distribute them among your friends.

The Philadelphia Federation of Churches will sponsor for the sixth year the Noon-Day Advent Services in St. Stephen's Church. These services are designed for on-the-go business people and for those who shop in the neighborhood.

They are held daily except Saturday from 12:30 to 12:55. Outstanding preachers from various denominations will occupy the pulpit of St. Stephen's during this Advent season. See Announcement Card for the list of speakers.

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on pages 90 and 91.

9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66.....*Thomas Helmore*
VENITE .....*Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Gaul*
ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".....*J. S. Bach*

Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy Throne.

SERMON—"Forgiveness" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 240.....*Zundel*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
HYMN 427—"America"
RECESSIONAL HYMN 61.....*Henry Smart*

The Altar flwers are given by Mrs. Mary Shields.

GRATITUDE

A traveler for a big publishing house couldn't wait to get to St. Louis, where his oldest friend owned a prosperous bookstore.

"Sam," he said to the owner the moment they were alone, "I want you to lend me $2000.00."

"The answer, Joe," said Sam, "is positively no."

"But Sam," protested the salesman, "in 1929, when Bond and Share broke from 189 to 50, who gave you ten thousand dollars to keep you from being wiped out?"

"You did," admitted Sam.

"And in 1931, when your daughter Shirley had that tropical disease, who took her down to Florida because you couldn't get away from business, who did, Sam?"

"You, my friend, you did."

"And in 1933, when we were fishing together, who dove into the rapids and saved you from drowning at the risk of his own life?"

"You did, Joe. It was wonderful!"

"Well then, Sam, in Heaven's name, why won't you lend me $2000.00 now when I need it?"

"All the things you say are true," admitted Sam, nodding his head slowly, *"But what have you done for me lately?"*

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9 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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The Collect Epistle and Gospel on Page 92.

9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Reverie" ..... *Cyril Scott*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55..... *Gotha*
KYRIE ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"God Be in My Head"..... *Walford Davies*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing."
(Words from the Sarum Primer, 1558)

SERMON—"Bible Sunday"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 59..... *Monk*
HYMN 427—"America"
PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 339..... *French Folk Song*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 58..... *Mendelssohn*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Dr. Herbert Old, in memory of his father and mother.

PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Nov. 13—Elmer Harvey Harris and Florence O'Brien.
Nov. 20—Eugen J. Becker and Jane Myrtle Quinn.
Nov. 27—Lester D. Guy and Elizabeth Ann Merrifield.

BURIALS

"The golden day is dying in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Allelulia."

Nov. 3—Jane McKeever.
Nov. 6—Russel H. Nissen.
Nov. 10—Mary Alice Keenan.
Nov. 23—William Daley.

The Rector and the congregation of St. Stephen's extend deepest sympathy to the Misses Daley upon the recent death of their beloved brother. May he rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him.

HONOR ROLL

Contributors to the St. Stephen's Church Improvement Fund

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Bealmear, Mrs. Amelia and Daughters
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There must be many more in our parish who would like to contribute toward the Improvement Fund. Help us to have a real celebration on St. Stephen's Day (December 26th), when we celebrate our 120th Anniversary.

Ninety-five persons contributed $3,202.52 toward the expenses of our church renovating program. This has been a most generous response, and we are exceedingly grateful. The total expense amounted to $5,045.06.

THE CANVASS

Now that the Community and War funds have completed their campaigns, the Churches have been given the green light for their annual canvasses.

This year, because there are so few men left at home, and they are so busy, I, as your Rector, am undertaking to do the Canvass by mail. A pledge card is enclosed herewith. This card should be signed and returned to the Rector. Or better still, bring the card with you on Sunday, December 12th, and drop it in the Chest of Joash.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 57 .....*Wade*

VENITE Page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 62, Page 413

BENEDICTUS ES Page 11 .....*Marks*

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

ANTHEM—"And the Glory of the Lord" from the Messiah....*Handel*

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

SERMON—Offerings to God .....THE RECTOR

HYMN 497 .....*Noble*

At the Presentation, Hymn 504, one verse
Presentation of the Colors, Hymn 427, America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 543 .....*Smart*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Dr. Carl E. Grammar, Rector-Emeritus of St. Stephen's Church.

The Rector preached at St. Matthias' Church, Oak Lane, on Sunday evening, December 5th.

The Rector and Mrs. Price announce the baptism of their daughter, Jean Van Dyke on Sunday morning December 19th at the eleven o'clock service. All welcome!

We gratefully acknowledge the subscription to the weekly bulletin sent in by Mrs. George P. Green, and an additional contribution to the Improvement Fund from the Rev. and Mrs. George R. Bishop.

TO THE FRIENDS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH:

Every cause appealing to people for support in these days tries to present its part in the winning of the war. We greatly want the war to be won. We believe that the freedom of the Church to carry on the redemptive work of Christ among men, and the freedom of men to serve the Church are closely bound up with the cause for which our nation fights. But we can not honestly claim that this church will play any direct and important part in the conclusion of that tragic warfare. Seventy of our men are now in the armed forces of our country. One of them has been wounded. We have made available for the exclusive use of the War Commission of the Diocese our Community House and its equipment and our interest and support in the work of the Club has been enthusiastically given. Over fifteen thousand men have been entertained to date. But these are not our main task. Our cause must appeal to those who look beyond and beneath the conflict which brings its inescapable burdens upon us all.

If we take seriously the Church's mission and the faith she proclaims, we cannot forget, even in these days, that there is a warfare in the human heart that goes on from generation to generation and lies deeper than any conflict of man with man. Man is not a political or an economic being only—he is made in the image of God, and the deepest issue is whether he is right with God. We cannot stand aloof in a kind of false spiritual superiority while other men venture their lives on our behalf. But our main task is to prepare men and women who will testify by word and sacrament and simple service concerning One Who shed His blood alike, for us and for our mortal enemies. No human sacrifices and no human victories can avail if the self-giving and the victory of Christ are unheeded by men.

We dare not neglect the Church's task and the Church's claim even while we strive to give our best to our country. Humanly speaking, there can be no doubt that the quality of the Church's life is determined by the quality of her members. Therefore, the concern which you as a Church member show for the strengthening of the Church is the clearest index of the value you place on her ministry.

These are the convictions with which we come to you, and this appeal can have no standing save with those who share them.

The pledges and gifts that came to us from parishioners and friends played an important part in enabling us to complete our last financial year without a deficit. During the current year they will again provide for preaching, pastoral care, parish administration and the manifold program which is so necessary for a church in the heart of a great city.

None of us can see far into the future, but we are sure that the Church's task in that future will be more urgent than ever, and we confidently ask our friends to help us keep this Church strong for the sake of those who will minister and be ministered unto, in the days ahead.

I earnestly ask you to fill out the pledge card sent to you and either send it to me, or better still, bring it to the Church on Loyalty Sunday, December 12, 1943.

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Fourth Sunday in Advent
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11.00 A. M.—BAPTISMAL SERVICE and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 67 ..... *Monk*

VENITE Page 9 ..... *Chant*

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BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*

HYMN 117 ..... *Douglas*

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ANTHEM—"Blessed is He That Cometh" ..... *Gounod*
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosannah in the highest.

SERMON—"The Baby" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 517 ..... *Pleyel*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

HYMN 427—"America"

RECESSIONAL HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of Caroline E. Owens.

The Church School Christmas Party will be held in the Parish House on Wednesday, December 22, 1943.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed. Will you help us with such amount as you feel able to give? An envelope for this was enclosed with last week's bulletin. Additional envelopes for your gifts are to be found in the vestibule.

On Tuesday evening, December 21, we are privileged to hear the premier performance of the "Story of Christmas" by Dr. Matthews. St. Stephen's is honored to have such a famous and gifted composer as organist and choirmaster, and we look forward to hearing his music next Tuesday.

Miss Edna J. Lillich has staged the pageant, and has worked long hours to perfect every detail. You will remember with pleasure other pageants at Easter in past years, when Miss Lillich has had charge of the pageant.

This production will be given by the Philadelphia Music Club Chorus and Club Artists.

The performance begins at eight o'clock. We suggest that you come early as there will be no reserved seats.

1823-1943

In April, 1823 there came into existence a corporate body having the name St. Stephen's Church and situated at the corner of Ludlow and Tenth Streets, Philadelphia.

One hundred and twenty years have come and gone since that day in April. Time has marched on leaving its mark and its memory. Property has been purchased and buildings bought, erected and remodeled. The young have been baptized, taught, confirmed. Men and women have come, served and gone on or remained to serve again. Rectors have been called, installed, resigned or remained to serve for varying but useful tenures.

But through all the years and through all the changes one thing has remained changeless—God's eternal spirit. His Word, His Sacraments, His Life, have remained with us through the generations.

I, therefore, the Rector of St. Stephen's Church do hereby call upon all the members of this parish, the young and the old, the youth and adult, to put aside Sunday morning, December 26 (the Patronal Day of St. Stephen) and assemble themselves in Church to give glory to our eternal God and His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for His changeless favor to us through these years.

And I do also call upon the said members of St. Stephen's Church on that day and at that service to rededicate their lives to the glory of our God and the task of the next generation.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ANNIVERSARY LITANY

V. The Lord be with you.
R. *And with thy spirit.*
V. Let us pray.

V. Almighty and everlasting God, before whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead, Light of lights, Fountain of wisdom and goodness, who livest in all pure and humble and gracious souls; for all who have witnessed a good confession for thy glory throughout the hundred and twenty years of our Parish: Clergy, Wardens, Vestrymen, Teachers in our Church School, Members of our Choir, Workers in our organizations, Worshippers before Thy Altar,

R. *We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.*

V. For the Martyrs of our holy faith, the faithful witnesses to Christ of whom the world was not worthy, and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death,

R. *We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.*

V. For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home; and for all who have given their lives for their country,

R. *We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.*

V. For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and places; and for all who have been one with thee in the communion of Christ's Spirit and in the strength of his love,

R. *We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.*

V. For the dear friends and kindred ministering in the spiritual world; whose faces we see no more, but whose love is ever with us,

R. *We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.*

V. For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth; and the members of our household of faith who worship thee now in heaven,

R. *We praise thee, O God, and bless thy Name.*

V. And that we may hold them in continual remembrance, that the sanctity of their wisdom and goodness may rest upon our earthly days, and that we may prepare ourselves to follow them in their upward way,

R. *We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

V. In the communion of thy Holy Spirit; with the faithful and saintly in heaven, with the redeemed in all ages, with our beloved who dwell in thy presence and peace, we who still labor on earth, unite in ascribing,

R. *Thanksgiving, glory, honour, and power unto thee, O Lord, our God.*

V. O Almighty God, who has knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mythical body of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

The first meeting in reference to the foundation of this parish was held on the 17th of April, 1822, in the building which had been erected for St. Thomas' Methodist Episcopal Church on the lot now occupied by St. Stephen's. This first building stood back from the street, and was much smaller than the edifice that superseded it. Bishop White was Chairman and Joseph R. Ingersoll, Secretary. It was determined to form a congregation and buy the building, and Edward Shippen Burd, Charles N. Bancker and Joseph R. Ingersoll were appointed the committee for the purchase. Another committee was also appointed to obtain contributions and pew-renters. Its members were Samuel Hazlehurst, E. S. Burd, Robert E. Griffith, J. R. Ingersoll, John Goddard, Richard Dale, T. Barton Zantzinger, John C. Montgomery, Clement C. Biddle, Thomas J. Wharton, James J. Skerrett.

The corner-stone of the new church was laid by Bishop White on May 20th, 1822, William Strickland being the architect. A portion of the old building in the rear was used, but it was substantially a new edifice that was erected. The consecration took place on February 27, 1823, Bishop White officiating. Bishop Hobart of New York preached the sermon. On March 5th the Rev. James Montgomery was put in charge of the Congregation. The parish was received into union with the Convention on May 14, 1823.

The first meeting of the Vestry of the fully organized parish was held June 1st, 1823. Present Messrs. J. R. Ingersoll, Samuel Hazlehurst, Robert E. Griffith, T. B. Zantzinger, Levi Ellenaker, J. J. Skerrett, John Swift, H. J. Lewis, T. J. Wharton, E. S. Burd, Dr. Chapman and Edmund Willcox. After organizing by electing J. R. Ingersoll and Samuel Hazlehurst wardens, the vestry elected Mr. Montgomery rector. By purchasing and tearing down a store on the lot adjacent to the church on the north, an undesirable structure was removed and a graveyard was secured. The parish immediately became one of the most prominent in the city.

The Following is the list of the Rectors with their dates:

Rev. James Montgomery, D.D., 1823-1834
Rev. H. W. Ducachet, D.D., 1834-1865
Rev. William Rudder, D.D., 1865-1880
Rev. Samuel D. McConnell, D.D., 1882-1896
Rev. Elwood Worcester, Ph.D., 1896-1904
Rev. Carl E. Grammer, S.T.D., October 1, 1905 to October 1936
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10 A. M.—CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Prelude ..... *Saint-Saëns*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 ..... *Webbe*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 145—page 520
TE DEUM—page 10 ..... *Villiers Stanford*
JUBILATE—page 15 ..... *Villiers Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Light of the World" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

Light of the world! forever shining,
There is no change in Thee
True Light of life, all joy and health enshrining
Thou canst not fade nor flee.
Thou hast arisen; but Thou declinest never,
Today shines as the past,
All that Thou wast, Thou art, and shall be ever,
Brightness from first to last!
Night visits not Thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness;
Day fills up all its blue;
Unfailing beauty and unfaltering gladness,
And love forever new!
Light of the world! undimming and unsetting,
O shine each mist away!
Banish the fear, the falsehood and the fretting,
Be our unchanging day!—*Horatio Bonar*

SERMON—"The Best Things in the Worst Times" ..... THE RECTOR
HYMN 104 ..... *Giardini*
AMERICA—Hymn 427
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 534 ..... *Smart*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Daniel R. Harper in memory of Daniel R. Harper.

More subscriptions to the weekly bulletin have come in since last we listed them. We gratefully acknowledge those of Mrs. H. B. Goldsmith, Miss Marion Hart, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brantley, J. Wiley Christie, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bishop, Miss Elizabeth Patchell, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Blanche E. Krecker, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Merchant, Miss Edith S. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. George McKenna, Miss Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Daniel Harper, Lt. Mildred S. Brown, Miss Edith Gregg.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheble celebrated their forty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on January 19th. Hearty Congratulations!!

WHAT DOES A MINISTER DO BETWEEN SUNDAYS?

One of our more important religious duties is to trade riddles with our girls of the Burd School, sometimes, after our service on Wednesday. We shall not shock you by the riddles but you ought to hear one of the remarks. She looked at us strangely and asked, "What do you do between Sundays?" Well, we serve the Church. We wish that it might be said of us, however, remotely, that we serve the Church "as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."

We write letters—to a college for a boy asking enrollment, to a business firm for a woman seeking employment, of courage to a man in stress, of sympathy to a family in sorrow, of cheer to men in camp and letters in answer to scores of inquiries about this church and its work—letters about ten each day. We see people. The number who ask to come equals the number to whom we go. What unburdening of heart, what perplexity of mind, what troublings of conscience, what magnificent courage is revealed in "ordinary" extraordinary people in these meetings! We conduct baptisms. We conduct weddings (including the rehearsals, because we covet the friendships thus formed). We visit folk in sickness. We conduct funerals and do everything possible, sometimes making all arrangements. We lead services of dedication for a new home; it is a happy task. We conduct weekday services; we attend meetings, parish meetings, diocesan meetings, community meetings.

What else between Sundays? We read books and the Book. A minister's library must seem boring to the average reader. Two women were dusting my books when one made an almost final comment: "Here's a room full of books and nothing to read." Actually many of them are more interesting and far more valuable than the latest novel. In any event a good minister, like a good doctor, must keep abreast of new knowledge in his field. Here is an instance. The earliest manuscripts of the New Testament were until recently no earlier in date than the middle of the fifth century. But recently manuscripts have been found that were written in the second and third centuries. What changes occurred in those hundred hitherto hidden years? A minister must read.

He writes sermons. Each demands from me ten hours of hard work and each is written to the last comma and period. We serve the Church—not eight hours a day, but always twelve hours a day seven days a week and often sixteen hours—with no guarantee of an undisturbed night.

The minister's work is hard, emotionally exacting, physically and spiritually demanding, not free from ignorance and captious criticism, still more marked by failure; and sometimes we ask ourselves if, were life given a second chance, we would choose the same road. But always when the mind is renewed by rest and prayer, the answer is a sure and grateful "Yes". The reasons quicken into new confidence.

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Third Sunday after Epiphany
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Andante ..... *Mendelssohn*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 110 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALMS 111 and 112—page 482 of the Prayer Book

BENEDICTUS ES—page 11 ..... *Thiman*

BENEDICTUS—page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise" ..... *John E. West*

Sing a song of praise; bless the Lord in all His works. Magnify His Name and shew forth His praise with the songs of your lips. Alleluia. Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—For These Times; The Doctrine of the One Step
THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 245 ..... *Bradbury*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS AND "AMERICA"

RECESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *Bainbridge*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in loving memory of Louise V. Sausser.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. John Hay in the passing of her daughter, Florence. May her soul rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

"Theological Sunday", January 23, is the occasion for receiving the annual offering from every church and mission for the support of our Divinity School. Envelopes for this purpose are enclosed and are available in the vestibule. The need for more clergy is acute and will be even more so in the post war years. Let us strengthen our Theological Schools now that they may serve the church and country even better in the future.

We gratefully acknowledge the following paid subscriptions to the parish weekly bulletin:

Anonymous, Miss Mary J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Armstrong, Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mrs. Craig Atmore, Mr. Robert J. Brown, Mrs. Carrie H. Buehler, E. W. C., Miss M. K. Caldwell, The Misses Corrigan, The Misses Daley, Mr. R. T. and Mrs. Robert L. Edsall, Mr. William Elliott, Mr. Charles B. Hart, Miss Frances Hatcher, Miss Marion Headman, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hicks, Mrs. Mary C. Hill and Miss Eleanor M. Hill, Mr. Theodore Janney, Miss Hedwig Kauffman, Miss Isabel E. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyster, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Matthews, Mr. James H. Mearns, Mrs. Mary McEwen, Miss Emma L. Mink, Miss Helen F. Mockett, Miss Christine Mosler, Mr. and Mrs. George Nevinger, Miss Emily Newlin, Mrs. Jane R. Nicolai, Dr. Herbert Old, Mrs. Louise May Price, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. Marie Reed, Mr. William H. Ruhl, Mrs. Mary M. Shields, Mrs. M. D. Sinclair, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Mrs. John Smyth, Miss Mae Snedden, Mr. F. L. Steele, Mrs. Mary Swift, Mrs. Robert C. Thackara, Miss Susan C. Thackara, Mrs. Henry H. Thoma, Mrs. Betty M. Tinsley, Miss Adelaide Wallace, Mr. Donald Wasson, Mrs. Frances L. Weir, Mrs. Herbert Wong, Mrs. David D. Wood, Miss E. Bertha Yocum.

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!

Have you ever tried the experiment of linking relevant news items together? It is sometimes quite enlightening. I commend the following sequence of material drawn from the newspapers to your mind and imagination.

Railroads are constantly advertising in the newspapers in the major southern cities for job applicants, pleading their short-handedness and the fact of their services as essential war effort.

The southern railroads have defied the Fair Employment Practices Commission and its right in behalf of the government to order a cessation of discrimination in employment against Negroes. Apparently both management and the railroad unions concur in this action.

Many skilled Negro railroad workers have been forced out of jobs by discrimination, and these, together with many other Negroes, are available for work.

A crack train headed south on a southern railroad is derailed by a broken track. Some of the cars on this train impinge on the northbound track. Thirty-six minutes later a northbound express travelling at ninety miles an hour crashes into the derailed train and scores of people are killed, including many soldiers and sailors. The engineer on the northbound train insists that no one was posted ahead of the derailed train in order to flash the warning.

So much for what the newspapers have to report.

Is this a possible conclusion?

Those soldiers and sailors and the other men and women who lost their lives in that wreck are in real measure the victims of a theory of race whose outstanding proponent in our world today is one Adolph Hitler. But they did not die from German bullets—they died in America. Liberty and justice demand more extensive victories than the conquering of Germany and Japan!

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude "Thou Holy Mystery"..*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 99 .....*Havergal*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 86—page 447
BENEDICTUS ES—page 11 .....*H. Alexander Matthews*
JUBILATE—page 15 .....*Naylor*
ANTHEM—There Shall a Star From Jacob .....*Mendelssohn*

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth,
And a sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus shedeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting,
Truth imparting,
Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

SERMON—"Why I am an Episcopalian .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 106 .....*Mason*
AMERICA—Hymn 427
RECESSIONAL HYMN—page 480 .....*Hatton*

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Confirmation instruction has begun. All those who are interested are invited to come to the rector's study at ten o'clock every Sunday morning until February 20th when Bishop William McClelland of the Diocese of Maryland will come to confirm those who are now being prepared for this important rite of the Church.

The Church School is adding to its Lenten Offering by the sale of Birthday Calendars which are a quarter, and very good dish cloths which cost fifteen cents.

Marjorie Robertson and Charles Maurer were married in St. Stephen's on January sixth. Mrs. Maurer will continue as secretary to the rector. We congratulate them and wish them all happiness.

Mr. William O. Gilbert, Headworker at St. John's Settlement House will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, on Thursday morning January 20th at eleven o'clock. He will explain what is being done for the colored young people at this Settlement on North Twelfth Street, and for the education of adults. The Young Friends co-operate in some of this work. It will be an interesting story. All the women of the parish are invited to hear Mr. Gilbert next Thursday.

1944! A YEAR TO BE REMEMBERED?

1944! Will it take its place with the outstanding dates of history? Will it be a year to be perpetually remembered by Americans such as 1942, 1776 and a few others?

O course it depends on what happens in 1944. It depends on the fulfilment of our promised victory over the core of the Axis—which is Germany. But it depends on vastly more than that—it depends on what we do with victory.

1918 might have been a uniquely famous date—but it isn't. Before many generations have gone it will be thrust back into the list of years of moderate significance. Comparatively few people will associate it with any particular event. 1918 was robbed of its possible glory by the actions of the ensuing years which add up to a single chapter entitled "Scuttling Victory and Peace."

The same fate may easily overtake 1944. Yes, easily—for the task of consolidating victory in a just and enduring peace is going to be infinitely harder than the task of winning that victory.

The facts of the Moscow and Teheran Conferences, of the Senate resolution and of the overwhelming popular opinion in America favoring international organization are all to the good. But their equivalents existed as the year 1918 dawned—yet by the end of 1920 they were liquidated. The League of Nations was ham-strung in the United States Senate by the knife of perfectionism, and the swords wielded by the reservationists. The policy of the Republican party and of the Nation during the decade following the war was one of nationalism and isolation. The perfectionist—the reservationist—the nationalist—these are very much on the job and their strategy is becoming apparent.

A tragic blow from a supposed friend was dealt by the last "Reader's Digest" in its own article by William Hard. Mr. Hard's internationalism is a cloak for Nationalism, since it advocates little more than "voluntary co-operation" which is very largely a return to the mood of the Kellogg Pact.

To make 1944 great and blessed, as it can be, we will need to see clearly that it will offer us a choice between lasting peace or another and more terrible war. We will need the overwhelming conviction that we just simply must replace international anarchy with international organization. We will need to develop the morale to see the purpose through.

It is on these profound levels that religion can count for most. The sanction of world brotherhood is God. The demonstration of the Church's belief in God is the determination with which it seeks to write His will into life.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Impression Clair de Lune .....*Karg-Elert*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 92 .....*Mann*

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 45—page 396

TE DEUM .....*King Hall*

BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*

ANTHEM—Through the Dark .....*Mabel W. Daniels*

Through the dark the dreamers came,
Melchoir, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame
Of a star. Via, Via
De profundis via.

But the way did not seem
Shadowy or long;
It was brightened by a dream,
And a song.
Gloria. In excelsis gloria.

It was worth the journeying
To the weary end,
For they found their dream a King and a Friend,
Maxima, Gloria Dei maxima

SERMON—"The Light Still Shines" .....THE RECTOR

HYMN 95 .....*Harding*

AMERICA—Hymn 427

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 94 .....*Kocher*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Isabel F. Kirkpatrick in memory of her family.

IS AMERICA A CHRISTIAN COUNTRY?

The following was overheard from a loud conversation in a book store in Philadelphia:

First woman: "Did you read 'The Robe'?"

Second woman: "Yes, I did."

First woman: "Did you like it? I couldn't get anything out of it. I was reading for the story, and came to this Jesus guy. And then I stopped, because I thought it was Bible without any thee's and thou's."

Who bargained for the robe? Whom did Marcellus' sister marry?

The woman who liked the book lacked the courage of her convictions, and missed a wonderful evangelistic opportunity. Perhaps she felt hopeless in the face of her companion's attitude.

Nobody knows how many people there are in the United States who uld shy away from a book because it seems to resemble the Bible. We w that "The Robe" is the best seller of best sellers and are greatly ncouraged by this fact. But this conversation reminds us of the other side of the story—of the kind of people who call Jesus a "guy".

As long as there is one person who thinks of Jesus in that way the need of the Christian Church's program is crystal clear.

BISHOP McCLELLAND will visit this Parish on February 20th to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, which is the historic way of admitting Christians into full fellowship with the Church. If you are an adult and have not yet been confirmed, don't you want to take your rightful place in the Christian Church in this community? Give your name to the Rector today.

Confirmation Instruction Class meets every Sunday at 10.00 A. M. in the Rector's study.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

During the past two years the Rector has prepared the weekly bulletin with the thought of reaching our scattered membership with a weekly message, news and coming events that we may become will informed and intelligent Church members.

We are convinced that a weekly is superior to a monthly publication, however modest the format and content of the latter may be.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Andante di Molto—Symphony in C. .....*Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 113 .....*Boyd*
KYRIE
ANTHEM—"Turn Back O Man" .....*Gustav Holst*

Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.
Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim,
"Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways!"

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise,
Age after age their tragic empires rise.
But while they dream, and in that dreaming weep.
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one,
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry
"Earth shall be fair, and all her fold be one!"

CLIFFORD BAX.

SERMON—"Race Relations in America" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 120 .....*Maker*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America, Hymn 427, last verse
SANCTUS .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 333 (verses 1 and 3) .....*Monk*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*
HYMN 117 .....*Douglas*

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DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS IN JANUARY

January 2. Mrs. Anna Evans Buck in memory of her parents.
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January 16. Mrs. Craig Atmore in memory of Craig Atmore.
January 23. Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in memory of Mrs. Louis V. Sausser.
January 30. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper in memory of Daniel R. Harper.

On February 20th the Rt. Rev. William McClelland, D.D., Bishop of Maryland will come to confirm those who are now being prepared for this important rite of the Church. It is still not too late for those of you who have not been confirmed to join the instruction class which meets in the Rector's study at ten o'clock every Sunday morning.

The Diocesan War Commission is endeavoring to raise $65,000 through the parishes and missions for the work of the National Army and Navy Commission and for our own St. Stephen's Club. We are all interested in the broad scope of this program, but particularly are we interested in the work that is being done in our Community House for the boys in service.

Over twenty thousand men have been entertained in St. Stephen's Service Club since last May. Over four hundred and fifty volunteers—senior and junior hostesses and men have made possible the great volume of activities in this club, devoting long hours. These volunteers have temporarily replaced the home folks for thousands of men in the armed forces.

The Bishop has asked St. Stephen's to raise one thousand dollars toward the $65,000 goal. The Rector is confident that the members and friends of St. Stephen's will undertake this task with great enthusiasm. We will need the help of everyone to realize this goal. May we all give generously and prayerfully.

Albert R. Steele has been reported seriously wounded at Bougainville. Albert was in our last year's Confirmation Class and enlisted in the Marines last April.

Miss Charlotte Breese, secretary to Mr. Raspin for many years died suddenly on January 30th. Miss Breese had been the invaluable assistant in law offices of over thirty-eight years. Her passing is a serious loss; we extend our deepest sympathy to her family, Mr. Raspin and the members of his staff.

Miss Margaretta Aeugle was graduated from Duke University on January 27th. Hearty Congratulations!

THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"He took little children up in His arms and blessed them."

January 12—Joyce Marilyn Di Vito
January 16—Frances Eleanor Tinsley
January 21—Patrica Ann Hurley

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

January 6—Charles J. Maurer and Marjorie Robertson
January 26—Robert Dale Riggle and Nancy Megnar

BURIALS

"The day is softly sinking in the west,
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Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

January 12—Florence M. Hay
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Adagio: Second Sonata.....*Mendelssohn*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379 .....*Elliott*

CREED AND PRAYERS

HYMN 380 (verses 1 and 2) .....*Peace*

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION—page 296

HYMN 380 (verses 3 and 4) .....*Peace*

ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord" .....*Ivanof*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and of great goodness
He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath for ever.
Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

SERMON.....THE RT. REV. WILLIAM MCCLELLAND, D.D.

OFFERTORY HYMN 226 .....*Le Jeune*

COLLECTS AND BLESSING

HYMN 535 .....*Smart*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor.

Quinquagesima is the Sunday next before Lent. February 23 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a service at 10.30 A. M.—the Litany and the Penitential Office—and at 12.30 Bishop Hart will preach.

On Thursday, the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, D.D., Bishop of Bethlehem will preach, and the Healing Service will follow. The Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Saviour will preach on Friday, followed by the service of Holy Communion.

Dr. John Robbins Hart, Rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge will be the preacher on Saturday.

Gifts to date for the War Commission amount to $510.00. We are half way along toward our goal.

ST. STEPHEN'S IN WAR TIME

Eighty men and women have gone from the congregation of St. Stephen's Church into the service of their country. They are the living personification of St. Stephen's in War Time. Behind them St. Stephen's Church stand determined to play its part as a "Spiritual powerhouse" to better honor its sons and daughters who are on the fighting fronts of the World. St. Stephen's Church salutes them.

Last Sunday a beautiful Honor Roll Memorial Plaque was dedicated. This plaque is on the Northwest wall of the Church.

CONFIRMATION

The Right Reverend William McClelland, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland will visit St. Stephen's Church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock to administer the rite of Confirmation. He will also preach the sermon.

The visit of a bishop is an important event in the life of any parish or community. The Bishops are our chief pastors, they are set apart and ordained to be our "Fathers in God". They see the Church and its affairs in a wider angle than most of us can. Thus they have a message to give from a point of view to which we all need to go for the enrichment of our religious life, and to increase the effectiveness of our witness and service.

Confirmation, moreover, is not something private which takes place between the Bishop and the candidate. It is an act of the whole Church. If there were no Church there would be no bishop and no confirmation. All of us are the visible expression of the Church. We should try our hardest to be present at this service to do our share. Of course the public will be warmly welcomed.

FROM A SERVICE MAN

The rector prints the following in a humble spirit, and only because it really has a message for the home front:

"Just a note to tell you how much I appreciate your sending the little booklet, and especially the Sunday Bulletin. I look forward every week to reading your editorials which I think are excellent, and only wish I could be there to enjoy your Sunday sermons again. I realize now how much I missed by not continuing my attendance at St. Stephen's when we moved to ——. That distance was really infinitesimal when compared to the distance I'd gladly go now. In these times of strife it seems that people are inclined to overlook religion—we've flown almost every Sunday for the last four months and this leaves little time for churchgoing."

In the advertisements, some people used to be willing to walk a mile for a Camel. It is not for the rector to suggest how far one should walk to hear one of his sermons, but he has no compunctions about suggesting that even a considerable distance ought not to prevent Christians from worshipping God regularly on Sunday with his fellow-Christians.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—
Choral Prelude: "O How Happy, Ye Whose Souls"....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 519 .....*Jeffery*
VENITE—page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 68, page 419 of the Prayer Book
BENEDICTUS ES—page 11 .....*Marks*
JUBILATE—page 15 .....*Schubert*
ANTHEM—"God Is With Us" .....*Kastalsky*

God is with us! O ye nations understand; submit yourselves, for God is with us!

Give year, all ye of far countries: Gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; take counsel together, and it shall come to naught; speak the word and it shall not stand;

Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid; sanctify the Lord God of hosts, himself, and let Him be your fear.

He shall be for a sanctuary; I will wait upon the Lord and I will look for Him; behold I, and the children whom the Lord hath given me.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

SERMON—"What Is God Doing During the Duration?....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 216 .....*Scottish Psalter*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530 .....*Sullivan*

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Anna Eisenbrey.

The Annual Corporate Communion for Men and Boys will be held as usual on Washington's Birthday in Holy Trinity Church at 8.00 A. M. Bishop Hart will be the Celebrant and Lewis B. Franklin, Vice-President of the National Council will be the breakfast speaker at the Stephen Girard Hotel.

The Rector led the devotions and gave a meditation at the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary on February 9th.

We acknowledge with gratitude the following members and friends who have sent in a subscription for the weekly bulletins: Mrs. George Aeugle, Cpl. George R. Bishop, Jr., Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Louise Costello, Miss Mary E. Gilbert, Mr. Harry Hauger, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. T. S. MacGoldrick, Mrs. Nellie V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seltzer, Mrs. Bernice Bovell Swartley.

WAR COMMISSION

February 13th is War Service Day. The culminating day of the campaign for funds for the work of the War Commission in 1944. We all realize the necessity of continuing the work for our Chaplains, men and women of the Armed Forces. Now above all times in this critical year of decision, they must feel that their Church is with them as they face the supreme task and hour.

The War Commission asks that the Church give a minimum of $440,000. This is more than twice the figure asked last year. Our diocese is asked to raise $65,000 and our parish $1,000 of this total.

Every member and friend of St. Stephen's is asked to give as liberally as possible. All that we do now is of great significance for our men and women, for ourselves, for the nation and for the Church. Our cause rests with you.

OUR POST-WAR PROBLEM

How short is human memory!—and how arrogantly we rise from our failures and proclaim our self-sufficiency!

There lies before me an interesting document in which it is flatly asserted: "We know what is required to keep industry going and have people prosper. We know what is needed to keep men employed."

Would to God we did!

We didn't in 1929 and we didn't in 1939.

Only one thing in our experience has done what the writer says we know how to do—and that is war.

We entered the war with the problem of peacetime unemployment unsolved. Presently we shall emerge from this war with that problem in the early period of the immediate postwar years may well destroy the possibility of our consolidating victory through the creation of a just and durable peace.

If our streets are thronged with millions of weary job seekers; if returning service men find no work; if we fall back once more into the stage which the war interrupted, namely that of a cat and dog fight between business and government —we can kiss world peace "goodbye". We will by this failure have created a state of mind in America ripe for response to all forms of selfish isolationist appeal from that of the Coughlin, Smith, Reynolds hate mongers to that of the high tariff "will get our own" owners.

Free enterprise alone won't solve this problem. Government alone won't solve this problem. America alone can't solve this problem.

It can only be solved on a basis of world relationship.

And it can only be solved by an America which is not only participating in a world relationship but is practicing wholehearted co-operation internally.

Any form of entrenched selfishness that seeks to dominate either the world or the national scene is the advance agent of World War Number Three. It is a greater foe than Hitler.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 259 ..... *Dykes*

VENITE—page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 62—page 413

BENEDICTUS ES—page 11 ..... *Gaul*

BENEDICTUS—page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: Soprano Solo (From the Prodigal Son) ..... *Arthur Sullivan*

"How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father and will say unto him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Make me as one of thy hired servants.

SERMON—"Keeping our Faith in Human Nature" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 494 ..... *Gardiner*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 129 ..... *Langrin*

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CHURCH—Attendance.
CH-CH doesn't mean a thing to you unless U R in it.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE

A few weeks ago labor was being held up for severe censure because of the effect of strikes upon military morale. Undoubtedly strikes are devastating to morale and undoubtedly elements in labor are culpable. Certainly however, a measure of that blame should have been directed at those responsible for the inept handling of labor relations in the Administration and those in the ranks of management who have provoked labor.

Today Congress seems to be reaching an all time low in sensitiveness to that which affects morale.

It just sems impossible to imagine that the elected representatives of our nation are hesitating to give the vote to men who at the very moment of debate are storming ashore on the Marshall Islands, scaling the bloody mountains of Italy or training for the desperate cross-channel invasion.

If I were a soldier, as I have been a soldier, this questioning by Congress of my right to vote would seem like a stab in the back. It would be as though the Nation were saying. "It is your duty to risk your life for and our liberty—but voting—well, we are not certain that we dare trust you with the free man's basic right."

For behind all the spacious arguments about states' rights—the real issues are the poll tax, the chance for negroes to vote and the question of partisan political advantages in the forthcoming election.

The poll tax states have drafted and sent out to defend their liberties men from whom they have withheld the chance to vote. Certain Southern states have drafted and sent out to defend their liberties negroes to whom they deny the right to vote.

And all of us have seen our sons or our neighbors' sons go into the Army and the Navy to fight in a war which came about through the selfishness and the bungling of our generation—a war in whose making they played no part.

If any group of people has merited disenfranchisement it is we who have been voting or not bothering to vote these last twenty-five years.

If any group has a right to vote for that Administration into whose hands will fall responsibility for the direction of the war and for the making of the peace—be political advantage what it may—it is the members of the armed forces, the men who are offering their lives to preserve the nation.

HITLER ON CHRISTIANITY

"The Christian religion has been the curse of Germany . . . Good natured and trusting as they are, the Germans took Christianity seriously. They forgave their enemies. They were magnanimous. They did not fight helpless and innocent people. They stopped fighting when they had won an honorable victory. The other Powers took advantage of German softheartedness and sentimentality. For this the Jews are to blame in the first instance. For the Jews gave birth to the Christian religion." ADOLPH HITLER, quoted by Pierre Van Passen, "For This Crime—What Punishment?", *Redbook*, 2'44.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 .....*Webbe*

KYRIE .....*Mendelssohn*

ANTHEM—Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the World (from the Messiah) .....*Handel*

SERMON—"Go Wash in Jordan" .....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 221 .....*Christopher Tye*

AMERICA—Hymn 427: Last verse

SANCTUS .....*Field*

COMMUNION HYMN 334 .....*Dearle*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 42 .....*Dykes*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. William K. Barclay.

This afternoon at three o'clock, the young people of the Church will hold their service at St. Stephen's Church. "United We Make America" will be the subject of four short addresses by members of the Inter-Racial Fellowship. You are cordially invited to come.

The dates of the Educational Week for the Blind have been changed. Tomorrow, March sixth, is Episcopal Day in Gimbels' auditorium—fifth floor; luncheon is fifty cents.

We gratefully acknowledge the bulletin subscriptions of Mrs. Rhoda M. Hay, Mr. Charles K. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Powers, Mrs. Frederic Schmid and the Misses Stapleton.

The Rector has Lenten preaching engagements at St. Matthews' Church, Chapel of the Hard of Hearing, Philadelphia Divinity School, St. James' Church, Lancaster, St. John's Church, Camden, and St. Philip's Church, Brooklyn.

Mission Study Classes for members of the Women's Auxiliary will be held at Holy Trinity Parish House, 217 S. Twentieth Street on Friday mornings during Lent, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 10.30 A. M. to Noon. The subject is "Ventures in Christian Living;" the leader is Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman, member of the National Board of the Women's Auxiliary. All women of the Church are invited to attend.

During the month of March the Red Cross will hold its great campaign to raise $6,543,000 in the five-county area of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter. This amount is part of the country-wide effort to raise $200,000,000. Both goals are the largest ever asked by the Red Cross. Eighty-five percent will be used to provide humanitarian services for the men and women in the armed forces, such as blood plasma, prisoners-of-war packages, clubs and clubmobiles, surgical dressings, and welfare activities in hospitals at home and abroad. Members of St. Stephen's Church, our Captain is Mrs. James H. Mearns. If you can contribute through your Church, make your donation to Mrs. Mearns. St. Stephen's Church always responds with heart-warming generosity to the annual appeal of the American Red Cross!

WHINERS AND CHIMERS

Of all humans that give most of us mortals the jitters it is the chronic whiners. We listen to them once or twice, and then we turn a deaf ear or pull out our watch with a delicate hint that we are in a hurry and will hear them at some more convenient time, making a mental resolution that that time will never arrive. Although we have eyes, we see not when they appear on our path. Such are crossed off our books of remembrance and the whiners soon find themselves forsaken and forgotten by their fellowmen.

On the other hand we are exhilarated when we meet the chronic chimers. We not only listen when we meet them, but put ourselves out to seek their company. They are like the sun bursting through on a cloudy day, they warm our hearts and put new pep into our very being. We underscore their names in our book of remembrance. Such chimers never are lonesome for companions.

"Like begets like" we are told. It is true in regards to whiners and chimers. The average person will respond in kind, whether it is whining or chiming. It is usually a case of give and take, even though the party of the second part in the whining conflab has a secret contempt for the party of the first part for beginning the unpleasant and unprofitable verbal discussion of real and imaginary aches and pains to which all humans are more or less subjected. And nobody rings forth his chimes without striking a responsive chord in the hearts of others and setting their chimes ringing.

This Lenten season should set us thinking along these lines, asking ourselves whether we are whiners or chimers. We need to realize the baneful influence we are exercising if we are whiners, and the wholesome influence we are radiating if we are chimers.

Whiners are a poor advertisement for Christ's cause, proving that faith in and love for God is sadly lacking, regardless of Christian profession. The full acceptance and practice of Christ's gospel, constant and close communion with God in private and public communion, will produce chimers, Christian chimers.

The Church of God needs all the Christian Chimers we can produce. Whiners need conversion to chimers—for chimers alone can save the world.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—The Bell Symphony ..... *Henry Purcell*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123 ..... *Herbst*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 120, page 503
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Gaul*
ANTHEM—"The Trees and the Master" ..... *Protheroe*

Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him:
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him,
When into the woods He came.

Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame
When death and shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last:
'Twas on a tree they slew Him last,
When out of the woods He came.

SERMON—Living a Thousand Lives .... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 305 ..... *Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 240 ..... *Zundel*

The Altar flowers are given by the Burd School in memory of Eliza Howard Burd.

The Congregation is asked to stand on the first chord of Anthems and Hymns.

The seventeenth Educational Week for the Blind begins on March 13th. It will be held at Gimbels' in the auditorium on the fifth floor. Episcopal Day is Monday, as has been the case for several years. Luncheon is fifty cents. Those who wish to contribute to this worthy effort to help the Blind be self-supporting, are asked to send their contribution to Mrs. Carrie Buehler, 308 Berkley Road, Merion, Pa. St. Stephen's has always been generous!

The Rector was the guest preacher at the North Frankford Baptist Church on Sunday, last, at 7.30 P. M.

PARISH REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY

Baptisms

"Then He took little children up in His arms and blessed them."

February: 6—Susan Reed Weinrich
William Werner Aust
Carol Ann Cooper

Confirmations

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost shall come upon you"

Alves, Helen Grace	Larkin, Mildred
Degan, Grace Margaret	Perkins, Francis Joseph
Degan, William A., Jr.	Smith, Edward Fox
Gallagher, Elizabeth Frances	Tinsley, Elizabeth Moyer
German, David Leedon	Tinsley, Frances Eleanor
Hepburn, Aurora Cecelia	Lockhart, Kay

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

February 4—Alfred Raines and Theresa C. Meskho
February 25—Alex Forbes Hancock and Marjorie Middleton

Memorial Flowers for February

February 6—Miss E. Bertha Yocum, in memory of Mrs. Naomi Yocum Prettyman and family.
13—Miss Anna Eisenbrey
20—Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
27—The Burd School in memory of Eliza Howard Burd

The Rector is pleased and very proud that he has been given the opportunity of reading Dean Emory R. Johnson's autobiography, "The Life of a University Professor" which has just come from the publisher. Dean Johnson, one of the country's outstanding authorities on transportation has written a book that will bear penetrating comment from any angle. It is a brilliant work—and an exceedingly absorbing one on a subject which almost more than all others is the keynote of the future. Our congratulations to the author!

Last year the Diocesan Youth Commission held their annual service in St. Stephen's Church to which nearly seven hundred young people came. We have been asked to be their host again on March 5th, when they will express the theme "United We Make America" in music, worship and five minute talks by four young people from the Inter-Racial Fellowship. Such an ambitious subject, and one which strikes home with great emphasis here in Philadelphia, cannot help but be interesting. The Rector hopes that many of you will come to this service. It will be at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, March 5th.

The speakers for the week are Rt. Rev. J. I. Blair Larned, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Long Island who will preach Monday through Friday, and the Rev. Edmund B. Wood, Rector of St. Timothy's, Roxborough who will preach on Saturday.

We are grateful to Mrs. C. R. Williams for the BULLETIN subscription which we received on Friday.

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Palm Sunday
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Vorspeil from Parsifal ..... *Wagner*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143..... *Teschner*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 24, page 368
THE LESSON
BENEDICTUS—"Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest" ..... *Gounod*
ANTHEM—Gallia ..... *Gounod*

Solitary lieth the city, she that was full of people;
How is she widowed! she that was great among nations,
Princess among the provinces, how is she put under tribute!
Sorely she weepeth in darkness, her tears are on her cheeks,
And no one offereth consolation, yea, all her friends have betrayed her,
They have become her enemies.

Zion's ways do languish, none come to her feasts, her solemn feasts;
All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh, yea, her virgins are afflicted and she is in bitterness.

Is it nothing to all ye that pass by?
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Now behold, O Lord, look Thou on my affliction
See the foe hath magnified himself.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, O turn thee to the Lord thy God.
—*Lamentations 1:1*

SERMON—The Long Procession ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 85 ..... *Cutler*
AMERICA
RECESSIONAL HYMN 145 ..... *Hamburg*

The Altar Palms are given by the Mother's Meeting. The flowers for the Altar on Maundy Thursday will be given by Mrs. Otis E. Taylor, in memory of those who fell in battle in the First World War.

CARL ECKHARDT GRAMMER, S.T.D.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church held on March 21, 1944, the following minute was unanimously adopted:

"The Rector and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church make record of their deep loss in the passing of their late beloved and honored Rector-Emeritus, Carl Eckhardt Grammer, Doctor of Sacred Theology, on March 17, 1944.

Dr. Grammer was elected as the Rector of this Church on August 5, 1905, and assumed his duties in the early Fall of that year and served continuously until his resignation on October 1, 1936, when he was elected as Rector-Emeritus.

He came to the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church in the eighty-second year of its useful life, at a time when the migration from the residential district within the parish to the suburban areas was beginning to be felt and the problem which Dr. Grammer faced was that of extending the guiding influence of this Church in a changing community. That he courageously and very successfully met the issue is well borne out by the history of the thirty-one following years.

His liberal Evangelical teachings from the Pulpit renewed the faith of thousands who came to hear him; his broad sympathetic understanding made him a beloved Pastor who ministered with love and tenderness to the sick, the needy, and those in anguish; his keen civic awareness found him always a champion on the side of right and a militant foe of wrong. His own high intellectual standards made him a stanch advocate for better knowledge for others.

That he was an able and outstanding administrator is evidenced by the manner in which he attracted generous benefactors who, with him, have made possible not only the perpetuation of the work of this Church, but to beautify its edifice and build its Community House.

The great trust reposed in us for the conduct of the Burd School had under his Rectorship a real understanding friend of children, and the enviable and outstanding reputation of that School today, its usefulness and its assured future, were facilitated by the fine leadership of Dr. Grammer.

Those who have had the rare privilege of an intimate association with Dr. Grammer testify with thankful hearts to the blessings which have come from that close contact with him; to others the clear light of his star will remain as a guide to future generations.

In deep humility we thank Almighty God for the benefits that have come to us because of the fine Christian character and leadership of Carl Eckhardt Grammer and extend to Mrs. Grammer and her family the heartfelt sympathy of the Rector and Vestry in their bereavement."

ALFRED W. PRICE, Rector.
DAVID L. GERMAN, Clerk.

MR. BRANTLEY ELLIS

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church held on March 21, 1944, the following minute was unanimously adopted:

"The Rector and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church record with deep regret the passing of their honored and beloved fellow Vestryman, M. Brantley Ellis, on March 15, 1944.

We are proud to testify to the beautiful Christian character of M. Brantley Ellis and are profoundly grateful for the blessings that have come to us individually, as a Vestry, and to the Church as an institution in our long association with him.

Mr. Ellis was elected to the Vestry of this Church on January 4, 1922, and for over twenty-two years served continuously and faithfully until his death. He was the Clerk of the Vestry from June 13, 1932, until May 23, 1934, and was a valuable member for many years of the Finance, Burd School and Church Music Committees, and on a number of occasions served as a delegate from our Church to Diocesan Conventions.

In every office he discharged his duties with high fidelity and skill and contributed generously of his ability and experience to the work of St. Stephen's Church and its trusts. Long will he be remembered with deep gratitude for his faithfulness, his generosity and gentle kindness.

In the loss of our friend we extend to Mrs. Ellis our deep sympathy in this bereavement and assure her of our prayers that Almighty God in his love will grant to her peace and comfort."

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

CHORALE PRELUDE—"Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 132 ..... *Knecht*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 119, (in part) page 497
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM (From the Messiah) ..... *Handel*
SERMON—"Poise in a World of Panic" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 149 ..... *Maker*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 152 ..... *Stainer*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Philip Schwarz in memory of her husband.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Carrigan who celebrated their forty-third Wedding Anniversary on March 20th.

CARL ECKHARDT GRAMMER, S.T.D.
Rector of St. Stephen's Church, 1905-1936
Rector-Emeritus, 1936-1944

Thirty-nine years is such a long time that many of us had come to feel that our beloved Rector-Emeritus would always be with us. For nearly four decades, St. Stephen's Church has been the object of the prayers and love of that man of God to whom so many owe the inspiration to be active Christians. For these many years members of the Parish and a host of others outside, have felt that when all other human means failed to help or console, this great pastor was ever ready and able to say, or do that which would make life look possible again. We have shared his indomitable courage in adversity; we have laughed with him at the antics of the human race; we have risen to the heights of prophetic indignation as he denounced some particular vice or some especially low meanness of character; we have been steadied in our times of doubt by his own unwavering conviction; we have sat at his feet not only to be inspired but to learn from the store of knowledge retained by a truly prodigious memory.

No one who has had any association whatever with Carl Grammer has failed to recognize his intellectual integrity. He exemplified, as do too few, the loving of God with all your mind. He was trained as a scholar, devoting eleven years to the teaching of Church History and Canon Law in one of our great Theological Schools. He was also the President of Sweet Briar College.

Dr. Grammer acted as a scholar. He applied his scholarship to the elimination of all prejudice. He was impatient with slovenly work. He could not understand intellectual dishonesty. It aroused all the latent fire in him, but he was sympathetic with those who lacked opportunity. His mind, character and training led to a desire for verification of facts.

He made a magnificent contribution to the acceptance of Christianity in terms of modern thought. His major promise was that revelation is progressive. He saw, and in his sermons and writings tried to make clear, the concept of the unfolding revelation of God.

Unlike most men of scholarly gifts and attainments, Dr. Grammar did not shrink from pastoral contacts with people, but rather excelled as a sympathetic and understanding pastor. A truly rare combination of heart and mind was this man of God. Although a leader in the liberal school of theology, he nevertheless possessed a childlike faith in the Providence of God.

Not only was he a lover of truth but he was also a lover of beauty. He changed, in a really miraculous way, a church certainly far from beautiful into one of great architectural dignity and beauty.

And finally, Dr. Grammer was a level-headed man of business. He believed the business of the Church—the King's business—was big business. When he became Rector back in 1905, he found the neighborhood surrounding the Church had changed and people in great numbers moving to the suburbs. For thirty-one years he met this trying situation and left the Church strong enough to carry on and extend its work.

He encouraged those of means to remember the Church in their wills. He left St. Stephen's with an endowment fund second to none in the Diocese and equalled by few churches in America. Thus the future of the Church's work in the heart of the city is insured.

Carl Grammer lived a long life. Eighty-five years. Through the sixty years in the active ministry he played a stirring part. Men might and did, often, differ with him sharply, but no man with the seeing eye could fail to discern the Divine Spirit dwelling in his heart.

The Church triumphant has gained a valiant Champion.
He is not dead this good man whom we mourn
Though out of sight and hearing he has gone;
He lives, removed from earthly care and ill,
With stronger, holier power to bless us still.

M. BRANTLEY ELLIS

In the death of Brantley Ellis on March 15, our Parish loses a vestryman of twenty-two years. In years past and recent he was always ready to do his part to add to the happiness of our fellowship. He was always cordial and friendly, always thoughtful and unselfish. He loved his Church, he loved his home, he loved his work, he loved his fellow men.

It is such steadfast loyalty to all life's duties, so conspicuously exemplified in the life of Brantley Ellis, that has made St. Stephen's Church a power for good. Because he walked so modestly in our midst, not judging but loving, each of us knows in his heart that we are further along because he lived and, in God's providence, his life touched on ours.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Consolation ..... *Max Reger*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386 ..... *Baker*

VENITE—page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 96—page 460

BENEDICTUS ES—page 11 ..... *Thiman*

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—Grieve Not The Holy Spirit ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking to be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"Repenting of our Ignorance" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 202 ..... *Calkin*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

POSTLUDE

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CONSISTENCY

Two men were talking about their boyhood. Said the first: "I shall never forget the way that my mother and my father, too, insisted that I bathe regularly, not just once a week on Saturday night but almost every time I came in from baseball and football. 'Upstairs, young man, get into that bath and put on clean clothes.' I used to kick about it but it was no good and into the tub I got. That got me into one of the best habits of my life and today I just feel that I must hop into a bath every time I get sweated up. And certainly a bath makes all the difference when one feels a bit low and tired."

A little later on the pastor met the man who was so enthusiastic about the training his parents had given him in the matter of bathing. He made a suggestion or two about the value of attending church. Said the enthusiastic bather: "But parson, you know, when I was a boy my parents kept after me all the time to go to church and Sunday school I guess I got too much of it and so when I was about twenty I just made up my mind to take a prolonged holiday from church and I guess I am still taking it. Maybe I'll be back some day."

Consistency! Thou certainly art one jewel!

WHAT ABOUT THIS ONE?

Said a prominent man to a pastor: "Do you know what I want you to do?" "No", said the pastor. "Well", was the response, "I want to know, if you're alive when I die, will you promise to bury me? If you'll make that promise, I shall leave the necessary instructions. I want to be sure of a decent burial and I think you can take care of it." The pastor thought that the man was joking and said so. But the man was never more serious in his life.

Then the pastor suggested that it would be a good thing if the man would line up with the church and attend with some degree of regularity. No, the man didn't want to do that. He frankly said that he had no particular use for the church but he did want a decent burial.

THE PAYOFF

Father, mother and a couple of children. The father was a fine chap, popular with the gang and an all round good fellow but every Sunday when his wife suggested that it would be a fine thing if they all attended the church together he would say: "That's all right, but you go; I've got something else on hand this morning. You will do for both of us." And so the years passed on. Mother did her best to give the youngsters the right kind of example and the youngsters responded pretty well: the mother had to "do" for both herself and her husband.

Then the day came when the mother died. But the father didn't change his ways as far as religion and the church were concerned. Finally he died, too. He was quite sure that his good wife had gone to heaven. When he arrived in the other world he knocked at the gate of heaven, told who he was and asked for admission: "O yes, we have your record. Your wife is here and she will do for both of you."

Altar Flowers

1944

January
2. Mrs. Anna Evans Buck
9. Miss Isabel F. Kirkpatrick
16. Mrs. Craig Atmore
23. Mrs. I. Smith Raspin
30. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper

February
6. Miss E. Bertha Yocum
13. Miss Anna Eisenbrey
20. Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
27. The Alumnae of the Burd School

March
5. Mrs. William K. Barclay
12. Miss Margaret P. Tappen
19. Mrs. Thomas Ross
26. Mrs. Philip Schwarz

April
2. Palm Sunday. Mothers' Meeting
6. Maunday Thursday, Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
9. Easter
16. Mrs. Elsie M. William
23. Mrs. William Dickhart
31. Mrs. Margaret Dougherty

May
7. Mrs. James F. Armstrong
18. Ascension Day
21. Mrs. John C. Knox
28. Whitsunday, Mrs. Emory R. Johnson

June
4. Miss Charlotte Shoemaker
11. Mrs. Thomas Armstrong
18. Mr. Harry J. Hauger
25. Mrs. James H. Mearns

July
2. Mrs. Harry J. Hauger
9. The King's Daughters
16. Miss Mary O'Connell
23. Mrs. Mary McEwen

August
13. Mrs. Charles J. Maurer
27. Mrs. William B. Campbell

September
3. In memory of Mr and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer
10. Miss Susan C. Thackara
17. Mrs. Elsie M. Williams
24. Mr. Paul Downward

October
8. Miss Matilda Maulsby
15. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Croyder of Summit, N. J.
22. Mr. Paul Downward

November
1. All Saints Day
5. Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey
12. Mr. Paul Downward
25. The Rev. Herbert W. Jones

December
3. Dr. Herbert Old
10. The Rev. Carl E. Grammer
19. Mrs. Martha Atherton
25. Christmas
31. The Vestry

Flowers for the Magee, Atmore and Pancoast Windows and the David Wood Memorial are provided on Christmas and Easter.



Easter

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Philadelphia

The Order of Service for Easter Sunday,

APRIL 9, 1944

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9.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on Page 67, the Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on Pages 163-164

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN—Prelude: Now thank we all our God.....*Karg-Elert*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 169.....*Sullivan*

ANTHEM—"Christ, Our Passover".....*Tours*
(Words on Page 162 of the Prayer Book)

KYRIE .....*Stanford*

THE NICENE CREED

ANTHEM—"There stood Three Maries by the Tomb"
H. Alexander Matthews

There stood three Maries by the tomb, On Easter morning early;
When day had scarcely chased the gloom, And dew was white and pearly
Alleluia.

With loving but with erring mind, They came, the Prince of Life to find.
Alleluia.

But one, and one alone, remained with love that could not vary;
And thus a joy past joy she gained, that sometime sinner Mary
Alleluia.

The first the blessed form to see of Him that hung upon the tree
Alleluia.

The world itself keeps Easter Day, the heaven above is beaming,
All in high festival array, the merry bells are gleaming.
Alleluia.

The Lord hath risen, as all things tell, Good Christians see ye rise as well.
Alleluia.

SERMON—"The Eternity in Man" .....The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 172.....*Lyra Davidica*

AMERICA

SANCTUS .....*Stanford*

COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*French Folksong*

HALLELUJAH CHORUS from the Messiah.....*Handel*

SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 173.....*Palestrina*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast,

"Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and Truth."

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

A war-weary world turns to Easter this year, not looking for anything of startling newness, for the story cannot be changed, but with a hope nevertheless of finding something refreshing to its jaded spirits. It will not be disappointed. Easter brings two thoughts to mind which meet our needs.

The first is a renewed faith in life after death, life which knows no suffering, or at least knows how to cope with suffering. In this Easter never disappoints us. The Resurrection of our Lord assures us that He will be able to keep his promise, "In my Father's house are many mansions! If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

The second is a reminder that sincerity and truth cannot be thrown into the discard, and will ultimately triumph. In the text above, St. Paul reminded the Corinthians to keep the Christian Passover with the "unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." He sent out that message to a world disintegrating from the effects of insincerity, lying, self-seeking, and rank paganism—so like much of our present world. The message took hold, and it transformed those who received it. That transformation can take place again, and it will take place again. When Thomas said, "Lord, we know not whither thou goest, and how can we know the way?" Jesus replied, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." That means, positively speaking, that we can "come to the Father" with the help and guidance of Jesus. He lives! His power cannot be destroyed!

Affectionately and Faithfully, your Rector,

Alfred W. Price.

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose, use the enclosed envelope.

COMMUNION FOR SHUT-INS

The Rector will be glad to make appointments for private services during the Easter season for any who are ill or shut-in. The Service for the Communion of the Sick is not intended for the dying only, but to give strength and comfort to all who are ill.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Whate'er my God ordains is right...*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 171.....*Haydn*
VENITE—page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 81, page 442
TE DEUM—page 10.....*Stanford*
JUBILATE—page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—O Morn of Beauty (arr. by H. Alexander Matthers) *Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness!
Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of peace and light;
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, sing Alleluia!

The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning,
The earth awakes with victory as her strain
Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning
For Christ the Lord is ris'n again!
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SERMON—"An Endless Life".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 176.....*Gauntlett*
AMERICA: HYMN 427—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 193.....*Wesley*

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On April first, Mr. James Carrigan, began his thirty-eighth year of service as Verger of St. Stephen's Church. Congratulations!

LENT AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

In co-operation with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew we had another fruitful Lent. Over 19,000 attended the noon-day services, and this in spite of some very bad weather and the severe restrictions which the war engendered. I am sure that you will all feel the new life that is stirring in the Parish and that you have confidence that we are going on to greater achievements. I should like particularly to thank the following men who gave up six days each week to the Church to serve as ushers: Henry Maxwell, F. Matthers, Christian Miller, Maurice P. Lowe, C. F. Wieland, Murray C. Boyer, Robert Newcomer, Westford Warner, Charles Paist, Robert Greer, George Agnew, Conrad Brooks and Raymond Winter.

EASTER AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

We had another joyous Easter in spite of the sadness which surrounds us. It seems to me that Easter always looks its best against a dark background. There were many sad and worried hearts at the two services in St. Stephen's but no one would ever know it from the facial expressions or the hearty singing. But did you not feel, as I did, that we were all very much in earnest? There was a steady serenity which I have never felt so strongly before. There was no frivolity of spirit; first things were put first this year. I am sure that we were all strengthened by our common mood.

I am grateful for your sensitivity to the situation. You cannot imagine how much easier a congregation makes the task of a leader in worship when he is not compelled to instill in them the mood of worship. So often this has to be done on an Easter in ordinary times. But this Easter we came with a purpose, which we fulfilled.

I am sure that we are all grateful to those who helped: to the Altar Guild, who decorated, the Altar servers, who keep essential things from being obtrusive; the ushers, who really are necessary at this time, and last, but not least, the musicians who do for us what we are not able to do for ourselves.

With spirits once more assured of God's love for us we face the future with confidence and determination to do his work.

THE SERVICE CLUB

St. Stephen's Service Club celebrated its first anniversary on April twelfth. In its first year of operation the organization has been host to over 32,000 men and women of the armed forces and every Sunday night has served a home-cooked dinner to about two hundred. Two hundred and eight churches and missions of the diocese have supported this project without any outside financial aid. We are very proud of our diocese for the work of its War Commission, of the hundreds of volunteers who have helped to make this service to our sons and daughters successful, and of the splendid committees which direct the policy and details of this worthwhile undertaking.

May the year to come be equally successful as this has been.

A LETTER

Dear Dr. Price:

Many thanks for your kind letter telling me that my sailor son attended your church and that he appears well, etc. I should have answered sooner and thanked you and your splendid parish. You are indeed doing a fine thing for the boys in service and I am sure all parents who receive such a letter feel thankful and praise the Lord that their efforts to rear their children to be good God-fearing churchmen have not been in vain. That sailor of mine has the honor of being commended by the Navy for his part in the invasion of both Sicily and Salerno Beach. He gives the Lord all thanks and praise and is now at sea again. We shall appreciate your continued prayers. God bless you and your parish and may you live long to continue spreading Christ's Kingdom here in this troubled world.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Meditation Elegie.....*Borowski*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 520.....*Sullivan*

VENITE—page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 111 and 112—page 482

BENEDICTUS ES—page 11.....*Marks*

BENEDICTUS—page 14.....*Chant*

ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise".....*John E. West*

Sing a song of praise; bless the Lord in all His works. Magnify His Name and shew forth His praise with the songs of your lips. Alleluia. Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"On Winning Our Souls".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 314.....*Walter*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 509.....*Martin*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. William Dickhart.

We regretfully announce the passing into the Great Beyond of Joanne Keaton of the Burd School, on April 11, as a result of Tubercular Meningitis. Joanne's passing is the first in twenty-two years and the eleventh in the eighty-eight years of the Burd School. Our deep sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Keaton and to Joanne's sisters and brothers in the loss of one of their precious possessions from tangible association. May the souls of the righteous by the mercy of God rest in peace.

We acknowledge with gratitude the bulletin subscriptions of Mrs. Mercy E. Coles and Mr. and Mrs. William Watson.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Sometimes we take a meaningful phrase and use it so heavily that, not unlike a post office pen, we blunt its point. Take such a word as "fellowship" for instance—here is a word with tremendous implications. It means discovering with others a state of *en rapport* and mutual interest outside ourselves. How particularly important is this word "fellowship". When qualified by the word "Christian". *Together* in Christ, all people, no matter how diverse their stations or life experience, can find an ennobling and creative power sustaining and influencing the individual lives. It is the function of corporate worship at its best to release that power. In Robert Barclay's biography of William Penn is this pertinent observation:

"Not by strength of arguments or by a particular disquisition of each doctrine, and a convincement of my understanding thereby, came I to receive and bear witness of the Truth, but by being secretly reached by the Life. *For, when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them, which touched my heart;* and as I gave way to it I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up—and indeed this is the surest way to become a Christian."

It is the hope and conviction of the rector that the services of our Church may prove, with God's blessing, to be a clue to a deepened awareness of the resources of spiritual power available to present day people facing present day realities.

We earnestly bespeak your prayerful interest in the Sunday and noonday services, that they may be used to the extension of the Kingdom of God, and that they may produce real fruits of "Christian fellowship" in the finest sense of that phrase.

MISSIONARY GIFTS

We have much to be encouraged about in the response of our people toward our missionary quota. I have before me the report of the executive office of the diocese, showing the amounts credited to the parishes and missions during the year 1943. I place beside ours the reports of some churches of similar location:

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St. Luke & the Epiphany	1,200.00	1,205.00	100.00	163.05	1,468.05
St. Peter's	4,000.00	4,186.77	125.00	78.76	5,098.53
St. Clement's	4,047.05	4,220.79	203.00	340.29	4,764.08
Christ	5,500.00	5,502.96	.....	635.07	6,138.03
Holy Trinity	8,709.62	8,897.47	285.00	2,379.62	11,562.09
St. James's	.....	677.30	160.00	783.66	1,620.96

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Melodie".....*Salomé*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 3.....*Selden Miller*

VENITE—page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 146—page 522

BENEDICTUS ES—page 11.....*Thiman*

BENEDICTUS—page 14.....*Chant*

ANTHEM—"The Lord is My Shepherd" (For Women's Voices) *Schubert*

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He maketh me to rest in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He giveth peace unto my soul: He leadeth me in paths of goodness for His Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through Death's dark vale of shadows, no evil will I fear: my head with oil Thou anointest; my cup runneth over. Yea, surely peace and mercy all my life shall follow me: and I will dwell with God for evermore.

SERMON—"The Unemployed Christ".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 242.....*Dykes*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 355.....*Sicilian Folksong*

Married at the Altar of St. Stephen's Church, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 23rd. Congratulations.

Mrs. Mearns wishes to thank the many friends of the Mothers' Meeting who made the recent Bazaar so successful by their gifts and patronage.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held May 9th at 8.00 P. M.

FACING THE DENTIST WITH FORTITUDE

We went to the Dentist recently to have our teeth fixed. A relatively nundane and necessary human experience. A youngster in a confirmation class once told us candidly that "the only time she ever prayed was when she went to a dentist!"

Instead of a prayerful mood, however, we thought of a cartoon we saw recently. A patient is leaning back in a dentist's chair with a huge leer of self-satisfaction on his face. The poor dentist is looking over his shoulder at the patient reprovingly, as the nurse ties up the dentist's aching finger. One can understand what has happened. The dentist is saying to his grinning-gargoyle patient: "You mustn't do that again!"

We didn't bite our tooth-repairer, though we must confess to having the desire upon occasion. On the contrary, we learned a very valuable lesson which we pass on to our readers for what it is worth.

Since the first time we ever sat in a dentist's chair, we have had the habit of gripping the chair arms tightly, sitting rigidly, setting our jaw and tensing our body generally as though gallows were about to be sprung.

Anticipating each sundering blow of the chisel or each bite of the whirling dervish burr, suddenly an inspiration came to us: This man knows his business" we thought. "Why not trust him? Here we are all tensed up for each shock and it still hurts, why not put the relaxation doctrine which we preach about into effect and see what happens?"

So we proceeded to make ourselves into as reasonable a facsimile of a "wet leaf on a log" as is possible under such a handicap. We dropped our hands limply and let go our mental reservations.

It worked!

The pain from that point on was not as intense though the worst part of the work had just begun! The dentist began unconsciously to have a new sureness and deftness in his fingers; and when the appointment was finished we walked out of the torture chamber relatively fresh and cheerful, whereas every other time we can ever remember, we have gone away nervously exhausted and irritable.

Perhaps our readers have learned this long ago, but if this works for others, we cannot understand why dental schools have not long since instructed their students to teach their apprehensive patients the simple art of rdlaxation-a-la-drill!

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.— PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Prayer" .....*Jongen*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430 .....*Warren*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 145, page 520
BENEDICTUS ES, page 11.....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, Page 14.....*Chant*
CREED AND PRAYER
ANTHEM—"The Recessional" .....*H. Alexander Matthews*
(Word of Hymn 439)
SERMON—"God Marches On!" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 434—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
THE DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—Third Verse
MASSING OF THE COLORS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
CLOSING PRAYER
TAPS
SILENCE (all kneeling)—BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 441 (Sung to the tune of Hymn 136) *Hemy*
ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Unit No. 4 and Mrs. Emory R. Johnson.

The Patriotic Societies participating in this Service:
Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapters 4, 26, 45, 116 and 170.
Ladies' Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Units 4, 45 and 63.
American Gold Star Mothers, Philadelphia Chapter.
The Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post of the American Legion.
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Helen Fairchild Nurses, Post 412, of the American Legion.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AT SEA, ON LAND AND IN THE AIR

Minister: Let us remember before God those who are fighting and suffering and dying that we may live in peace and freedom. (Silence) Let us pray for those at sea: O Thou that spreadest out the heavens and rulest the raging of the sea, be pleased to receive into Thy Almighty protection all those who are serving their country on the sea, and give them courage and loyalty and a sure confidence in Thee, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Response: (to be sung). Eternal Father strong to save, Whose arm doth bind the restless wave, Who bidst the mighty ocean deep It's own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

Minister: Let us pray for those who are fighting in the air: Almighty God, who maketh the clouds Thy chariot and walkest upon the wings of wind; have mercy, we beseech Thee, on our airmen, and when they are amidst the clouds and wonders of the sky, give unto them the assurance of Thy protection, that they may do their duty with prudence and with fearlessness, confident that in life or death the eternal God is their refuge, and that underneath are the everlasting arms; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Response: "O hear us as we make our prayer, For those in peril in the air."

Minister: Let us pray for our soldiers: O Lord of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thine Almighty arm to strengthen and protect the soldiers of our country. Support them in the day of battle, endue them with courage and loyalty and grant that they may in all things serve Thee without fear and without reproach through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Response: "Our soldiers, Lord, vouchsafe to bless As they fight on for righteousness."

Minister: Let us pray for those watching and waiting at home: Comfort, O Lord, we pray Thee, all who wait in loneliness because of the absence of loved ones who have gone to serve their country. Give them faith to look beyond the troubles and anxiety of this present time and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Response: "O let our homes Thy temples be Where we may watch and wait with Thee."

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER HIM?

I talked not long ago with a soldier who had left a limb upon a battlefield. His father had died in France twenty-five years ago.

What concerned him most was how much we had learned in twenty-five years. "Will it be any different this time?" he asked, then answered his own question: "I don't believe it! Look at the political mess. What will a government that wrangles about the soldiers' right to vote and makes a political issue of it do with post-war international issues? And what is the Church doing? Is it any more alive than it was in 1918?

I told him of the Commission on the Basis of a Just and Durable Peace and of various other manifestations within the life of the Church. "But," he replied, "how many churches are responding? How many ministers care? How many church members even know about it? And how many people who know about these things will rise above political partisanship when it comes to the test?"

How would you answer him?

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Sunday After Ascension
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Alle Menschen Müssen Steben.....*Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Webbe*

VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 24, page 368

BENEDICTUS ES, page 11.....*Gaul*

JUBILATE, page 15.....*Naylor*

ANTHEM—Lift Up Your Heads (from the Messiah).....*Handel*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.
Who is the King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.

SERMON—"The Christian Home, a Pattern of Salvation"

OFFERTORY HYMN 425.....*Gounod*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 193.....*Wesley*

The Congregation is requested to stand at the first note of Canticles and Hymns.

The Altar Flowers are given by Mrs. John C. Knox as a tribute to the memory of John Hart, Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

The Lenten Offering of the Church Schools will be presented at a great service to be held on the grounds of the Episcopal Academy, Sunday afternoon, May 21st at 4.00 P. M. Our offering this year is $200.00.

FAMILY LIFE

It is fitting that following Mothers' Day we should consider the significance and values of family life. The finest reward of true Motherhood is the wholesomeness of family life.

In the year of our Lord 1944 the importance of family life is greatly enhanced by world circumstance.

It is not only that separation and danger are revealing infinite preciousness of our ties of love and affection; nor is it, in addition, just that the world is demonstrating that no family anywhere can live in an "ivory tower" in peaceful isolation from the cares and responsibilities of the rest of mankind.

It is far more positive than that.

It is, first, the fact that the home is the most critical unit of society. It is in the home that religion is taught that character is formed, that loyalties and prejudices both are born. The home is the place where beyond all others it is demonstrated that practice outinfluences preaching and learning comes through absorption much more than precept.

In the second place, the true home is a demonstration of the principles upon which alone men throughout the world can live together in peace and security. The selfdenying responsibility of parenthood, the give and take of brotherhood, the consideration of each individual as a personality, the harmonizing of varying points of view, the realization that the welfare of each is bound up with that of all and its reverse—these are among those things which the nation and the world must learn from the home—must learn and apply.

When Jesus pointed to all humanity as his mother and his brethren —it was not that He loved His family the less, but that He loved the world the most.

We are still hoping to obtain the addresses of the following who are either members of this parish or are on our mailing list because they are interested in St. Stephen's Church. Please send your information to Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, the Parish Secretary, or telephone Walnut 3807, as soon as possible in order to complete our Parish List which is even now in the hands of the printer!

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ORGAN—Choral Prelude: "Thou Holy Mystery" .....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 182.....*Steggall*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 71, page 425
BENEDICTUS ES, Page 11.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—The Heavens are Telling (from the Creation).....*Haydn*

"The Heavens are telling the glory of God
The wonder of His work displays the firmament
To day that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night."

SERMON—"There Stands the Mother".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN—"O God, we thank Thee for the Gifts"

O God we thank Thee for the gifts
That come from Thee alone
And chiefly for that mother love
Which is so like Thine own;

That love that shields our infancy
The love that guides our youth
That shows the wonders of Thy love
The glories of Thy truth.

We pray that Thou wilt greatly bless
Our mothers on this day
With treasures from Thy heavenly store
That cannot pass away.

We pray that sons and daughters all
May ever loyal be,
And may our mothers' prayers fulfill
By truly serving Thee. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105.....*Hayne*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Margaret Dougherty in memory of her mother, Tabitha Frass.

We acknowledge with gratitude the bulletin subscriptions of Miss Marion Hart, Mrs. Jane Smith and Mr. Robert Watson.

On Thursday, May 4th, the Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's Church had a party for members who were eighty years of age or over. They were Mesdames Atkinson, Gross, Orth, Willis and Miss Thompson. Mrs. Daniel R. Harper, who had charge of this organization for several years, was the guest of honor. The younger members supplied the talent, decorated the room, and served the refreshments. (The party was a great success.—Ed.)

All theological students must pass canonical examinations before ordination. The rector has been appointed an examining Chaplain in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

For the mothers, who suffered that we might live; who sacrificed that we might prosper; who served that we might be happy,

We thank Thee, O Lord;

For mother-love that watched with ceaseless vigil our every step; that responded with eager feet to our every call; that waited with tireless patience upon every need; that sought us when astray, warned us when in peril, and forgave us when in sin,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For mother-faith, that rested in quiet confidence upon the promises of God, that enfolded us at all times in the blessed covenant of divine grace; that looked into the darkness without fear; that never despaired when hard pressed; that taught us to believe when we pray, and to trust when we work,

We thank Thee, O Lord.

For mother-prayer, that held us ever before the throne of grace; that swept land and sea for us, when far from home; that carried our ills and our pains, our sins and our mistakes to the Comforter of all; that never ceased when no answer came, and never failed when most undeserved.

We thank Thee, O Lord.

O God, merciful Father, give to us abiding memories of the mothers that have gone; revived visions of their loving presence; renewed consecration to their high ideals; and a recovery for this day of those spiritual qualities that through them made us what we are,

We pray Thee, O Lord.

O Christ, blessed Saviour of us all, who in love unspeakable didst speak so tenderly to the mother at the cross, teach us to be as thoughtful and as kind to our mothers today, who, in Thy gracious Providence, are still with us. May their presence ever be a benediction to follow us, and a challenge to stir us to use every latent power within us to give as Thou has given,

We pray Thee, O Lord.

O Spirit of God, who doth shed abroad in our hearts the love of God, be pleased to fill the world with love, and not hatred; forgiveness and not revenge; with charity and not suspicion; And let the mantle of that love fall especially upon all mothers, whether in health or in sickness, in poverty or in wealth, in joy or in sorrow, that motherhood everywhere may come to a new birth, rise to new ideals, and attain to new heights of achievement.

We pray Thee, O Lord.

WITH THE MEN IN SERVICE

John Adams wrote to the Rector this last week. He is in England. *Frederick L. Bickel* has just received a promotion. He is now a Sergeant. *G. R. Bishop, Jr.* is at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; he writes frequently and his letters are most interesting. *Mildred Brown* is an army nurse at the Veteran's Hospital at Little Rock, Arkansas. *Stanley Clark* is a Senior at Jefferson Medical College. *Lieut. James W. Christie* is in Australia, his mother tells us. *Paul Downward* writes to us from Persia several times a year. *John M. Harris* was in church once or twice at Easter. He has gone back to active duty after a prolonged sick-leave. *Josephine Head* is in Oxford, England; she is an army nurse. *Major Evan B. Hume* writes that he is in Italy. *William Scudder Knox* is also in England as is *Elizabeth C. Mearns.* Her brother, *James H. Mearns, III,* has just been transferred to a Naval Hospital in California. *Jacquelyn Parks* is now Mrs. Clyde Flinn. She is a WAVE and is stationed in San Francisco. *William Scherzer* is in Italy. *William P. Smith* is driving an ambulance in England. *John Speak* is now out of the hospital and back on active duty. He is stationed at Camp Wheeling, Georgia, and his wife is near him. The Rector had a letter from *Albert Steele,* recently wounded in action. He is recovering and hopes to be transferred nearer home. *Henry Wong* is a Captain now and when last heard from, was in China.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chant de May".....*Jongen*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 116.....*Gauntlett*
KYRIE.....*Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—"The King's Highway".....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
SERMON—"Facing Life with Courage".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 117.....*Winfred Douglas*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
SANCTUS.....*Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 333.....*Monk*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530.....*Sullivan*

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We acknowledge with gratitude the *Bulletin* subscription of Mrs. Anna Allen.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th in the Parish House, 19 South Tenth Street at 8.00 P. M. Elections will be held for twelve vestrymen, and reports will be made. The reports, which will tell us what we have accomplished during the past year and what our situation as a Parish is as we face the challenge and opportunity of the year ahead, will be presented by a group of faithful and loyal workers, who work in season and out of season for our Church. They deserve a hearing.

In this critical and troublous time, as a Parish we have much for which to be deeply grateful. It is our trust to keep our Parish strong and faithful, so that when our boys and girls return, they will have firm foundations on which to build in the years which lie ahead.

THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Then took He little children up in His arms and blessed them."

April 9—Dorothy Elizabeth Steinle

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

March 18—Joseph Bloomer, Jr. and Ethel R. Engelke
April 20—Allen B. Yoch and Alverta M. Campeotto

BURIALS

"The day is softly sinking in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia"

March 9—Charles F. Oldbert
16—Howard A. Hunter
18—M. Brantley Ellis
April 14—Joanne Keaton
March 21—Carl Eckhart Grammer
April 1—Zoe F. Bower
14—Robert Hulley

COMING EVENTS

May 7—Ingathering of the United Thank Offering, 11.00 A. M.
9—Annual Parish Meeting 8.00 A. M. in the Parish House
13—Annual Burd Day, 4.00 P. M.
25—Open House and Lawn Party at the Rectory 3 to 6 P. M.
28—Patriotic Service, 11.00 A. M.

RACIAL TENSIONS

According to a report that is before me, the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina recently adopted a resolution which contained the following assertion:

"We reaffirm our belief in and our allegiance to establish white supremacy as now prevailing in the South and we solemnly pledge our lives and our sacred honor to maintaining it, whatever the cost, in war and in peace."

By the side of this lies a regulation recently adopted by a New Jersey Planning Board which pronounces that: ". . . No person belonging to any race except persons of pure Caucasian blood shall use or occupy any dwelling house erected on any lot, except that this covenant shall not be construed to prevent the occupancy by domestic servants of a different race when actually employed by the owner or tenant of any such premises."

Beside both of these I should like to place the national oath of allegiance taught to all our school children: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the country for which it stands—one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

And I would add the familiar words of the New Testament: "Where there is neither Greek, nor Jew, Barbarian, Scythian, bond or free: but Christ is all and in all."

Apparently neither South Carolina nor the town in New Jersey accept the validity of the Oath of Allegiance or the Christian doctrine of man.

All of which is to remind us of how far we have to go before America becomes America and we become Christian. The day has gone when we can be complacent in the face of such facts, for we may well live to see the issue of racial struggle transcend that of the strife of nations around the world.

I am not suggesting that we are called upon to meet such actions with direct assault, althongh it seems impossible that the New Jersey action could stand for a moment in court. But certainly we are challenged to realize how thin a veneer has been laid over the Godless and undemocratic substance of our common life and on the basis of that challenge we are compelled to cut more deeply with the sword of the spirit if we would remove from the body of life those things which destroy.

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11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Adagio ..... *Handel*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266 ..... *Cologne*

KYRIE ..... *Tours*

ANTHEM—"Glory to the Trinity" ..... *Rachmanioff*

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and to the ages of ages, Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God, the blessed and ever virgin Mary. Changeless Essense, lo, Thou wast made very Man; and crucified; Thou the God-man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord we cry. Amen.

SERMON—"It's a Beautiful Doctrine" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 205 ..... *Dykes*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*

COMMUNION HYMN 334 ..... *Dearle*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 210 ..... *Smart*

POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong in memory of his parents, John and Julia Armstorng.

At our annual parish meeting Mr. James Otis Lyman and Edward Shippen Morris were elected to fill vacancies in the Vestry. We extend a hearty welcome to them. We are extremly fortunate to have a Vestry of twelve consecrated and devoted men who give generously of their varied abilities to the work of St. Stephen's and the Burd School.

The Ladies of the North Convocation will serve a Church Supper on the lawn of Christ Church, 2nd St. above Market on Saturday, June 3rd at 5 P. M.

A SOLDIER FINDS GOD

Recently a newspaper editor said to me that of the many wartime developments to be seen in a newspaper office, one of the surprises is the way servicemen take to writing verse. Young men who would never have done so in civilian life send to their home folks or their home town newspaper attempts to express in verse their thoughts and feelings—and so many do this, frequently in crude form, that it is a problem how to deal with this strange, yet genuine awakening of hearts amid war experiences. Often they write of the "hell" of war, but more often of loved ones at home—of their sweethearts or even more of their mothers. They write too, about God. One of the most stirring instances of finding God a reality which has come to us from servicemen is printed below. It came to Mrs. Anna Reidy from her soldier husband somewhere in Italy. It was found on the remains of a "buddy of his who died for his country—America". Our readers we feel sure, will recognize in these lines an extraordinary piece of writing.

"Look God! I've never before spoken to You;
But now I want to say: "How do you do?"
You see, they told me You didn't exist,
And like a fool I believed all this.
Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky;
I figured right then they had told me a lie
Had I taken time to see things You made,
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade!
I wonder, God, if You'll take my hand!
Somehow I feel that You'll understand;
Funny, I'd come to this hellish place
Before I had time to see your face!

I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad that I met You today
The zero hour will soon be here—
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.
The signal! Well, God, I'll have to go.
I like You a lot—this I want You to know.
This sure will be a horrible fight;
Who knows? I may come to Your house tonight!
Though I wasn't friendly to You before,
I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your door?
Look! I'm crying—me, shedding tears!
I wish I had known You these many years
Well, I have to go now, God—good bye!
Strange—since I met You, I'm not afraid to die.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Impression: "The Passing of Summer"
H. Alexander Matthews

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 221.....*Christopher Tye, 1553*

VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 58, page 410

BENEDICTUS ES, page 11.....*Marks*

JUBILATE, page 15.....*Naylor*

ANTHEM—"Let This Mind Be In You".....*Mrs. H. H. A. Beach*

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him, and Given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father," Philippians 2: 5-11.

SERMON—"Barnabas—A Ministry of Encouragement"....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 281.....*Sullivan*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 290.....*Smart*

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.

When did *you* last donate a pint of blood? On the eve of D-day more blood plasma than ever before is needed. Hurry—the time is short. Each of us must do all we can to save a life—TODAY.

THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"... He took little children up in His arms and blessed them"
May 20—Sarah Ernestine Hiner

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"
May 20—William Henry Lewis and Ellen Robinson Moorhead

BURIALS

"The sun is slowly sinking in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."
May 15—Edith R. Garrett

The Pennsylvania Hospital is in great need of volunteers who can give one night a week to maintenance work—weilding a mop and bucket! Business men in many cities are driving ambulances, caring for men patients and doing work similar to the Nurses' Aides.

The lowly tasks of keeping a hospital spic and span is every bit as necessary as bathing a patient. It lacks some of the glamor, but carries its own compensations, in varying degree, to every man who undertakes it. No long hours of training are necessary, either.

It would be a fine thing if St. Stephen's Church could send a group of men to the Pennsylvania Hospital to mop the corridors and keep the exacting standard of orderliness in which all Philadelphians are justly proud, to their highest level. This is a real challenge. Who is ready to accept it?

Call Walnut 4800 and ask for Mrs. Binney, the Director in charge of Volunteers.

MEETINGS WITHOUT ISSUE

So many of our church conferences and religious meetings, even worship services are stamped out on a routine pattern. We come together with or without food, we listen to each other talk; we go home tired and perhaps even a little discouraged because nothing has happened to us and the meeting did not press us to some personal commitment to do something tangible and practical about the particular theme the conference stressed. Frequently we are neither excited nor impressed and go away bored and weary. When are we going to break up this routine pattern and stop having conferences for the sake of hearing each other talk? Why not have fewer conferences with fewer people? Is it so hard to set the foundations of our meetings in prayer and then approach our discussions in a frame of mind where we can be compellingly laid hold of by the Holy Spirit? If we plan our meetings with the definite expectation of being used in the larger service of the Kingdom, ways and plans will unfold themselves to us. Things will happen in our own religious life and in the life of the church.

Otherwise it is just another talk fest.

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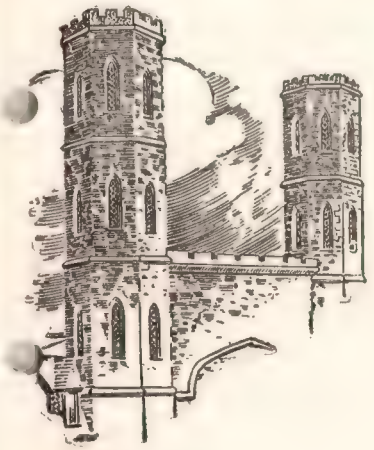
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"O Welt, ich muss dich lassen" ..... *Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 90, page 453
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—The Omnipotence ..... *Schubert*

Great is Jehovah, the Lord,
For Heaven and Earth testify to His great Pow'r!
'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm,
In the torrent's loud thundering roar;
Great is Jehovah, the Lord,
Mighty is His pow'r!
'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest,
Seen in the waving of golden fields,
In loveliest flowers' gaudy array,
'Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven.
Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll,
And flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash.
Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims
Jehovah's pow'r, the Lord God Almighty.
Look thou praying to Heav'n, and hope for grace and for mercy.

SERMON—The Great Refusal—Jonah ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 468 ..... *Haydn*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Harry Hauger in loving memory of Louisa C. Hauger.

The War Commission of the Diocese has commended St. Stephen's in its successful campaign for raising funds for the 1944 operation of the War Commission. We raised $1,012.00. This is a substantial sum and we thank all those who made this possible.

DEPTHS OF LIFE

There is so little rest! There is such an unreasoning passion for activity! And so we skim the surface of all things; we never look down into their depths and see the power of help and culture which they might contain. We know no more of the real depth of our own lives than a child who crosses a frozen lake knows how deep the lake is. He does not even know that it has a depth. It looks all surface. But before our life can get depth into it, it must get God into it. God is the only power that deepens lives. A life with no intention of God in it *must* be shallow. And there is no life so hard and crusted that, if God does enter into it, He will not break its crust through and deepen it to untold richness.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

NEW POWER FOR A NEW AGE

This may become known as the "Age of Power"—meaning of course material power.

It might just be possible that the age of material power will be remarkable also because of a rediscovery of spiritual power.

God help us if it isn't.

During the complacent days before "hell broke loose" (and we don't say it irreverently) man lifted his puny little arms in the air and shouted with a shrill tremolo:

"I am the master of my fate,
I am the captain of my soul"

Then he gave himself the lie, like Henley, by lying down to die proving that he was neither master of his fate, nor captain of his soul.

Man thought that with all his science he could control everything. He was *almost* right, but not quite. He forgot one thing. He forgot that he had not yet learned to control himself.

Spiritual power alone is strong enough to control secular power. Men are groping feebly for this truth.

Everywhere there is an increased interest in religion. Why should not there be? Isn't it about time?

We all go through pessimistic periods. We have gone through one about the Church, but, as for the writer, he is convinced that the Church has the answer; and that somehow, in the providence of God, in spite of some muffing and bungling, in spite of some petty jealousy and shortness, as of vision, the Church is going to receive a new birth of spiritual power. The stream of God's might has been dammed long enough by "eager beavers" chopping moral trees and slinging mud at religion. The dam is breaking and the flood of God's power is coming through. Who shall stand in this new day of power? Men who are not afraid they will lose face with their neighbors if they go to church or pray. Such a man will have a spiritual power. He will be strong where it counts to be strong. "He shall be like a tree planted by rivers of waters."

INVASION DAY

The long awaited and expected invasion of Western Europe by the Allied Nations' forces began early Tuesday morning, June 6th. People were waiting on the steps of the Church when the doors were opened by our Verger in the early morning. Throughout the day until six-thirty, the Church was filled. At noon and at five o'clock the rector led in a twenty-minute prayer service. Our voices were thus added to those of millions of others throughout the world indicating our dependence upon God for wisdom and strength and guidance to bring this global conflict to a righteous conclusion.

It is hard to catch up on our weekly church pledges when one is absent several Sundays on vacation, unless the envelopes are filled week by week. Even better, it would be very helpful if we could fill up our summer envelopes in advance, and if we are to be away, bring them in before we leave.

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PRELUDE—The Swan ..... *Stebbins*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 209 ..... *Giardini*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM: Part of the 119th, page 492

BENEDICTUS ES, page 11 ..... *Marks*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—Immortal, Invisible ..... *Thiman*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might:
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight,
All laud we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of Light hideth Thee. Amen.

SERMON—Achieving the Impossible ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 223 ..... *Marsh*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America

RECESSIONAL HYMN 207 ..... *Cobb*

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During July and August the Thursday Healing Service will be omitted.

Copies of *Forward—Day by Day* are available in the vestibule of the Church. The booklet contains inspirational readings for the summer months.

"GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE WAY OF PEACE"

For the next nine weeks this little paper passes into suspended animation. And these next nine weeks are likely to be as critical as any equal period in human history. Who can doubt but that September will find us living in a vastly changed world? It will be a sadder world—because of the cost in human life which the operations of the next months will exact. Please God, it will also be a gladder world—because the end of the war will be more nearly in sight. On the American scene it will be a world of aggravated troubles because it is an election year—a political year, in which, if we run true to form and if we follow on as we are going, we will divide into two factions and hurl bitter words of accusation across the line of political separation. The tensions of these months will tend to deepen every cleavage in our national life and tragically those lines of cleavage penetrate the body of our Christian society as well.

For a world growing sadder under the impact of man-made death—for those multitudes of homes into which the presence of deep sorrow intrudes—Christianity alone has a word profound enough to penetrate the gloom with the light of hope. To the question: "If a man dies, will he live again?" it answers with deep conviction, "Yes".

For the gladder world—the world that begins to see the edge of the dark storm clouds of war—once more Christianity has the particular truth that must be spoken. If it speaks in tenderness to sorrow, it must speak in firmness to that gladder world the warning that unless with the end of this war we build a new world of brotherhood our sons will have died in vain and their sons will be called out into some future carnage.

And finally for this America which in these months ahead will speak so much falsehood in bitterness—which will strain at its lines of cleavage—Christianity has the message which must be sternly delivered to some and with patient winsomeness urged upon others. "A house divided against itself cannot stand." "By this shall men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another." "Speak the truth in love." "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you—do ye even so to them."

THE RECTOR ON VACATION

The Rector will be on vacation during the months of July and August. The Rev. Dr. Percy Stockman, of the Seaman's Church Institute will supply in the Rector's absence. Dr. Stockman will conduct the two Sunday services, nine and eleven, and the Wednesday and Friday noonday services. He will gladly offer his services and ministrations whenever they are needed. We extend a hearty welcome to him!

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Adagio from the 2nd Sonata.....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 37 .....*Barnby*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 50—Page 401
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 .....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—Bless the Lord, O My Soul .....*Ivanoff*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord,
Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness,
He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath for ever.
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SERMON—The Man Without the Hoe .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 497 .....*Noble*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 247 .....*Dulce Carmen*

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We have had letters from 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Mearns who landed in Normandy with the Invasion forces and has been nursing the wounded near the battle line. They had to clear the ground of mines and bodies before setting up the field hospital.

Edward J. Cooke, Jr. has recently received his Lieutenancy in the Army Air Force, at George Field, Lawrenceville, Illinois. Hearty congratulations to him, and to his family!

RODNEY M. MCCAUGHIN

We received the very sad news in mid-summer that one of our boys, Rodney M. McCaughin, has made the supreme sacrifice as the result of wounds received in action.

We pay our heartfelt tribute of honor and gratitude to this young man who has given his life in the service of his country and in the great cause of establishing a just and lasting peace among the nations of the world; to his family we extend our deepest sympathy, especially remembering his father, Morris, who is serving in the army and is at present somewhere in Georgia. May God comfort and support them all in their sorrow.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kenneth White on her achievements at Temple this summer, and to Miss White who has received top honors in the Marine Corps. We wish her the best of luck in her new undertaking!

The members of the Mothers' Meeting who were unable to go to Atlantic City for their annual outing, were entertained at dinner on August 9th, at Snellenburg's. It was a happy and successful occasion. The Mothers have charge of the Sunday night supper at St. Stephen's Club, on September 17th. The first thirty-five subscribers who will pay one dollar each will be welcome to attend. This will be an excellent opportunity of seeing the Club in action. We sincerely hope you will be one of the lucky thirty-five! Telephone the Club for your reservation.

REALISTIC BROTHERHOOD

Addressing the American Newspaper Publishers Association recently, Mr. Frederic C. Crawford, Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, put into the mouth of a symbolic character—"a worried little business man"—these words:

"And you, Mr. Preacher and Professor—you don't produce food, clothing or shelter. Why don't you stop talking all this crack-pot social stuff and go to a good factory. Get yourselves a job and see if you can't discover the secret of wealth and the golden key that unlocks it. At least quit teaching and preaching about Joe and mother and grandpa and the evils of industry until you learn something about them."

I can hear the burdened little minister reply:

"Please get out of your head, my friend, the idea that I am personally interested in 'the golden key that unlocks the secret of wealth.' Had I been I would have chosen another occupation.

"But on the other hand, I am most certainly concerned with unlocking the door of the earth's bounties for the benefit of all mankind.

"That's where Joe and mother and grandpa come into the picture. You see, I know Joe. His children are in my Sunday School and when he got laid off in the depression I know what happened to his family. And I know mother. Right now I am trying my best to persuade her to take the hospitalization which she needs but won't take because the family can't spare her. As for grandpa—the bleakness of his old age tears my heart.

"One thing more—if you are really looking for the key to the wealth which will benefit all to whom God intends the benefits of His created world to reach—I beg you to realize that you won't find it in the machine or the factory or the office or in an economic treatise.

"You will find it in the teaching of Jesus about man's responsibility to man. You will discover that the key is named 'brotherhood'. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness—and all these *things* will be added to you." There is a stern reality that we all must realize. Peace and true prosperity will come and will endure only as the by-products of justice which is realistic brotherhood.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 ..... *Webbe*
KYRIE ..... *Tours*
ANTHEM—"God's peace is peace eternal" ..... *Grieg*

God's peace is peace eternal,
  Here discords all our joys displace;
We wage a war infernal,
  And gentle mercy finds no place.
Life is our time of trial now,
Before the Judge we all must bow.

God merciful and kind will shield us,
  And from evil set us free;
He knoweth when to sin we yield us,
  The path we follow recklessly.
He will the vilest soul release,
Who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

SERMON—Business and Religion ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 494 ..... *Gardiner*
AMERICA AND THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 336 ..... *Hodges*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 526 ..... *Mann*
POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

Congratulations to Lt. and Mrs. Richard C. Johnston on the birth of their daughter, Cicely Ann, on June 30, 1944. Likewise our felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Clay Aldridge on the birth of their son, Richard Cleveland, July 11, 1944. Mrs. Aldridge was Virginia Downward and Mrs. Johnston was Mary Pointer, both graduates of which the Burd School is justly proud.

The Rector was elected National Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at the Convention held in Lancaster, Pa., early in August.

The Rector and his family have returned from their vacation. It was in every way a most beneficial and enjoyable experience. We return with a grateful sense of God's goodness and with rested bodies and freshened minds to serve Him more faithfully and, we trust, more effectively.

The Rector would add an expression of gratitude to Dr. Stockman, whose ministrations were greatly enjoyed and deeply appreciated by all our people.

PARISH REGISTER

SUMMER, 1944

BAPTISMS

"He took children in His arms and blessed them"

June 25—Joan Elaine Torrante

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

July 10—Winfield F. Brubaker and Betty Eileen Gibson.
13—William J. Hayes and Jean M. Formont
William M. Burchfield and Elsie L. Hollingum.
28—Michael Nagorka and Marian Oiens.

The double wedding on July thirteenth was performed by the Chap- of the Day, Mr. Talbot, and witnessed by members of the Staff of St. Stephen's Service Club. After the ceremony the Club gave a reception for the two couples.

BURIALS

"The sun is softly sinking in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

June 21—Melvina Kemble Rossiter
July 15—Frieda M. Armstrong

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

June 4—Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, in memory of her mother.
11—Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.
18—Mr. Harry Hauger in memory of Louisa C. Hauger.
25—Mrs. James H. Mearns in memory of Lauretta M. Cunard.

July 2—Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, in memory of Mabel Hobbs Watson.
9—The Kings Daughters, in memory of Mrs. Vanderslice.
16—Miss Mary O'Connell, in memory of Charles Joseph O'Connell.
23—Mrs. Mary McEwen, in memory of Walter McEwen.

Aug. 13—Mrs. Charles J. Maurer, in memory of Sarah Williams Maurer.
27—Mrs. William B. Campbell.

We gratefully acknowledge the Bulletin subscription of Mrs. C. Bilse, which was sent to us late in June.

FRIEDA M. ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Armstrong's sudden death on July 12th has taken from us a member whose whole-hearted devotion to St. Stephen's and open-handed generosity had endeared her to the whole parish. Her enthusiasm for St. Stephen's was a constant source of inspiration to the rector. She brought a goodly number into the Church, and was ever alert to make strangers welcome and to seek out the lonely and distraught. She has gone from us, and we are sad that we shall see her face no more. Her memory will bind us closer to the Church she loved so well.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chauçon ..... *Rachmaninoff*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 480 ..... *Hatton*

VENITE—Page 9..... *Chant*

PSALM 108, Page 479, in the Prayer Book

BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11..... *Thiman*

JUBILATE—Page 15 ..... *Stanford*

ANTHEM—Lovely Appear ..... *Gounod*

Lovely appear over the mountains the feet of them that preach and bring good news of peace. Ye mountains, ye perpetual hills, bow ye down; over the barren wastes shall flowers now have possession. Dark shades of ancient days full of hate and oppression, in the brightness of joy fade away and are gone. In this age truly blest more than ages preceding, shall the corn never fail from the plentiful ground. Under the shining sky shall the lambs gaily bounding void of fear, undisturbed, safely shall they be feeding. Then the timorous doves wheresoever they fly shall not fear any more the hawk's merciless cry.

SERMON—The Highways of the Mind ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 425..... *Gounod*

PRESENTATION OF THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

AMERICA—Hymn 427—One verse

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 474 ..... *Walch*

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING will be presented at our service Sunday morning and all those who have the Blue Boxes are asked to place the contents in the envelopes provided for the purpose and put them in the alms basin at the eleven o'clock service. Others in the congregation this morning are given the opportunity of making a thank offering in special envelopes which will be found in the pews. Additional offerings may be sent to the Parish Custodian of the U. T. O., Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, 4505 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 4.

The U. T. O. is one of the means of assuring salaries to teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers and others, and the fees for their training in work for the Church. Every woman in the parish should be a member of this blessed and important project.

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Paul Downward in memory of Rachael Hollingsworth Downward.

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts of Mrs. Martha Atherton and Miss Marguerite Caldwell, to the Benevolent Society Fund.

The Rector is to serve as the Chaplain of the School of Christian Education which meets in the Church House for six Tuesdays beginning October 17th from 7.15 to 9.30 P. M. Nine interesting and worthwhile courses on Christian Education will be given and they are open to every one. Registration, fifty cents, admits to all classes.

DOES THE WILL OF CHRIST MATTER?

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." If those words have any meaning at all, then the missionary enterprise is more than possible; it is inevitable. Jesus is not here making a suggestion, nor even a request. He is issuing a command.

When you come to think of it, isn't it rather incredible that Christions should ever question the missionary enterprise? Missions is not open to debate! We have been reading what the essayists and novelists who are irreligious have had to say about missions. We have listened to armchair philosophers whose relationship to Christ is only casual. Is it not high time we listened to our living Lord?

We moderns do not like the word "obey", but as Dr. Mackay has pointed out "There is only one way of being truly Christian and fulfilling in personal life the essential Christian mission; and that by allowing ourselves to be conscripted utterly, body, mind and spirit, time, wealth and honor—by the Christ who, in Pascal's immortal saying, 'continues to agonize in the soul of His followers for the world's redemption'."

Archibald Rutledge tells this story: "One summer day, going down a pineland road, I came upon a familiar sight. Over a bush was spread a ragged coat. Under the bush were a dinner bucket and a mangy yellow cur dog. A Negro turpentine worker had stationed this humble sentinel. Flies, ticks, mosquitoes, and a scorching sun assailed him; but here he lay beside the precious dinner he had been left to guard. An hour later, as I returned from getting the mail, I saw the smoke and flames of a great forest fire rolling up. The woods were intensely dry; a hot wind was blowing. By the time I reached the place where the Negro had left his dinner, I found that bush, coat, pail and faithful dog had vanished—all burned to a crisp. Now, that dog knew vey well how to get away from a fire. He was aware of his peril. But he preferred to die rather than betray his trust. As I stood there I saw the Negro come running like a deer through the woods. When he ran up panting, I said, 'You are too late. Your dinner is gone.' 'Cap'n', he said, tears in his eyes, 'I didn't run for my bucket, I done run for my dog. I done knew he would never leave anything I done tole him to watch. I always had to be careful what I told him to do, case I knew he would do it!' I wonder, could our Master say a thing like that about us?"

If you and I come to grips with this business of missions, it will not be because our questions have all been answered and our difficulties solved. It will be because we have taken Christ at His word, and laid ourselves out to do His will.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Solemn Prelude.....*T. Tertius Noble*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 111.....*Handel*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 39, Page 389
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Gaul*
JUBILATE—Page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Blessed he, who from earth's dreams awaking"
Cesar Franck

Blessed he, who, from earth's dreams awaking
Turns his heart from worldly pride;
Who every other joy forsaking,
Of wealth the golden fetters breaking,
Treasures of heaven spreads around on every side.
Then when the awful trumpet soundeth,
Let him rejoice!
Blessed is he in whom God's grace and love aboundeth,
Angels for him heaven's gates fling open wide.

SERMON—Restorers or Creators.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 433.....*Ton-y-Botel*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105.....*Hayne*

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Mrs. Mearns has just received a shipment of those handy "Sunshine" dishcloths which are being sold at fifteen cents a piece for the Church School Missionary Offering. They go very quickly!

A PLEDGE OF AMERICAN UNITY

1. I will spread no rumor and no slander against any sect.
2. I will never try to indict a whole people by reason of the delinquency of any member.
3. I will daily deal with every man in business, in social and political relations, only on the basis of his true individual worth.
4. In my daily conduct I will consecrate myself, hour by hour, to the achievement of the highest ideal of the dignity of mankind, human equality, human fellowship and human brotherhood.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

France is now free, and the United Nations are closing in for an inevitable victory At Dunbarton Oaks plans are being made for possible Post War World Organization. In Washington the War Department has announced its scheme for demobilization. Congress is attempting to enact legislation to cover the period of reconversion and many other signs of the dawn of peace are appearing. But we are being properly warned that the war will not end with the collapse of Germany. For many of our boys there are months of arduous service ahead.

What could be more appropriate then that the first great effort of the Church in the fall should center upon Christian Education. If we are to have any chance of escaping the heart rending cycle of war, it rests upon the effective education of mankind in the ideals, the principles —yes the inexorable laws of life revealed by Jesus.

We must have a world structure of order and law to make possible the replacement of international anarchy by international co-operation. But the most perfect structure will fail and fall if "it is not founded upon a rock"—and that "rock" is the presence of an adequate understanding of and devotion to the principles of Jesus by the people of the world.

Not all of this task of Christian education rests upon the Church. That home is derelict in duty which neglects it. But a great share of that task does rest upon the Church and it is carried by the Church's teaching function.

The training of soldiers may seem unglamorous but Victory on the field of battle depends upon the result of that training. There is no substitute for it.

And there is no substitute for Christian education.

As we face that part of Christian education which is the responsibility of the Church, let us bring to it a loyalty and a realism commensurate with the fact that world salvation, as well as individual salvation, depends on the doing of our best.

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"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
September 8—Edward Jacob Uhl and Clarise Lucinda Shue.

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September 5—John Walter Blomquist.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Reverie..... *Louis Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 346 (tune 190).....*Elvey*
KYRIE .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—At Thy Feet We Humbly Kneel.....*J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel,
Lord be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel,
Lord be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee,
Lord be near us;
In Thy mercy hear us;

Keep us free from all alarms,
Lord be near us;
In Thine everlasting arms
Hold and cheer us;
Bind our souls with bonds of faith,
Lord, be near us;
In Thy mercy hear us.

SERMON—The Day of the East Wind .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 116.....*Gauntlet*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 334.....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530.....*Sullivan*

We take great pleasure in acknowledging the following donors to the Benevolent Society, and thanking them for their gift:

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COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you."

I talked this past week to an older woman who had been through a good deal, and she said to me, "Sooner or later we come to a point when we have to admit that there are some things we cannot do for ourselves". How true this is! Sometime and somewhere in life a man has to learn the limits of self-help. The feet grow tired. We grow old. The haven where we would be seems as far away as ever. There have been blows and weights and disappointments that have sapped confidence and dimmed the bright colors of earlier hopes, and it seems impossible to keep eager and confident expectation. There come disillusion and shame and sometimes despair. We need strength that is not our own. We need forgiveness and consolation and healing and faith. We need "the strength of the Lord".

We need the strength of the Lord not only when weakness and failure, age or disappointment have stopped us; we need the strength of the Lord in order to go towards ends that are great and worth while and enduring. We need the strength of the Lord not only for consolation, but for the sustaining vision, the impelling purpose, the creative companionship which alone moves life onward and upward. We need the strength of the Lord in order to go towards an end and a destiny greater than our passing desires and our little day.

Do you really think that you and I can "go in the strength of the Lord" without making remembrance of Him? Do you really think we can keep the strength of the Lord without keeping His friendship, without ever turning to Him, saying "Our Father", without learning to know the wonder of His Presence in the Sacrament of the Body and Blood? Do you think we can keep the leavening power of His transcendent will and guidance, the strength of His burning, glowing purposes for our freedoms and our power, do you think that we can keep this in our common life without common acknowledgement of Him and His sovereign nature and reality? We can go today and tomorrow and next week and through the few pitiful years of our short life in our own strength—but where to? We can "go in the strength of the Lord" towards a life that is deathless even in defeat, and towards a city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God.

Edward Fox Smith was home for a short "liberty" from Camp Peary, Virginia.

William S. Smith is now in Paris.

Albert Steele, a patient at the Valley Forge Hospital, has a weekend leave.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Complainte.....*Louis Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 224.....*Hullah*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 116—Page 486
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 .....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—Jubilate, Amen! .....*Max Bruch*

Jubilate, amen!
Hark! The morning hymn is stealing
O'er the waters soft and clear;
Is nearer and yet nearer pealing
Farther now, and farther stealing,
And now breaks upon the ear
Jubilate, amen!

Now the moonlit waves retreating,
Jubilate, amen!
To the shore it dies along,
Hark! Now like angry surges meeting,
Breaks the tide, the mingled tide of song.
Hush! Again like waves retreating,
To the shore it dies along.
Jubilate, amen!

SERMON—Examination Day Surprises.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 223.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 367.....*Parker*

The Altar flowers are given by Paul Downward in memory of Caroline Miller Johnson.

We are grateful to receive the subscription of Miss Irene Frack.

We also acknowledge with gratitude an anonymous gift of five dollars for the weekly bulletin. Someone is most thoughtful!

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Miss May Price in the passing of her brother.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The opening session of the Church School will be held in the Parish House on October 1st. There will be a Teachers' Meeting in the home of Mr. Edward S. Morris, 2131 Delancey Place, on Tuesday, September 26th at 7.00 P. M. Mr. Morris is our new Superintendent.

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

The clergy are happy to endorse the efforts of Russian War Relief in their current drive and the congregation of St. Stephen's Church is asked to be generous in its response. Used clothing, warm and in good condition is of tragic importance to the Soviet people in the coming winter. Make your contributions through the local fire house, air raid post or designated station in your neighborhood. Look for the sign in a window which tells you where to take all the clothing you can spare. Seven million war casualties do not begin to measure our debt to the Soviet Union. These people need supplies of every kind, but they need clothing immediately.

TOWARD A BETTER WORLD

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love," Romans 12 : 10.

In spite of the many unpleasant things which ministers see and hear, most of them are very much in love with their work. They gain a tremendous satisfaction from their work, or rather, from their life; for the ministry is in the truest sense a life rather than a job. Most laymen can easily understand the satisfaction which comes from helping people. But there is one phase of the ministry of which a layman might not think. It illustrates the above text. Let me tell you about it.

As a minister goes about his parish and community, he naturally has business dealings with other people. In these he is always treated with utmost kindness even by strangers. I do not mean that special concessions are made because of his calling, although that does happen, but that everybody seems to say by his actions, "Here is somebody I can trust. Here is somebody who will not try to get the better of me. Here is somebody who will be considerate of me." Of course, there will be times when there may be a disappointment. For all ministers are human. But, on the whole this faith is justified, because ministers try to be honest, and they try to treat other people in the spirit of our text.

This naturally makes a minister wonder what the world would be like if everybody felt he could treat everybody else in a similar way. David Harum was a good man, but not many people would care to buy a horse from him. Yet David Harum would not take advantage of a man if he knew that that man never tried to take advantage of anybody else.

If every Christian felt he could trust every other Christian in the same way he would trust his minister, what a start would be made in making this text the law of life!

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Adagio from Second Sonata ..... *Guilmant*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 531 ..... *Gadsby*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86—Page 447
TE DEUM—Page 10 ..... *King Hall*
JUBILATE—Page 15 ..... *Mozart*
ANTHEM—Turn Back O Man ..... *Gustav Holst*

Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.
Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet, thou her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim,
"Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways!"

Earth might be fair and men glad and wise,
Age after age their tragic empires rise.
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep.
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one,
Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry,
"Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

—*Clifford Bax.*

SERMON—The Look Ahead ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 112 ..... *Filby*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 113 ..... *Boyd*
ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Elsie M. Williams in memory of Peter Williams.

A Committee of the Mothers' Meeting is serving supper at St. Stephen's Service Club tonight, Sunday, September 17th. Anyone who makes a reservation, and pays a dollar is welcome to go. We are very glad to have as many as thirty-five members of the congregation, but not one more! Go round to the Club after the service and make the arrangements without delay.

On Thursday, September 21, 1944 the fall meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held on the second floor of the Parish House. The address will be made by the Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, Missionary Bishop of Shanghai, China. This meeting is open to all the men of the parish.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Blomquist family in the passing of John Walter Blomquist.

GLAMOUR

The other day somebody suggested to us the need in these war times for "deglamourizing glamour". It was argued that our nation had inherited from the high pressure advertising days of the lush period, a tendency to overdramatize, to create an illusion of far greater truth, beauty or goodness (whatever the advertiser was selling) than actually existed. That the normal idealism latent in the human breast would respond to these high emotional colors and buy the patent medicine or pay money at the box office of Gilda Glamour's latest picture or even subscribe hard earned dollars to cultic religions which made use of the "glamour technique". The argument was that we had had enough of that sort of thing and the time had come to take away the heavy make-up, the artificial eye lashes of our glamour-crazed age and let people see reality in its more drab, but more realistic colors.

We are sympathetic to the idea of a more normal view of life, but we question the strategy or the possibility of bringing this about by means of the debunking process. In the first place, people universally will believe what they want to believe whether it is true or not, and will disbelieve and ignore what is unpalatable and disagreeable—unless they are confirmed pessimists. In the second place, no cause is ever strengthened by robbing people of their faith. The strategy is not to take away faith, but to put new content into existing faith; not to subtract but to multiply. What we are saying is that negation is destructive, affirmation is creative.

Therefore, we would suggest that we develop a *new type of glamour*. Individuals whose lives are filled with a *positive faith* glow with a radiance which diffuses itself about them.

John Spear has recently been promoted. He is now a Sergeant. Robert Larken is now in the South Seas. We had letters this week from Frank Goff, now a Corporal, and Frank Dittman who is in the same theatre of war as his brother, Stanley—the Central Pacific.

Lt. (j.g.) Richard C. Johnston has just gone overseas, and is likewise somewhere in the Pacific. We will pass on items of interest to the congregation as they come in. The Rector's file marked "Men Overseas" is bulging!

THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

More garments were made by the women who come to this oldest organization of St. Stephen's Church, than in any other year of which we have seen the record. These garments are indispensible in the hospitals for which they are made. In most instances materials are supplied by the agency to which the finished product is sent, but a faithful committee, all too small for the task, assembles and packages the clothing which is then handed out to women whose sewing must stand the most painstaking examination before being accepted. Yet 3,590 garments were made by these women for eight of our city's hospitals.

The rector would like every member of our congregation have a share in this commendable work. The enclosed envelope may be mailed to the Church Office or placed on the alms basin.

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Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—In Deep Woods.....*Edward MacDowell*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 535 (tune 534).....*Henry Smart*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 75, Page 431
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*King Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—To Whom Then Will Ye Liken God?.....*Horatio Parker*

To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him? Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundation of the earth? It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; He maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. To whom then will ye liken me? saith the Holy One, to whom? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard that the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? Praise Him and magnify His holy Name for ever. Amen.

SERMON—We Too, Seek a World.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 493.....*H. Percy Smith*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HMYN 85.....*Henry S. Cutler*

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Croyder of Summit, New Jersey in memory of Mrs. John Coats Browne.

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts to the Benevolent Fund: The Misses Corrigan, Miss Fannie Long, Miss Adele M. Lewis, Dr. Herbert Old, Miss E. Bertha Yocum.

The first meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be held on October 19th, at 11 A. M. in the Rector's Study. All the women of the parish are urgently invited to this meeting, the speaker for which is to be announced.

The 1944 Youth Convention will be held on Saturday, October 14th at the Church of the Resurrection, 3501 N. Broad Street from 3.30 to 10.00 P. M. Registration is seventy-five cents and includes supper. Make your reservation through the Church House—Spruce 6650.

Leona Dickhart is now a student at the University of Pennsylvania; Corinne Cooke is studying at the State Teachers' College in West Chester. Bill Dickhart is now in the Pacific, having recently completed his training.

THE HIGHER YEARNING

One of our daily papers made a typographical error: "Three hundred thousand freshmen will enter American Institutions of Higher Yearning this Fall." It was not half bad, as the English would say. Schools of higher *learning* should be schools of higher yearning. Not only on the part of the faculty but also on the part of the students, and usually they are. The students particularly should become conscious of their call to a larger and more useful life beyond the college confines, impelled with a yearning to be and to do something worthwhile in this needy world of ours, leaving "footprints on the sands of time."

One does not necessarily have to be a college graduate in order to have a yearning for a useful and helpful life. In fact many of the most useful and helpful humans have never seen the inside of a college, saying nothing of the acquiring of a diploma for four years' study. A college education is a great asset to the conscientious student, but without that constant yearning to utilize it for the enrichment of others, the yearning to invest well the added talents it is like the fig tree that produced no fruit and withered away....

A famous painter who was once asked which of his pictures he considered his best, replied, "My next". Whether in the field of art, in the field of sport, or in the still more serious game of life, the secret of all excellence is to play the game better today than we did yesterday. The higher yearnings urges one on from the positive and comparative to the superlative. Ever pressing forward, climbing higher and still higher, is the yearning and practice of every mortal who is worth his salt.

How much plasma is needed to save the life of a wounded soldier or sailor? That depends on the gravity of the wound, but the average is four transfusions per man. There are countless instances of twenty injections for one man. The most on record so far is forty-three transfusions for one man. He lives today—thanks to the forty-three "unknown partners". Won't you play a vital part in saving a life? See Mrs. Mearns after the service, or call the Church Office, WAL 3807, so that an appointment may be made for you.

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Tweny-first Sunday After Trinity
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Idyll ..... *Cyril Scott*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 113 ..... *Boyd*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 139, Page 514
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Out of Heaven" ..... *Cowen*

Out of heaven the Lord hath made thee to hear His voice. Be of good comfort, arise: He calleth thee, and will bring thee by a way thou knowest not. He will lead thee in paths thou hast not known, and darkness shall be light before thee. The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate. Be of good comfort, arise, He calleth thee. The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, blessed shalt thou be in the field, blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out, for the Lord thy God is with thee from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

SERMON—"When Life Tumbles In" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 213 ..... *Martin Luther*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 445 ..... *Croft*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of Edward Donlon and his wife.

There is still time to send your contribution of used clothing to the Russian War Relief; it is not necessary to have the clothing packed, as that will be done at headquarters. Simply bring it to the Church, where it will be collected, cleaned and packed according to regulations, by the UNRRA.

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. There will be a service of Holy Communion with an Address at which the Roster of the Dead will be read at 12.30 P. M. Anyone having friends or members of their family who are to be remembered at the Altar, please send the names to the Parish Office.

The memorial service will be repeated on the first Sunday in the month.

The Fall Presentation of the United Thank Offering Diocesan Service, will be held on Thursday, November 2, 1944 at 8.00 P. M. at St. Mark's, 16th and Locust Streets. Bishop Hart will be with us to accept the offering and his assistant this year will be our preacher, the great Missionary, Bishop Roberts of Shanghai. Do try to attend the service for it will be inspiring. Forward in Service and the Educational Department of the Women's Auxiliary are joining with us again this year in the service.

It is not too late to make your offering. Please send your Blue Envelope to Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, 4505 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 4, or to the Parish Office.

THE MAJOR ISSUE

The state of the world defines the major issue in the present political campaign. The major issue derives from the utter necessity of building an international structure of law and order adequately provided with police power as the only alternative to a recurrence of war.

In the face of such an issue the principles which must dominate the decision of the Christian are clear cut and unequivocal. His is a constraint, not only to exercise his fullest possible influence for the prevention of war, but also, and this is the positive, to exercise that same full influence in behalf of a co-operative world of nations. Can it be doubted that such a new world would be a step toward the Kingdom of God—an attempt in this one direction at least, at obedience to the divine law of brotherhood?

What the Christian must also see clearly and must help all men to see is that the achievement of this great goal will make demands which entail sacrifice. The Christian knows that sacrifice is not giving something for nothing, but is rather the surrender of an immediate value or advantage in order that an ultimate and greater value may be established. It is important, very important, for us and for the American people, as well as for the peoples of the world, to understand this, because we will not be faced with just one over-all decision involving the question as to whether we will or will not unite in fellowship with other nations. There will be a series of seemingly minor decisions, each of which is capable of advancing or retarding the great central purpose. There is the question of tariff, for instance, and that of financial stabilization. There is the vital question as to what authority shall have the power to release the use of police force which, to be most effective, must be ready for instant action. And how many more!

As, therefore, we face the national decision which we as individuals will help to make, must we not weigh carefully every official word of the major parties? And must we not judge their words by their wholeheartedness as well as by past actions which have been justified or repudiated? Our task in reaching as conscientious personal decision is not an easy one. Real labor of mind is demanded and labor of soul, as well—but the sought-for goal more than justifies the price we are asked to pay.

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—*Sir Wilfred Grenfell.*

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—Come, Sweet Death.....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 295.....*Vaughn Williams*
KYRIE .....*Noble*
ANTHEM—I Saw Another Angel.....*Stanford*

And I saw another angel ascending from the East, having the Seal of the Living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, saying: Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the Servants of our God in their foreheads. . . . .

SERMON—"Immortality in a Day of Doubt".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 541.....*Dykes*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
SANCTUS—Page 79 .....*Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*French Folk Song*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—Page 84.....*Old Chant*
THE ROSTER OF THE DEPARTED
ANTHEM (All Kneeling)—Rest in Peace, O Soul Immortal...*Schubert*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 266.....*Cologne 1623*

The Altar Flowers are given by Miss Anna Eisenbrey in memory of Sarah Eisenbrey.

The flowers on Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints Day, were given by the Girls' Friendly Society in memory of Marie Wilkins. We are happy to welcome this Society at its Annual Corporate Communion.

All Saints' Day

Apropos of the service in Church on All Saints' Day and on Sunday, November 5, and pursuant to a custom long observed as a part of this service in this parish, there will be read the Roster of the Dead. This comprises names of those buried by the rector of this parish during the past year.

NOVEMBER 1, 1943—NOVEMBER 1, 1944

Nov. 3—Russel H. Nissen
7—Mary Alice Keenan
21—William Daley
Dec. 14—Joseph Shields
Jan. 8—Florence M. Hay
12—Caroline M. Price
Mar. 5—Charles K. Olbert
12—Howard A. Hunter
Mar. 15—M. Brantley Ellis
17—Carl Eckhardt Grammer
Apr. 1—Zoe F. Bower
11—Robert Hulley
May 11—Edith R. Garrett
June 17—Malvina Kemble Rossiter
July 12—Frieda M. Armstrong
Aug. 31—John Walter Blomquist

QUESTIONS FOR SENATORIAL CANDIDATES

Twenty-five years ago American participation in collective world security was refused by the Senate of the United States, the concurrent treaty-making authority.

Once again in the midst of this terrible war, America is facing the same question and once again the critical place of decision will be the United States Senate.

Believing that the issue of our whole-hearted participation in an effective international security organization is the transcendant issue before us and that it is an issue in which there can be only one opinion on the part of those who believe in Christ's doctrine of one God and one humanity, and because as citizens we shall be faced on election day with the choice of the man who shall speak for us in the United States Senate, the rector has sent the following questions to the incumbent Senator James J. Davis, and to his opponent, Mr. Francis J. Myers:

1. Do you believe in American participation in a general international security organization with power adequate to prevent aggressive war?

2. Are you in favor of proceeding promptly with plans for creating such an organization?

3. Will you support the recommendation of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference?

4. Will you support the Amendment to the Constitution providing for approval of treaties by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress, instead of the present requirement of a two-thirds Senate ratification?

5. What specific economic policies do you regard as the most essential in relation to the prevention of war?

Senator Davis replies:

I do not hesitate to answer your first four questions in the affirmative. With respect to your fifth question, permit me to say that I believe all economic policies contributing to full employment at proper wages must be encouraged in the post-war years if we are to place any system of peace on a firm foundation.

Up to the printing deadline the rector had not heard from the Hon. Francis J. Myers. His reply will be read to the congregation on Sunday morning.

Please note the changes on the back of the leaflet. The American Red Cross will meet at six o'clock instead of seven-thirty, and the Neighborhood Club will meet on Wednesdays at four instead of on Fridays.

The Rector is to give two lectures on Religion and Health in the Parish House of St. James Church, Kingsessing, 6828 Woodland Avenue on Sundays, November 5th and 12th at 7.45 P. M.

We acknowledge with gratitude the bulletin subscription of Mrs. Lawrence Thayer.

Mrs. George Green, 623 N. 42nd Street, was eighty-five years old on October 22nd. Our hearty best wishes to her!

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Ave Maria".....*Enrico Bossi*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 425.....*Gounod*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*King-Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise".....*West*
Sing a song of praise, bless the Lord in all His works. Magnify His Name, and shew forth His praise with the song of your lips, and with harps. Alleluia.
SERMON—"A Sound Investment".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 308.....*Venua*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 240.....*Lundel*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Mary Shields in memory of William P. Shields.

James H. Mearns, III, who has been ill for some months has recovered and is now an Aviation Cadet at St. Mary's College in California, in the Pre-flight School. We extend our heartiest congratulations, and the sincere wish that promotions may be many and frequent.

Jacqueline Parks Flinn and her husband, Corporal Clyde Flinn, are to be congratulated upon the birth of their son, Robert Maurice, born on November 6th. Mrs. Flinn is a former Burd School girl.

You are reminded that the correct date for celebrating Thanksgiving in this Commonwealth is November 23. Service in the church is at eleven o'clock. The offering is for the Episcopal Hospital, and the envelope enclosed is for your convenience.

A permanent opportunity is available for a man between twenty-five and forty who has certain *essential qualifications.* If interested, will he please make himself known to the rector?

Lt. Harry E. Blomquist, reported in last week's bulletin to have received the Bronze Star, has been wounded in action and has been presented with the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

One of the oldest members of St. Stephen's, Miss Edith Grigg passed away on November 11. Burial Office was read in the church on November 15th. May her soul rest in peace.

THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Then took He little children up in His arms and blessed them"
October 1—Donna Lee James Degen

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"
October 7—Francis A. Wertzel and Angelina D. Roselli
October 28—Harry O. Fessler and Virginia U. Sunsallus
These weddings were held in the Upper Room of the Service Club.

NEW MEMBERS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household . . ."
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hanks
Miss Bertha E. Schwartz

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MIGHTY IN WORD AND DEED

William Temple is dead! One can scarcely think of a man whom the world could so ill afford to lose at this unprecedently critical time. Such great decisions lie before the Church and before the world—decisions upon which depend the welfare or the misery of billions living and many more unborn. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, spiritual leader of the world's vital Christianity sturdily epitomized the right answer in those decisions.

Temple stood in the first place for the rule of God over all of life. He clearly saw that to man God is all or nothing; that he who seeks to shut God out of one aspect of life simply does not recognize the reality of God. The corollary is of course obvious—that if any phase of life is to be worthy of enduring, it must rest on those spiritual foundations which are ordained by the sovereign God. So he viewed the British empire and man's political and economic life.

In the second place, Temple (there is a dignity to the single name when a man is truly great) stood heart and soul for the world-wide Christian unity—not the unity of an imposed uniformity, but the only unity which is real and can endure, a unity to which humility and belief in the ultimate triumph of truth have added the essential complement of liberty.

And, finally, he believed to the depth of his being in a Christianity which assumes the full responsibility of brotherhood—a Christianity which goes out into the world in love, to build the Kingdom of Justice whose fruit is peace.

Of course, those three are inseparable. If one truly believes in a sovereign God he must join hands with all men whose task it is to work with him for the fulfillment of the Divine Will in a world of brotherhood.

William Temple is gone. Who will take his place? No one man will fill it for some time to come. Meantime, these decisions must be met. Pray God we may all take into our souls the clear conviction, the indomitable courage and the will for action which God inspired in this man.

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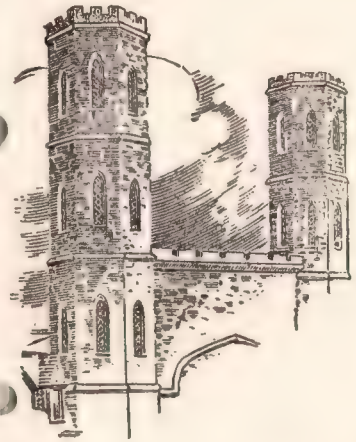
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ORGAN PRELUDE—
"O how happy we whose souls have wandered".....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430.....*Warren*
VENITE—Page 9 in the Prayer Book.....*Chant*
PSALM 62—Page 413
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 in the Prayer Book.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 in the Prayer Book.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—Greater Love Hath No Man.....*Ireland*
Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. . . .
SERMON—Five Minutes Longer.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 436.....*Baker*
MASSING OF THE COLORS and the Salute to the Flag (by all)
I pledge allegiance to the Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
HYMN 427—America (last verse)
PRAYERS
SOUNDING OF TAPS and BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 544.....*Dykes*

The Altar flowers are presented by Chapter 4 and Unit 4 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, in memory of its departed members.

The Patriotic Societies participating in this Service:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapters and Auxiliaries 4, 45 and 170 of Philadelphia and 1776 of Trenton and 26 and 11 of Camden.
American Gold Star Mothers.
Helen Fairchild Nurses, Post 412 of the American Legion.
The Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post and Auxiliary of the American Legion.
American Legion Posts of the Second District.

We cordially welcome to St. Stephen's Church the members of the above Patriotic Societies, and express to them our appreciation for their co-operation.

"Let it be known that he who wears the Order of the Purple Heart has given his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."—*G. Washington.*

Lieutenant Harry E. Blomquist, 2948 W. Lehigh Avenue, a member of this parish, received the Bronze Star for his work in establishing communication lines between headquarters and aviation engineer units constructing airdromes shortly after the invasion. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell are to be congratulated upon the birth of their daughter, Barbara Judith on October 26th. Mrs. Campbell is a member of our choir, and her husband was recently inducted into the Army.

LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY

Old familiar names have been springing into the headlines and appearing on the battle maps—names that bring poignant memories to men who were boys twenty-six years ago. As this is written the Third Army is fighting across hills and valleys and through little towns where, twenty-six years ago, my own Regiment of Marines saw action.

How like and yet how vastly different! Were the dead who fell in those hills to rise up and view the present scene they would scarcely recognize what they beheld.

Warfare *is* vastly different in the instruments with which men fight and, consequently, in the strategy and tactics. But, on the human side, how alike—cruel, terribly cruel and wasteful beyond measure! Men killing men—lives, rich with promise, suddenly snuffed out or hopelessly shattered. Amidst that cruelty and wastefulness, however, a thing of rare glory shines out. That soldier is common clay like you or me—lifting one foot before the other, each step a separate act of will, a deed of heroism, each forward effort meriting the highest award of valor, as he walks steadily into the face of death, willing to die for a cause—to give his life for something he believes. That other soldier, who, in answer to a comrade's pain-wracked cry or the plight of a friend faced with unequal odds, seeks to reach his side, defying death.

Like in the glory of the heights to which the soul of man can rise—like in the cruel wickedness of the thing, war itself, but different, greatly different as man fashions its pattern and perfects its techniques.

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God." No! That is not so! It is not so because very few are willing to take the risks of genuine Christianity. It is not only a case of saving our lives, but of saving our money and even of saving our ease and our convenience. Some do—yes, some few-pathetically few; while most of us find such reasonable ways of playing safe. And yet our Christian cause is much more worthy of our lives and of all that we possess. Indeed, the sacrifice our boys are making is shrouded in futility unless our Christian cause is established.

And—No, again! The likeness is not here, nor is the difference. When did we ever set ourselves to the drastic revision of our strategy—to the development of vital new means which the new age makes possible?

Like a mighty army, we are not! Like a mighty army we must be! The blood of our sons—the blood of God's Son—demands it.

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The rector received this letter from a Spar the other day:

"Last night I attended your service club, and was given a delicious meal there, after that I enjoyed a nice evening of entertainment which was provided for us. Later I won a dollar prize for a dance.

"Everything was so nice that I want you to have the money for the use in the club. You are doing a wonderful job, and we service people do appreciate your many kindnesses."

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Of course, all of us will endeavor to subscribe liberally to the United War Chest Campaign. You may designate certain agencies of the Episcopal Church to receive your gift if you wish.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 23, 1944

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420.....*Kocher*
THANKSGIVING DAY PSALM—Page 264.....*Chant*
PSALM 65, Page 416
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
ANTHEM—"Praise God in His Holiness.....*Geofrey Shaw*

Praise God in His holiness: praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him in His noble acts: Praise Him according to His Excellent greatness;
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him in the cymbals and dances
Praise Him upon the well-tuned symbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.

SERMON—"Let Us Give Thanks Now".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 421.....*Elvey*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433.....*Welsh Melody*

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Paul Downward in memory of Philip Zilz—Polish refugee who died in exile.

The Wednesday Night Club will resume its meetings on November 29th.

THE EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

Last year our parish gave $901.30 in answer to the annual appeal sent out by the Episcopal Hospital. In view of the fact that this is the only Church Hospital in this Diocese, and of its outstanding service to the community, this sum is not large. It does not represent our pride and interest in the institution which is stretching every facility to do an even bigger job and under increasing handicaps and a growing shortage of nurses. The Episcopal Hospital is worthy of our utmost generosity!

STIR UP

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people; that they plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This collect, used for centuries on the last Sunday of the Church's year, has given it the name of "Stir Up Sunday"—and it is not talking of mere emotions!

9.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio" .....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517.....*Pleyel*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM—Part of the 119, page 492
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Great Day of the Lord is Near"....*George C. Martin*

The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly.
Even the voice of the day of the Lord:
Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek upon earth,
Which have wrought His judgment.
Seek righteousness, seek meekness,
It may be we shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

SERMON—"First Aid to God".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 497.....*T. Tertius Noble*
PRESENTATION OF THE PLEDGES
AMERICA
RECESSIONAL HYMN 531.....*Gadsby*

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"Great Is the Chest of Joash"

Sunday, November 26, will be Loyalty Sunday in St. Stephen's Church.

On that day we will revive an ancient custom which will take us back in the history of Judah. Young Joash was the King at the time. He found the Temple in need of repair. Money for the repairs was not at hand. So in co-operation with the High Priest, Jehoiada, a chest was constructed and placed at the gate of the Temple. A summons was sent out asking all to bring their offerings for the repair of the Temple and drop them in this chest. The people responded mightily and the repairs were made.

Loyalty Sunday is the time for our pledges for the new church year. A large "Joash Chest" will be placed at the Altar and all present will sign their pledge cards and drop them in it. Each one making a pledge will receive a box of duplex envelopes for the year 1945. Good business demands that our budget for next year should be underwritten in advance.

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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Prelude to the Deluge".....*Saint-Saëns*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66.....*French Missal*
KYRIE .....*Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—"Lauds" .....*George Dyson*

Ye that have spent the silent night
In deep and quiet rest,
And joy to see the light
That riseth in the east;
Now lift your hearts, your voices raise,
Your morning tribute bring,
And pay a grateful song of praise
To Heaven's Almighty King.

And as this gloomy night did last
But a little space;
As heavenly day
Doth show his pleasant face,
So let us hope, when faith and love
Their work on Earth have done
God's blessed face to see above
Heaven's better, brighter Sun.

—*George Gascoigne* (1525-1577)

SERMON—"The Realism of Jesus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 326.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN 333.....*Monk*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 57.....*St. Thomas*

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There will be a meeting of the Church School teachers at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shippen Morris, 2131 Delancey Place on Friday, December 1, 1944 at seven o'clock.

This is the last week that names can be accepted for the Birthday Calander, the proceeds of which go to the Church School offering. Please send your name, date and dime, to Mrs. Mearns without delay!

PARISH REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER

BAPTISMS

"Then took He little children up in his arms and blessed them."

November 26—James Hamilton Blomquist

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

November 4—Lee Neal and Helen M. Cregier

BURIALS

"The golden day is dying in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest, Alleluia."

November 7—Anna C. Fegley
November 15—Edith Grigg
November 27—George W. Myers, Jr.
November 29—Norman Kellogg

V-E DAY

Already, in many places, plans are being made for V-E Day. The great difficulty involved is as to what will constitute V-E Day. How shall we know which of many days of triumph will be V-E Day. Will it be when Hitler falls, or when the German armies are broken, or when Berlin is entered, or will some other event define it? Will there be any one day to mark the end of war in Europe, such as did November 11, 1918?

Whether there is or not, it seems certain that at some point in circumstance and time the American people will give expression to emotion at this phase of victory. The expression will be tragically superficial if it does not have at its heart the fundamental elements of religion, grateful recognition of this manifestation of God's sovereignty and consecration to the task of rebuilding the world upon a Christian foundation.

There seems to be two distinctly different attitudes in the community with regard to V-E Day: There are those who advocate the declaration of a holiday and the shutting down of work; on the other hand there are those who feel deeply that because all through the vast Pacific our boys will find no relaxation from their grueling tasks, we, too should keep our hands to the plough.

But whatever the community does as a whole, the responsibility of Christian Churches seems evident. First, of course, they should be open to provide opportunity for the individual who desires to turn aside to the place of prayer; second, there should be in every church a service or services at varying times, depending on location, when the congregation may gather for the corporate expression of humility, gratitude and dedication. Here at St. Stephen's where the church is open every day for prayer and meditation, there will be a service of Thanksgiving and Rededication at 12.30 P. M. and 5.15 P. M. and if possible at the hour when hostilities will cease.

Three hours after the word is received, a public meeting will be held at Independence Square which will be of a religious and patriotic nature. One hour before this meeting the chimes of St. Stephen's will be played as part of a city wide program of chimes and carillons.

But most important is the fact that as Christians we must face the necessity of deep and continuous consideration as to what we are going to do with the heavy responsibility of victory, how we are going to consolidate victory and what attitudes and action we should take in the face of the whole series of decisions which our Nation must make in the months and years ahead, each of which will have its bearing on the ultimate result.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed. Will you help us with your usual generosity? This year we have remembered those on our Honor Roll with a Christmas Box. Forty boxes were sent over seas and some forty-five will be sent to our men and women in this country. Every member and friend of the Church is asked to use the special Christmas Dinner envelope. Half of your gift will be used for Christmas Dinners and half for the Christmas Boxes for our service men and women.

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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Larghetto" (Sixth Organ Concerto)....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Webbe*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 50, page 401
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"And the Glory of the Lord".....*Handel*
And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
SERMON—"The English Bible" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 58 .....*Mendelssohn*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
RECESSIONAL HYMN 282 .....*Hamburg*

The Altar flowers are given by the Misses Davis in memory of their sister, Isabel P. Davis.

Pvt. 1st Class Stanley R. Dittman, U.S.M.C., a member of this parish was wounded in action and is now in a hospital in New Caladonia. His mother tells us that he writes that soon he will be able to dance as well as ever.

BIBLE SUNDAY

We never tire of the old Bible stories nor exhaust their meaning. There is a subtle power that stirs our hearts because the men and women of the Bible were like ourselves. They had the same struggles and temptations. They had loves and hates and intrigues. Reverses and sorrow overtook them. The years crept on and death invaded their homes. They stood alone and bereaved in the shadow. Abraham was concerned to secure a burial place from the sons of Heth, just as you have provided your family plot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

The stories gather around courtship and marriage, wayward boys, family feuds, depression and war. These stories offer close parallels to the headlines of our morning papers.

Something in the nature of God responds to these family affairs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is the God of ordinary folks.

Wordsworth was the interpreter of everyday life in poetry. Into the literature of the 18th Century he introduced the situation of common life, clothed ordinary men with glory, threw a veil of romance around the dalesman's cottage, the wandering peddler, the unheard struggles of the country-side.

Dickens was the interpreter of the waifs and strays of London. He knew the slum with its poverty and want, its dull monotony and destitution, the darker side of city life.

Jesus was the interpreter of universal humanity. He knew what was in man. He laid bare the human heart. He was the master teacher, speaking the tongue of every day and pointing a divine message in the homely familiar things.

He heard men talking about the weather in the empty way that we whine about the humidity in Philadelphia. He raised conversation to a higher plane. Would that you men who so glibly forecast the weather were able to read the signs of the times, to interpret the social movements and thoughts that sway the hearts of the masses.

He listened to the children singing at their play just as little boys and girls today sing "London Bridge is falling down." He took up the very words of their song and made it a theme for a sermon— "We have piped and ye have not danced."

He saw a tailor in his shop, putting a patch on the garment, the mason laying the foundation of a house, the farmer sowing his field, the housewife busy about the family baking. You would scarcely expect a serious prophet to note the style of a woman's dress. But nothing escaped Jesus. The lost coin of the parable was part of the bridal adornment.

If Socrates brought philosophy out of the clouds, Jesus brought religion out of the realm of doctrine and ceremony into the practical sphere of love and service.

And the simplicity of the Master's message reflects the naturalness of His life. There was nothing mechanical, stilted, forced about Jesus. There was no artificial piety, no aloofness. He mingled freely with men. He was at home in the midst of merriment and dancing, with laughter and feasting and wine flowing freely, but in moderation. He was no sour-faced puritan, frowning on the pleasures of life. His religion fulfilled itself in fellowship as He participated in the movements of society about Him.

Our Christian life, says a writer, has two parts—the natural life of the body and the spiritual life of the soul. We must strive to make the spiritual more natural and the natural life more spiritual.

Our supreme need is to discover God in the commonplace things of every day. We do not come apart from our wonted tasks to serve God, but rather introduce His spirit into our daily routine. Thus the trivial round, the common task becomes an avenue of divine service.

MUSICAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

At four o'clock, Sunday, December 17th, the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution will hold a spectacular service in St. Stephen's Church. The Bishop will preach. We are proud to have this distinguished society, and hope that many of you will be present.

The Philadelphia Music Club cordially invites you to be present at the performance of "The Story of Christmas", the music for which was written by Dr. Matthews, on Thursday evening, December 21 at eight o'clock. Come early. No seats are reserved, and those of you who saw it last year, remember it with such pleasure that I am confident you will wish to see it again.

Part of Handel's Messiah will be sung at the "Midnight" Service on Christmas Eve. Dr. Matthews has taken great pains to make the music for this service even more beautiful than in other years, and we are most fortunate in that we are to have the pleasure of having Miss Thelma Davis in the alto section of the Choir. Bishop Hart will preach.

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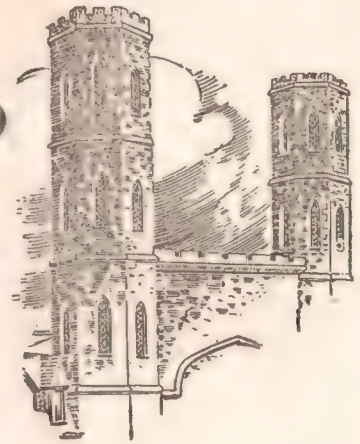
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9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Thou Holy Mystery".....*Brahms*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55.....*Gotha*

VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 86, page 447

BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*

BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*

ANTHEM—Soprano Solo (from the Messiah).....*Handel*
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

SERMON—"Underestimate No Man".....The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 433.....*Welsh Hymn Melody*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 66.....*Veni Emmanuel*

The Altar Flowers are given by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of Caroline E. Owens.

The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution will hold its Annual Service in St. Stephen's Church at four o'clock on Sunday, December 17th. Bishop Hart will preach. We are greatly honored in having as our guests the distinguished members of this Society, and their Chaplain, Dr. Crosswell McBee. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this colorful service.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held next Thursday, December 21 at 11.00 A. M. precisely. After a brief business meeting, Mrs. David L. German will sing, accompanied by Mr. Earl Beatty, formerly organist of St. Paul's Church in Overbrook.

The Philadelphia Music Club cordially invites you to be present at the performance of "The Story of Christmas", the music for which was written by Dr. Matthews, on Thursday evening, December 21 at eight o'clock. Come early. No seats are reserved, and those of you who saw it last year, remember it with such pleasure that I am confident you will wish to see it again.

On Christmas Sunday, December 24th we are to hear special music from Handel's Messiah at the eleven o'clock service. At the "Midnight" service, 11.00 P. M. we are to hear more of this wonderful expression of Handel's inspired vision of the Heavenly Choirs glorifying God and giving thanks for the birth of the Infant King. It is fitting that we at St. Stephen's have this opportunity of hearing our choir and of joining in spirit its beautifully prepared program of Christmas music. Bishop Hart will preach, and after the service breakfast will be served in St. Stephen's Service Club—the Community House. Everyone is welcome.

There will be only one service on Christmas Day, the Communion Service at nine o'clock.

Every one present at that service or at the Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 11.00 P. M. is invited to come to the Altar rail to receive the Holy Sacrament.

A CHRISTMAS EXPRESSION

The spirit of a church is one of its greatest assets. When people feel a great surge of affection for their religious institution, and want to participate in its program, and miss it when they are compelled to be absent, and long to have others know of its greatness, a church is bound to be effective.

Many St. Stephen's members who have been obliged to move away from Philadelphia in the past few years, return for a visit, and frequently come to the church office or to the church for the services of worship and almost without exception they remark, "If only St. Stephen's people knew what they have in the wonderful, wonderful fellowship, they would be even more loyal than they are."

There is a deep desire within the membership that St. Stephen's Church, a prophetic instrument of God, shall retain a distinctive place of leadership, in the grave days that lie before us. Out of gratitude, and because of anticipation, the members and friends of St. Stephen's Church will bring or send a special love gift on Sunday, December 24th, or on Christmas Day. This traditional gift is anticipated by the Finance Committee, and this year, when our hearts are tender, we have reason to believe that the Christmas offering will be larger than ever before. No gift is too small, none is too large. The spirit prompting it will determine its quality.

The Christmas program envelope will be mailed in a few days. Give generously and prayerfully.

CHURCH BROADCASTS FOR V-DAY

New York, N. Y.—The Episcopal Church's electrical transcription for use by radio stations on the day the war in Europe ends, will be broadcast by 275 stations in all parts of the country, and will be sent short wave overseas to the battlefronts in Europe. It consists of music by a double quartette of male voices, a prayer by Presiding Bishop Henry St. George Tucker and a short address by the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

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The Story of Christmas

a Cantata by

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Conducted by the Composer

with

Pageantry composed by Edna Lillich

Directed by

Mildred Hale Wallin and Mary Myers

Thursday Evening, December 21st, 1944
at 8:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

Organ Prelude—

a. Choral Prelude on "Picardy" ..... Charles Wright

b. Christmas ..... Gaston Dethier

CHARLES WRIGHT

Harp and Organ—"Priere" ..... Hasselmans

BLANCHE HUBBARD and CHARLES WRIGHT

Hymn 66—"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" ..... French Missal

PART I—THE PROPHECY

1. Chorus—Behold, the days come, saith the Lord
   O Emmanuel, our King and lawgiver.

   The Annunciation

2. Soprano Solo and Chorus.....The angel Gabriel was sent from God

The Story of Christmas

PART II—THE VISION OF THE SHEPHERDS

3. Introduction and Chorus
   There were shepherds abiding in the field

   Soprano Solo ..... And the angel said unto them

   Chorus ..... Glory to God in the highest!

   The Journey of the Shepherds

4. Soprano Solo and Chorus
   And it came to pass, when the angels were gone away

5. Soprano Solo ..... O Lovely Voices of the Sky

PART III—THE QUEST OF THE MAGI

6. Instrumental March
   Baritone and Soprano Solos and Chorus
   And behold, there came wise men from the East

   Chorus ..... From the Eastern Mountains

7. Soprano Solo ..... And when they were come into the house

   Chorus ..... O come, all ye faithful

8. Chorus ..... Sleep, Holy Babe! in slumber lie

PART IV—THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROPHECY

9. Chorus ..... Awake, put on thy strength, O Zion

   Soprano Solo ..... For the Lord hath comforted His people

   Chorus ..... Christ, to Thee, with God the Father

SOLOISTS

Soprano ..... Florence Manning
Baritone ..... Charles Janke
Harpist ..... Blanche Hubbard
Violinist ..... Alice Shircy
Organist ..... Charles Wright

PRINCIPALS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

Mary ..... Mildred Hale Wallin
Gabriel ..... Josephine Raiguel
Angel ..... Miriam Scott
Joseph ..... William Lange
Melchior ..... John Copestake
Caspar ..... C. Leonhardt Carl
Balthazar ..... William Raiguel

Roman Soldiers ..... Jack Dupler, William Lange, Jr.
Herod ..... A. Harold Gregory

PAGES

George Howard Carey, Jr. — Albert Cooke
John Henry Carey — Janet Cooper
Julia Carlisle — Carolyn DeBaecke
Carolyn Frees

SHEPHERDS

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Annette Fox — Joan Myers
Israelites and Attendants

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th

11.00 A. M.

Morning Prayer with Christmas Carols and Christmas Music from *Handel's Messiah*

10.45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols and Music from *Handel's Messiah*

Bishop Hart will preach

Breakfast

will be served in the Service Club on Ludlow Street directly following the "Midnight" service

Everyone welcome

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25th

9.00 A. M.

Holy Communion

A Christmas Gift

Christmas is the time of gifts for those we love. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded, "My Christmas Gift to My Church." Will you use it for His sake?

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And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. LUKE 2:8.

St. Stephen's Church

Philadelphia, Pa.

Christmas, 1944

Christmas Sunday

DECEMBER 24

11.00 A. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Lo, How a Rose"..... *Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 72..... *Adeste Fideles*
CHORUS (in place of Venite)
"O Thou that Tellest Glad Tidings"..... *Handel*
LESSON
SOPRANO SOLO (in place of Benedictus)
"Rejoice Greatly" ..... *Handel*
LESSON
SOPRANO SOLO (in place of Benedictus)—"There Were Shepherds"
CHORUS—"Glory to God"
ANTHEM—Chorus: "For Unto Us a Child is Born"..... *Handel*
SERMON—"That Glorious Song of Old—Mockery or Prophecy?"
THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 78..... *Redner*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 73..... *Mendelssohn*

Order of Service for Christmas Eve

*10.45 P. M.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pastorale Symphony"..... *Handel*
SOPRANO SOLO—"Rejoice Greatly" from the Messiah..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 73..... *Mendelssohn*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo—"There Were Shepherds"
Chorus—"Glory to God"..... *Handel*
SERMON..... THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 79..... *Willis*
AMERICA
SANCTUS..... *T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 74..... *Plainsong*
CHORUS—"For Unto Us a Child is Born"..... *Handel*
RECESSION HYMN 72..... *Adeste Fideles*

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* Breakfast following Service.

The Rector's Christmas Greeting

MY BELOVED PEOPLE OF ST. STEPHEN'S:

"Peace on earth to men of good will!"
"Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Which is it?

It is not a trivial matter but one of deepest significance.

In this year of war 1944, must we not make an extraordinary attempt to clear men's minds on the relationship of God to peace?

So much of men's speaking and so much of men's praying seems to predicate the assumption that God could suddenly stop this war and give us peace if He would. Indeed much of the speaking and much of the praying in the church seems to rest on this assumption.

Is it not amazing that those who rest their thinking on this assumption should turn in bitterness or indifference from God and from the Church. The least it could do would be to paralyze faith with an enervating doubt.

What the anguished world needs to know is that God has given peace—He has established as indigenous into life itself the conditions—the principles—the laws—upon which peace depends. And in the gift of Jesus Christ He has given to man one who has clearly revealed those conditions—principles or laws. From the time of Jesus onward, peace has awaited man's understanding and acceptance of and his obedience to the eternal conditions which are in life itself.

God gives men food in the most fundamental sense that He has endowed the soil with fertility—the seed with capacity and the fruit with nutrition. But man must take what God gives and a main part of that taking is scientific agriculture, which is nothing more nor less than man's attempt to undersand and adapt to God's laws of nature concerned with food production.

So it is, and men must understand it, with regard to peace—God holds out its possibility—but man must take God's gift and that taking of peace has its equivalent to the taking of food.

Only men of good will can know peace.

Only a society, industrial, interracial, international, based on good will can achieve peace.

That word, "goodwill," comprises in its vastness the totality of Jesus' teachings with regard to God's laws of human relationship—and that teaching is just as absolute, as immutable—as inexorable as the law of gravity itself.

"Peace on earth—to men of good will."

Faithfully and affectionately, your Rector,
ALFRED W. PRICE.

P. S.—From all of us at the Rectory to you and all yours, wherever they may be, hearty wishes for a Happy Christmas!

THE REVEREND AND MRS. ALFRED W. PRICE.
JAMES, JOHN, EVELYN AND JEAN.

A Christmas Prayer

May the good will and peace which Christ brought to earth the first Christmas morning, go forth this Christmas tide into a war-torn, sorrowing and suffering world, bringing comfort, strength and hope to God's children everywhere. Amen.

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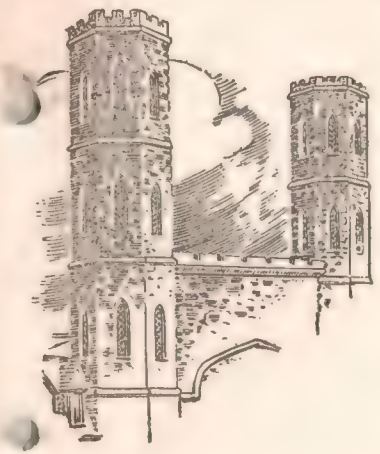
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Our Father Which Art in Heaven"...*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 80.....*Smart*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 145—Page 520
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Through the dark the dreamers came"...*Mabel W. Daniels*

Through the dark the dreamers came
Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame
Of a star, via via
De profundis via.

But the way did not seem
Shadowy or long
It was brightened by a dream
And a song
Gloria, in excelsis gloria.

It was worth the journeying
To the weary end
For they found their dream a King and a friend
Maxima, Gloria maxima

SERMON—
"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee"
OFFERTORY HYMN 99.....*"Havergal"*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 106.....*Mason*

The Altar flowers are given by the Vestry in memory of Miss Laura Bell.

The Rector and his family offers best wishes and a prayer for peace at the Gate of the New Year.

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING . . . SHUT THAT DOOR!

Elijah once told a very distracted and anxious woman to go home and shut the door upon herself. Shrewd reader of human nature! He recognized that there would be something psychological in such an act. States of mind are induced by physical acts quite as often as physical acts are prompted by states of mind. William James always insisted, you know, that we didn't run because we felt afraid, we felt afraid because we ran. Even when Pilate went through the ritual of washing his hands with soap and water it gave his conscience a cleaner feeling too.

We will soon go through the annual ritual of shutting a door. At midnight on Sunday night, when the clock strikes twelve and the tooting of whistles and the clanging of bells announce the end of the old year, there will be people all over the land who will feel that they are actually closing some kind of door. And they are—the door of the old year. But the question is, how many of them really shut the doors of their minds on time?

There are some mental doors closed when we close the door of the old year. One of them is the door of Worry Over Things Undone. What a common experience it is to be plagued by a haunting sense that we have probably left something undone which we ought to have attended to especially when the rush is over and the door is closed. And how many things undone we can recall when the door of the year is shut if we let our minds go out and dwell on them!—the letters we didn't write, the little thoughtful services we might have rendered, the duties we left unperformed, the friendships we neglectd, the good intentions we failed to carry out. They range all the way from unsent birthday greetings to seized opportunities. It is too late now. Shut that door. There are still chances and ways for atonement in the New Year.

Another is the Door of Regret over what was wrongly done. It is related of old Doctor Samuel Johnson that in the last years of his life he could be seen once a year standing bareheaded at a certain spot in the market place, sometimes in the pelting rain, as he patiently observed the anniversary of the day and place where in his boyhood, he had slashed his father with a bad-tempered tongue. If one should keep the door of his mind ajar he could peek out on any number of regretted sins and follies—quick-tempered thrusts which drew blood, the bit of meanness which was so uncalled for, that unjust suspicion, and that ill-founded judgment. Any one of us could spend a great many unhappy moments this side of the door of the old year regretting what was wrongly done. And perhaps as a penance we deserve to. Nevertheless, SHUT that door.

Still another door of our minds which ought to be closed is the Door of Brooding Over Past Injuries, real or fancied. There are some people who sing a perpetual hymn of resentment adding new stanzas to it from time to time. I was acquainted once with a woman, whether now in the flesh I know not, who used to say with a flash of her dark eyes. "I am like an Indian I never forget an injury." And she didn't either. What a thing to boast about! Why be like an Indian instead of like a Christian? Still there are folk who next July will be brooding over the slights and injuries of last July. The door of the year 1944 will be closed but the door of 1944's feelings will still be open. In heaven's name, let us shut THAT door!

Once more there is the Door of Sorrows, the hardest of all doors to shut. One would not say, "Shut the door of sacred memory upon thee." That would not be right. But the door of a rankling grief is different. St. Paul put it very wisely and very beautifully when he said, "Grieve not as those who have no hope". The glory of tomorrow is its hope. The joy of a new year is the light in its coming days. Gently shut the door on these bitter painful memories that recede with the past year and open the door ahead with thanksgiving that God is God, and Love is Love, and Life is stronger than all its sorrows.

It is behind the closed door that we are most likely, when we turn, to find ourselves facing Christ. "When the doors were shut—Jesus came and stood in the midst." It is behind a closed door that the woman discovered that Power which mysteriously multiplied the oil until it filled all the empty capacities into which she poured it.

A Blessed New Year. But first—be sure to shut that door!

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Altos—Kathryne Irene Falkenstein, Ruth Mactague, Vera Peckham, Irene T. Staton.
Tenors—Albert E. Clark, Samuel Etris, Frank Karian.
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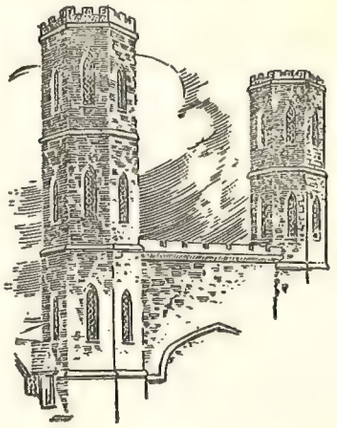
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A PILGRIMAGE

For those who wish to know something about the history and interesting details of the Church, Mr. I. Smith Raspin will conduct a pilgrimage after the morning service. Those who wish to join the group are asked to meet in the front pews.

Invitation

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 80.....*Smart*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
IN PLACE OF THE PSALM—"Carol of the Russian Children".....*Gaul*
FIRST LESSON
CAROL—"Good Neighbours All of Chartres".....*Bohemian*
SECOND LESSON
CAROL—Hymn 551: "The First Nowell" (Choir and Congregation)....*Traditional*
ANTHEM—"The Magnificat" (see page 26—the Prayer Book)....*T. Tertius Noble*
SERMON—"The Magnificat".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 78.....*Rednor*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 72.....*Adeste Fideles*

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. James Coen in memory of his mother Madeleine Elizabeth Coen.

EVENING PRAYFR

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56.....*Day's Psalter*
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PSALM 103—Page 466 in the Prayer Book
HYMN 106.....*Mason*
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Opening Prayer:

Come thou, dear Prince, Oh, come to us this holy Christmas time! Come to the busy marts of earth, the quiet homes, the noisy streets, the humble lanes; come to us all, and with thy love touch every human heart, that we may know that love, and in its blessed peace bear charity to all mankind!—*Eugene Field.*

Bible Reading: St. John 1: 1-18.

The Sermon:

Down through the ages the tradition has been that it is never Christmas until Christmas. The Christmas season according to the traditional Christmas calendar comes in the days following Christmas, not in the days before it. The season of Advent which precedes Christmas was once as strict a fasting season as Lent and should be a quiet time of preparation for Christmas, rather than the hectic season of hustle and bustle interspersed with premature Christmas parties that it now is.

We are fast destroying this ancient tradition. One should not be too severe on the merchant once we understand why he uses Christmas lights and decorations out of season, for they merely call attention to the fact that he is ready to share in a time of exceptional buying. But the temptation becomes great for the householder to light up his house long before Christmas Eve, which is the right and proper time. When so many homes are lighted in the middle of December the lights lose all of their beautiful significance. According to tradition homes are lighted up on Christmas Eve to guide the Christ Child to that home and to signify that that home is ready to receive God's most precious gift. When we light up ten days before Christmas it simply means that we have sold out our precious traditions to a callous commercialism.

And Christmas carols! Every day from Thanksgiving on, carols are plugged on the radio by soap makers and boot-sellers. Department stores with choirs and canned music let us hear the glad tidings day after day while we drop in for Uncle Harry's bargain tie and Aunt Sophie's guest towels. Every club and organization to which we belong throws a Christmas Party long before Christmas and by the time that glorious day is upon us we are fagged out and fed up and say with Scrooge, "Christmas? Bah! Humbug!" And if the angels themselves should take it into their heads to sing once again on Christmas Eve, we would very likely seal our windows and bolt our doors tired of music we have been hearing day and night for a month.

It is not in the noisy strident discord of the bustling commercialized world, nor in the lights and gaudy tinsel that we find the peace and spirit of Christmas. Rather it is in the night season, in that silent stillness when hearts and minds are quiet and when souls search through the misty fog of human endeavor for a glimpse of the eternal. In that quietness, the Son of God enters the waiting human heart. *"Even so come, Lord Jesus!"*

Closing Prayer: 'Our Father" and the following:

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

CONFIRMATION

Everyone is welcome to worship in the Church, to come and go without obligation, but at this time of year we would remind young people, the casual stranger and the person who has been putting off his spiritual duties that everyone should become a full-fledged member of the Christian Church of his own free-will. He should do it because it is the pledge of his fundamental loyalty and the outward proof of his inward act of allegiance to Christ and His Church. In the ancient rite of Confirmation, the Bishop visits our parish, receives the candidates for Confirmation, hears their spoken affirmation of loyalty to Jesus Christ, and then, as they kneel, places his hands upon their heads, invoking the seven-fold gifts of God's Holy Spirit; simple, reverent, elemental, essential!

We invite those who attend our services who have never been confirmed to be confirmed this year. By way of preparation, the rector will conduct a class of instruction on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock in his study, beginning January 6th.

On Sunday morning, February 17th at 11 o'clock, Bishop Remington will visit the parish to administer the rite of Confirmation, and will preach the sermon at that service.

There are always some who are not sure in their minds that they wish to be confirmed or are ready for confirmation. They are invited to attend this class and need not make their decision until February 17th.

Are you supporting your Church with your prayers, time and money? The Church needs your help in every way. If you are not yet pledging to the financial support of the Church, begin today.

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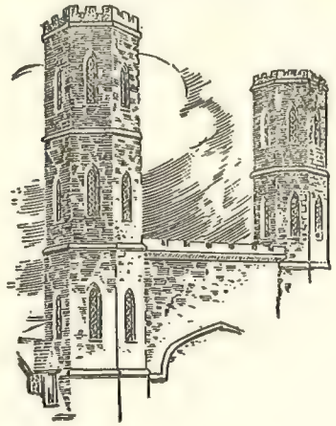
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ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 54.....*Hodges*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 80—Page 441
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour Sweet".....*John Sebastian Bach*

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,
Thy Father's will has all Thy mind,
From Heaven Thou hast vouchsafed to come,
With men, as Man to make Thy home.

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,
The way to please Thee we would find;
What'er we have, it comes of Thee,
O let us ever near Thee be.

Thee with tender care I'll cherish,
Live to Thee, die to Thee;
Thus I shall not perish,
But with Thee abide for ever,
Joyfully, peacefully, where life endeth never.

THE SERMON—"The Practicality of Jesus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 493.....*Smith*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 57.....*Wade*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105.....*Hayne*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 94—Page 457 in the Prayer Book
HYMN 55 .....*Gotha*
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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services: The sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday-workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:
Come in, O Christ and judge us; come and cast out every sin that hinders Thee; come and purge our souls by Thy Presence. Come, be our King for ever. Amen. (Phillips Brooks).

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:1-12.

The Sermon:
If you keep your ears open these days, you will catch some member of your family humming in a contented way, or hear them singing in the bathtub. And, if you could know the secret of their delight, it would be that they have found the Christmas present that just fits you. They have found something you really want.

With Christmas less than two weeks away, there is one part of your Christmas list which may need special attention. It is the list of what you can give to others of *yourself* of cheerful dish-washing, of sock-mending, of steady patience, of your best brains, of sturdy faith, of your own knowledge of God. For what you can give of yourself always brings more joy than anything you can buy. Therefore, in these days of Advent, we pray to God to cleanse us of our ugly sins, our impatience, our sluggishness, that we may contribute less of hurt and unhappiness to others. Therefore we pray God to fill us with a deeper loving-kindness, a new closeness to His Mercy, that we may give more of comfort and peace.

There is a song which children love to sing. All who take it to heart will be able to give more richly of themselves. It runs like this:

"I sing a song of the saints of God, Patient and brave and true.
Who toiled and fought and lived and died, For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, And one was a shepherdess on the green.
They were all of them saints, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.
They lived not only in ages past. There are hundreds and thousands still;
The world is bright with joyous saints Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
For the saints of God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too."

Closing Prayers: "Our Father" and the following prayer:
Take us, O Lord of our life, into Thy keeping this night and for ever. O Thou Light of lights, keep us from inward darkness; grant us so to sleep in our Lord. Amen. (Bishop Andrewes, 1555 A. D.)

The Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution will hold its Annual Service in St. Stephen's Church at four o'clock on Sunday, December 16th. The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will preach. We are greatly honored in having as our guests the distinguished members of this Society, and their Chaplain, Dr. Crosswell McBee. Everyone is cordially invited to attend this colorful service.

Miss Alice Bedian will sing at the December 20th meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary. The members of the parish and their friends are warmly invited.

We are happy to announce that the total to date of the Reconstruction and Advance Fund of St. Stephen's Church has reached the sum of $5,660.00 with generous gifts from Mr. Joseph Sims Fitzgerald, Miss Minnie Corrigan, Miss Elizabeth Corrigan, Miss E. Adelaide Wallace and Miss Mary L. Wallace.

A hearty welcome is given to the congregation of the hard of hearing under the leadership of the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling. The equipment was thoroughly tested last Sunday when 35 attended the Bible Class and 75 attended the evening service. We have every expectation that this Sunday evening congregation will grow into one of the outstanding groups in the city.

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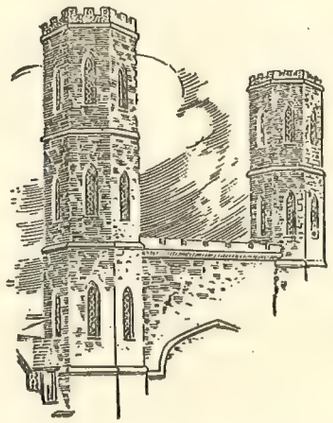
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457 ..... *Smart*

VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 46—Page 397

BENEDICTUS es, Domine—Page 11 ..... *Marks*

BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" ..... *Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout.
No door can keep them out,
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part. Amen

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OFFERTORY HYMN 460 ..... *Gardiner*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 55 ..... *Gotha*

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Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Henry Dahl. May light perpetual shine upon him and may he rest in peace.

The Church School will present their Christmas Play on Wednesday evening, December 19th at eight o'clock. You are warmly invited!

The Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution will hold their fifty-seventh annual service in St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, December 16th at four o'clock. Bishop Remmington will preach.

LOYALTY SUNDAY

Once a year in St. Stephen's Church we ask our members and friends to present themselves at the eleven o'clock service on Loyalty Sunday (This year, December 9th) and to place their pledge cards in the Chest of Joash in lieu of an Every Member Canvass.

The Christian Church is a great force for peace in the world. It has a vital role to play in the years just ahead. It must be supported by all "who profess and call themselves Christians". The Church needs all of us.

Once a year the Church calls on all of us to make a pledge of financial support of its work. That support is needed by every parish, and usually each parish receives its share without grudging on the part of its members. This year it particularly needs support of the whole Church's Mission. The world-wide work of the Church must grow if the Church is to exercise its power for peace. Givers should pledge not only for the support of their parishes but even more generously to the General Church.

Money given to the General Church goes to the support of the Diocese and the National Church. Some of it is used to extend the Church's influence at home, some in the continental United States, and about one-third goes for work in foreign countries. Before the great depression Episcopalians used to give about four million dollars annually to this general work. Since then they have given only about two millions. Surely our great Church can equal and even exceed what it used to do.

There is no limit to the good we can do except the limits imposed by the amount of money given by Church members.

Let us pray and give this year as we have never done before. The world needs power for peace.

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Opening Prayer:

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who seek the shelter of Thy protection, being defended from all evils, may serve Thee in peace and quietness of spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D., and Advent Prayer.)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-9.

The Sermon:

As we tore off the calendar page for November, and we saw "December" before us, a tingle of anticipation came over us. Ever since we were little, we have looked forward to Christmas. It is a time of wonder. God came to earth on Christmas Day. And, with God among us, anything can happen! Glorious dreams can come true.

But as we grew older, we began to give ear to an ancient lie—"Oh, yes, anything can happen; but some things never do. You just can't change selfish, savage, quarrelsome human nature." We began to think about Christmas just as a time for jolly festivities, a bountiful dinner, and the best presents we could buy. But, like all pagans, we lazily decided that human nature does not change. That was convenient, because, then, *we* would not have to try to change, ourselves!

But, with the nightmare of the atomic bomb, we have been shocked into thinking again. When sixty thousand people can be killed in one tick of the clock, then war is something we cannot forget about. Then human nature is something we can no longer be lazy about. Human nature has got to change. But *can* it?

I have been reading a book called "They Found the Church There" experiences of our American fighting men in the isles of the Pacific. Eight of our airmen, having crash-landed in the jungle, were surrounded by savage-looking black men, who grunted, "You come along; we take safe" and were led, for many hours, through the night, through the jungle trails, getting more and more nervous, wondering if they were being led into a death-trap. But as one of them reported afterward, "When the natives began to hum 'Onward Christian soldiers' we knew we were in safe hands." In the defense of New Guinea when the Axis Powers were threatening Australia, it was the Papuans who carried our supplies up the steep slopes of the towering Owen Stanley range of mountains, where the air was too thin for our men to do heavy carrying. Only eighty years before, they had had a reputation for a different sort of hospitality—they had, for instance, welcomed three hundred shipwrecked Chinese, and eaten all but one of them.

What had happened to change these men from blood-thirsty cannibals into peaceful and kindly folk? God had come among the Papuans in the courageous lives of the Christian Missionaries, and, wherever God comes among men, human nature is changed. These are facts. Dare to believe them with your whole heart. Dare to believe that the God who comes among us at Christmas can change even your own stubborn human nature; and make of you a person where old dreams come true; dreams of peace on earth in your heart, and in the hearts of those about you.

Closing Prayers—"Our Father" and the following prayer:

Stir up, we beseech Thee, our hearts to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that by His advent we may be enabled to serve Thee with purified minds; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed. Will you help us with your generosity? This year we will remember again those on our Honor Roll with a Christmas Box. Thirty-five boxes were sent overseas and some twenty-five will be sent to our men and women in this country. Every member and friend of the Church is asked to use the special Christmas Dinner envelope. Half of your gift will be used for Christmas Dinners and half for the Christmas Boxes for our service men and women. We need $400.00.

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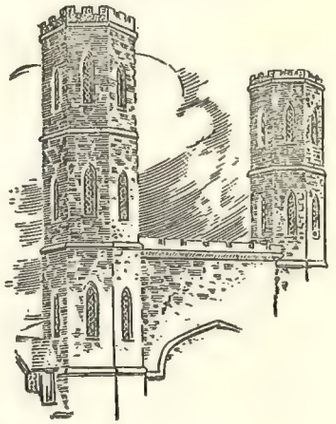
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66.....*French Missal*
KYRIE.....*Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—Negro Spiritual, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
Sermon—"On Distance In Religion".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 511.....*Ewing*
SANCTUS.....*Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN 327 (verses 1, 2 and 4).....*Sullivan*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 61.....*Smart*

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ROLAND S. MORRIS

The March of time goes on, relentlessly, endlessly. We study history in school as children, and note certain great figures in passing, and a variable, but mild, emotion touches us as particularly appealing figures come before our eyes only to disappear inevitably. But now the Honorable Roland S. Morris has gone. We are on the crest of the wave of time, and loved one after loved one whom we knew intimately has disappeared from the scene and the emotion has become intense. History becomes vague, unreal, unimportant, when events stir us locally, in the present.

Roland S. Morris is one of those whose spirit lives on in St. Stephen's Church. He is one of the living stones in her spiritual structure, one of the faithful whose lives hallow our parish life. For twenty-five years he served with great distinction as a vestryman of St. Stephen's. He had a long record of loyal and expert service as Chancellor to the last four Bishops and their Standing Committees. Ambassador to Japan under the Wilson administration, President of the American Philosophical Society, lecturer on International Law and the religions of Asia, he rendered distinguished public service both to the State and to the Church. A mighty man in Israel has fallen!

We are even more grateful for his fine Christian character—a character so enriched by God's grace that it made him a blessing to all who knew him. We thank God for his good fight, his finished course and his kept faith; and we rejoice in the confidence that he has already heard Thy gracious words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

For a life of service to his home, church, community and country we praise God! May he go from strength to strength in the life of Perfect Service through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May God bless his wife and children. May God raise up another to carry on his many years of faithful devotion to His Holy Church. Amen.

MARY W. PAGE GRAMMER

One of the greatest comforts to us who remain behind, when our loved ones in Christ are released into their full freedom and joy just beyond the veil, is the assurance that they have not laid down their life's work, for which they were made, nor have they severed their contact and co-operation with us who are still in our mortal bodies, but rather, being liberated from every blemish and hindrance that hampered their work on earth, they are more fit than ever before to be perfected channels of God's full life and power, and therefore more able to bring to us encouragement and inspiration through our fellowship with them in the Communion of Saints. This comfort is surely the valued possession of all who numbered Mrs. Carl E. Grammer among their friends and especially of those who worked with her in church and community activities.

In her 86th year, Mrs. Grammer passed away in her home in Summit, New Jersey on November 21st following an illness of two days. She was laid to rest in the churchyard of Trinity Church, Collington, Prince Georges County, Maryland on November 24th where her father, the Rev. James J. Page was rector.

Her task is ended here; the earthly tools are laid aside, but we know she is with her beloved husband, her well fought fight now crowned with victory.

"Until the day break and the shadows flee."

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Opening Prayer:

Bestow Thy light upon us, O Lord, so that, being rid of darkness in our hearts, we may attain unto the true Light, through Jesus Christ, Who is the Light of the World. Amen (Sarum Breviary 1085 A. D.)

Bible Reading: Matthew 11:1-5

The Sermon:

Every soldier has his vision tested. If he does not see what he should, then his vision must be corrected; and it is. In the Kingdom of God the vision of its citizens is equally important. The difficulty is that so many have faulty vision, and do nothing about it.

As George Butterick has said, "Every life will be tested finally by this test—does it see *faces,* or only *things!* Some business men see nothing but things—price lists, profits, sales resistance; while other business men see faces, the faces of those who work, of those who have no work. Some statesmen see nothing but things—battleships, voting booths, newspaper headlines. Other statesmen see faces—the faces of the poor, the faces of little children, the myriad faces of those slain in war. Some preachers see nothing but things—church buildings, year books, card catalogues. Other preachers see faces—faces wistful and sin-scarred, faces lonely but brave! *The Master saw nothing but faces*—nothing on earth but faces, nothing in heaven but faces, nothing in hell but faces!"

But one man says, "I am a farmer—as I sweat through the summer, I see my vegetable-cellar stocked for winter; and a heavy crop of potatoes to sell." Another, "I am a mother, so I see new clothes to put on my children's backs", another, "I am an old lady, so my mind keeps seeing the monthly old-age check, hoping it won't shrink any." Another, "I am a sick woman in a hospital—do you blame me for seeing the dull, tasteless food, and the same old four walls week after week?" These people see things; and do not expect to see anything else.

But the Master corrected people's vision. "The blind receive their sight". He taught the farmer to work through the summer thinking of the happy faces of the family for which he is the provider; the satisfied faces of the customers buying his fine potatoes; He taught the mother to keep her thoughts on the shining faces of children who know that they are loved; and who may learn that love best through carefully mended old clothes. He teaches the old lady to see the faces of the world's hungry children; and to scrimp in order to help feed them. He teaches the sick person in the hospital to see the bitterness in the faces of patients who know not God; and putting her whole trust in Him, to find that peace which gives new life to those about her.

What do you see as you look out on life? Does your faulty vision pick out *things?* Then your next step is plain. Seek out the Master in your inmost heart, and put yourself into His hands. Once again it will be written, "The blind receive their sight." For your thoughts will be filled with *faces* all the rest of your days, the faces of those who can depend on you to care for them.

Closing Prayer:

Watch Thou dear Lord with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight. Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Christ; rest thy weary ones. Bless Thy dying ones; Soothe Thy suffering ones. Pity Thine afflicted ones. Shield Thy joyous ones. And all for Thy love's sake. Amen. (St. Augustine 354 A. D.)

IRENE WILDER

The home call came to Irene Wilder on November 25th after a lingering illness. Irene was a life time member of St. Stephen's Church whose whole-hearted devotion endeared her to the whole-parish. She was a member of the Girls' Friendly Society and a strong supporter of all its undertakings. She has gone from us, and we are sad that we shall see her face no more. Her memory will bind us closer to the Church she loved so well.

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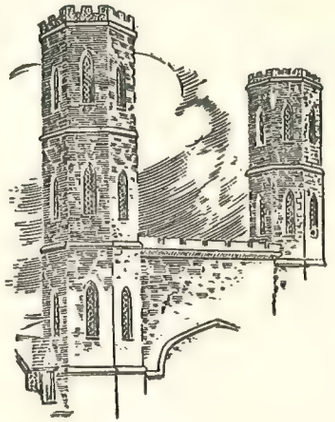
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM—Part of the 119th Psalm, page 492
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Marks*
JUBILATE ..... *Coleridge-Taylor*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo: "How beautiful are the feet" ..... *Handel*

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

SERMON—"For the Spirit of Heaviness" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 386 ..... *Baker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 438 (Tune 415) ..... *Melita*

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The Collect of the Sunday Next before Advent—the last Sunday in the Church Year is worth learning by heart. Its simplicity is misleading; there is in this one petition, material for countless deep meditations:

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plentiously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by thee be plentiously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nothing has so heartened the Rector in his ministry here in St. Stephen's Church as the response of our people to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. The Episcopal Church aims to secure $5,000,000. The Diocese of Pennsylvania hopes to raise one-tenth, or $500,000; St. Stephen's Church has been given as its quota $6,000.

Under the leardership of two of our vestrymen the goal of $6,000 is now very nearly in sight. To date they have raised by gifts and pledges the sum of $5,580. We have until the middle of January to raise the balance.

Mr. I. Smith Raspin was asked by Bishop Hart to be Chairman of the North Philadelphia Convocation and to be responsible for the raising of $25,000. Mr. Edward S. Morris was appointed Chairman of St. Stephen's and together with Mr. Raspin called upon individuals of our parish to subscribe to this Fund as "advance givers." They have done a most remarkable piece of work and deserve the thanks of everyone.

There are still a number of people who will want to be included on the "advance givers" roll, and we urge you to make yourselves known. On a designated Sunday in January a special offering will be taken for gifts large and small to make up the balance needed. This total amount will represent an all-inclusive gift of all the people of our Parish as a thank offering for a righteous peace in the war, for the safety of 94 of the 96 who went from our Parish into the Armed Forces; and in affectionate and grateful memory of the sacrifices of the two who did not return.

The rector, of course, would not embarrass the following individuals and organizations by indicating the specific amount of their individual gifts but two gave $1,000; two gave $500; two gave $300; two gave $250; four gave $200; six gave $100; two gave $15; one gave $10; one gave $5.00.

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Bible Reading. Acts 28: 11-15.

The Sermon:

St. Paul was on his way to Rome, to be tried before the Emperor. He was a long, long way from home, and fellow-Christians were few and far between and he was lonely. As they came along the great Appian Way, to a place called the Three Taverns, a group of Christian friends came to meet him. When St. Paul saw those welcoming folk, "he thanked God, and took courage."

Our deepest gratitude on this Thanksgiving Day is that the war is over. Some of our loved ones are at the family table with us already. The peace is here that we prayed for, hoped for, over the long slow years. Yet we begin to hear rumblings and sharp words at the peace table. There are grave difficulties over making an abiding peace. We often fail to be peacemakers in our own private lives. We look in the mirror and remember that the world's statesmen are made of the same clay as we; and our hearts go sick within us. Can we be hopeful, joyous, today?

Yes, we can! For humanity, with its ear attentive to the Eternal God, can do the impossible. God is very merciful, patient and slow to wrath, and with great understanding. We can be hopeful, remembering the Everlasting Mercy of God, who is still willing to guide us into the ways of peace. Every sincere person, determined to learn loving kindness, can be very sure of God; can be quietly confident that He will stand by and see us through.

On the body of a young American soldier in Italy was found a scrap of paper on which he had scribbled his new-found belief in the Everlasting Mercy. He had written, "Look God, I've never spoken to You. But now I want to say, 'How do you do'. You see, God, they told me you did not exist, and like a fool I believed all this. Last night from a shell-hole I saw your sky; I figured right then they had told me a lie . . . I wonder, God, if you'd shake my hand. Somehow I feel that you will understand. Funny . . . I had to come to this hellish place Before I had time to see Your Face. Well, I guess the zero hour will soon be here, But, I'm not afraid since I know that You are near. The signal,—well, God, I'll have to go . . . Who knows, I may come to your house tonight . . . I wonder if you'd wait at Your door. Well, I have to go now, God; goodbye. Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die."

Come what may, we can lift thankful hearts with that boy—because of the Everlasting Mercy, we can *thank God and take courage* for the days to come.

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The program of the American Church is one of securing gifts in kind. It will provide important supplies and enable the overseas churches to give assistance to their own constituents in their own communities, which churches have traditionally given. This program will overlap no other national program, but will supplement the work of UNRRA and the Red Cross.

Used clothing, shoes, bedding and household linens, all to be completely cleansed, mended and ready for immediate use. Seeds, farming and gardening tools, hospital supplies and surgical dressings; household equipment, sewing machines, bicycles . . . The range of useful goods can be extended indefinitely.

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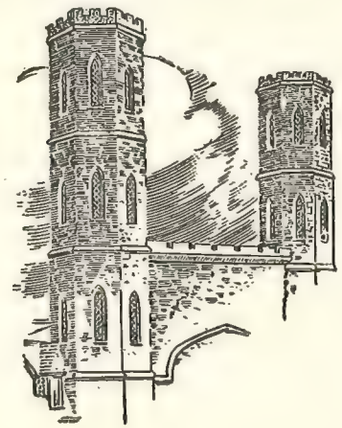
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Thou Holy Mystery".....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 255.....*Croft*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 91—Page 454
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS—Page 10.....*King Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Ye who have spent the silent night in deep and quiet rest" *George Dyson*

Ye that have spent the silent night In sleep and quiet rest, And joy to see the light That riseth in the east.

Now lift your hearts, your voices raise, Your morning tribute bring, And pay a grateful song of praise To Heaven's Almighty King.

And as this gloomy night did last But a little space, As heavenly day Doth show his pleasant face,

So let us hope, when faith and love, Their work on earth have done, God's blessed face to see above, Heaven's better, brighter Sun.

George Gascoigne 1525-1577

SERMON—"The Dedication of Common Things".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 42.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 7.....*Parker*

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When the weekly bulletin for October 28, 1945 was sent to you, a small envelope was enclosed having space on the front for your name, the month of your birth and the date thereof. Please fill in the blanks, including a dime for each name you would like to have printed on the Birthday Calendar for 1946, and send it to the church office. The calender sells for a quarter and the proceeds of the sale goes toward the Church School Missionary Offering.

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The rector will preach at St. James Church, Kingsessing, Sunday evening on the subject of Religion and Health.

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 22 and the service in the church is at 11 o'clock. Following the general custom in this Diocese, your offering on Thanksgiving Day is asked for the support of the Episcopal Hospital. Last year our offering amounted to $1,117.03. That the Hospital may more adequately meet its responsibility, especially in helping to provide hospital care for those who are unable to provide for themselves, your generous response to this annual appeal is earnestly requested. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

THANKSGIVING DAY—NOVEMBER 22
11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Improvisation on St. Anne...*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 445.....*Croft*
PSALM IN PLACE OF THE VENITE—Page 264.....*Chant*
PSALM FOR THE DAY, 148—Page 524
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise".....*John E. West*

Sing a song of Praise Bless the Lord in all His works. Magnify His name and shew forth His praise With the songs of your lips. Alleluia. Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"Thanksgiving for Things Which Endure".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 421.....*Elvy*
AMERICA
RECESSIONAL HYMN 420.....*Kocker*

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services: The sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday-workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer

O Lord of Life, strengthen our purpose and deepen our love, that in difficulty and in ease, in joy and in sorrow, we may dedicate our lives to Thee, and in Thy service quit ourselves like men, building the new kingdom of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord.

Bible Reading. II Samuel 1:19-27 (David's Lament for his comrades).

The Sermon:

Every veteran will sympathetically enter into and thoroughly appreciate David's lament for Saul and Jonathan. David had fought with them; lost and won battles at their side; had stood at many a tight corner with them and escaped alive because of their courage. Only the man who has "been there" knows how deeply he cares for men who have shared danger with him. The veteran will understand better than any, what David meant as he cried out "How are the mighty fallen! . . . I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant hast thou been to me; thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women." Many faces pass in review through the veteran's memory, the faces of young men who died that you and I might be free.

It is our solemn duty to see to it that these dead shall not have died in vain. Each of us must learn from God the part we are to play in building a world where there shall be peace. No one can tell you what your part is to be . . . but, after the millions of young lives sacrificed for your freedom, do not expect it to be an easy part. Right where you are, in city or village or open country, God has something you can do to build a world of peaceful folk. Our best chance to do our job lies in remembering the greatness of our debt to these young men who loved life as much as we do.

Closing Prayer:

O God, as we remember those who died for us, enable us to build the new world of freedom and peace for which they fought, that their contentment may be deep in Thy blessed abodes; through Him who died for all mankind, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Yesterday's paper carried the headlines of war.
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Yesterday it was the strife of nations.
Today it is the strife of industrial classes.

Yesterday the scene was Europe and Asia.
Today the scene is America.

Yesterday there were strange names like Aachen and Ockinawa
Today there are familiar names like Detroit and New York.

Yesterday Americans were united against a common foe.
Today Americans are divided against one another.

Surely there is a better way—and just as surely, that better way must develop in the structure of industry and in its human participants.

We have looked to Government to organize us for the winning of victory and peace over and against the Axis powers. But Government can't enforce peace in our economic life.

That must be *won from within.*

Structurally, the house of industry is a house divided. It is *Management* on one side and *Labor* on the other. Labor does not enter the directorate by means of which shareholder or capitalist and management have partnership. Labor is not a participant through representation in the overall directions, and therefore it is not a participant in the general responsibility. It is too often more nearly in the category of a material to be bought or rented than in that of a human being with a worth of personality to contribute.

There is no genuine "WE" in industry.

Looking back over the history of economics as it has been written and studied for the past generation, the fault is obvious. The concentration has been on materials and on the techniques of developing and marketing materials; there has been no warm human page from cover to cover. Today it is obvious that the human relations factor is of supreme importance.

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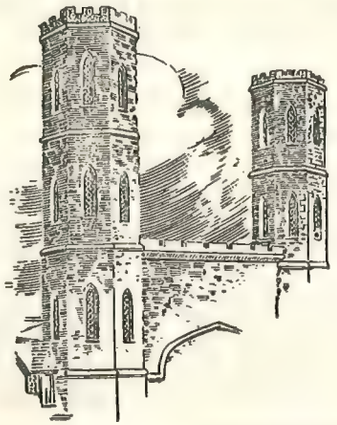
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ORGAN PRELUDE—
Chorale Improvisation on "O Quanta Qualia".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 544.....*O Quanta Qualia*

KYRIE—Page 70.....*T. Tertius Noble*

ANTHEM—"And I Saw Another Angel".....*Stanford*

And I saw another Angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

And lo, a great multitude, which no man could number of all nations, and kindreds and people and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms were in their hands; and cried with a loud voice saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. Amen. Blessing, and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving, and honour and power and might be unto our God forever and ever Amen.

SERMON—"Fellow-citizens with the Saints".....THE RECTOR

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

SANCTUS—Page 77.....*T. Tertius Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 336.....*Louis Bourgeois*

THE ROSTER OF THE DEAD

SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS.....*T. Tertius Noble*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 266.....*Cologne*

The Altar Flowers for All Saints' Day were given by the Girls' Friendly Society in memory of Marie Wilkins.

The Altar Flowers for today are in memory of Anne E. and Sarah Eisenbrey.

The Rector will preach on the subject of Religion and Health at the Spencer Memorial Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn on Sunday evening.

We gratefully acknowledge subscriptions of the Misses Corrigan and Mrs. Edra L. Wenrich to the Benevolent Society.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1945

We are placing here the names of those having a special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we had in loving remembrance at our service on November 1st and whom we remember on November 4th at the Octave of All Saints.

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Elizabeth O. Farmer
Lillian E. Bealmear
Caroline E. Austin
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Charles E. Campbell
John Sells
Blanche MacIntyre Harper
William J. C. Brassell
Lillie Mitchell
Henry Groh
George W. Hicks
S. Emma Greer
John Gale Hun
William A. Dunlop
Rodney M. McCaughin
Mary Frutchey
Anne Borden Myers
William P. Morrison
Lillian C. Hastings
Anna E. Eisenbrey

We Bless thy Holy Name, O Lord, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching Thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH REGISTER FOR OCTOBER, 1945

BAPTISMS

"Then took He up little children in His arms and blessed them"

October 26—Mary Ellen Guest
28—Gladys Erma Farmer

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"

October 7—Richard K. Hillis and Lila V. Huotari
27—Martin Rohrer Bowman and Alma C. Wiggins

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October 7—Miss Matilda Maulsby in memory of Ida T. Maulsby
14—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Croyder of Summit, New Jersey, in memory of Mrs. John Coats Browne
21—Altar Guild
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Opening Prayer:
O God, forgive what we have been; sanctify what we are; and order what we shall be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 9:1-8.

The Sermon:
Some people feel that it is "queer" to ask God to forgive us our sins. They think that it is only people with odd, twisted lives, cranks and soft-headed folk, who feel any need of God's forgiveness. They actually think that they can get along nicely without asking God to cleanse them. But it remains a curious fact that these people observe wash day; they feel the necessity of cleansing their clothes. Some of these same people are very particular about washing their hands before meals—they would not think of coming to the family table with the grime of the city or the back yard, on their hands. They know that they cannot live through a working day without getting soiled.

They need to learn that we cannot live through a working day without also getting dirt on our hearts, on our minds. It may be a sudden flash of temper, with ugly words spoken; or momentary hospitality to unclean and unlovely thoughts; or our passing on some gossipy story which helped to smirch some one's reputation. And when evening comes, we need a spiritual bath in the Presence of God, lest we go to bed with dirty hearts and minds. We need to be cleansed by His mighty forgiveness. One help to this cleansing at the end of the day is this prayer:

"If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray.
If I have walked in my own wilful way,
Good Lord, forgive!

"If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I myself should suffer through the strain
Good Lord, forgive!

"If I have been perverse, or hard or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in the fold,
When Thou hast given me some part to hold,
Good Lord, forgive!

"Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee
Forgive the secret sins I do not see;
That which I know not, Father, teach Thou me,
Help me to live!"

Closing Prayers: Our Father and repeat the poem above—out loud.

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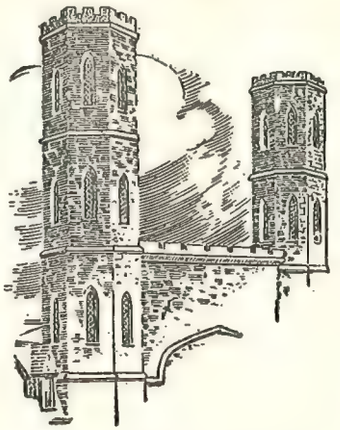
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VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
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BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"From Thy Love as a Father".....*Gounod*

From Thy love as a Father,
O Lord, teach us to gather
That Life will conquer Death.
They who seek things eternal
Shall rise to light supernal
On wings of lowly faith.

SERMON—"Life's Second Best".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 346—(To the tune of Hymn 190).....*Elvey*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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Congratulations to Edward Cooke, Jr., promoted to First Lieutenant recently.

Hearty congratulations to Mrs. George P. Green who celebrated her 86th Birthday on October 22nd.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

(Services on Thursday and Sunday, November 1 and 4)

Thursday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 12:15 P. M. when the names will be read of those in this Parish who have during the past year entered into the Life Eternal. In making out the list of names to be read we have, of course, only the Parish Register as our reminder. Perhaps there are people who will attend the Service on All Saints' Day who would like to have incorporated into this list the names of others, outside of our Parish members, who, having finished their course in faith during the past year, now rest from their labors. If so, don't hesitate to send such names to the rector and they will be included in our list.

And one more word about All Saints' Day—the Church has fittingly provided an Octave of All Saints' Day. This Festival is extended over the following Sunday. If it is quite impossible for you to observe All Saints' Day on Thursday, then you can quite properly observe it on next Sunday within the Octave, (November 4). The Roster of the Dead will be read at the two celebrations of the Holy Communion at 9:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M.

ROSTER OF THE DEAD

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Opening Prayer:

O Thou who art the Way, the Truth and the Life, make Thy way plain before our face. Teach us to live boldly and with kindness, that we may be free from greed, and strong in Thy love and power. Amen. (Adapted from the Knutsford Fellowship).

Bible Reading. Matthew 7:24-27.

The Sermon

In the Parable of the Two Houses, which you have just read, Jesus tells the tale of a terrific storm, much like the hurricane which recently struck Florida. The Master spotlights two houses in a town—one of them stood firmly against the howling storm; the other went down in a crash of wreckage. And the people said, "How sudden!" But Jesus points out that the fall of that house without foundations was not sudden at all. For long weeks and months and years as the owner worked on it, he had been building for a fall. It was only the storm that was sudden, the storm that showed up the weakness of the house. In like manner, there was nothing sudden or unexpected about the firmness of the other house. In the other account of the Two Houses (Luke 6:47-49) Jesus says that this man "digged deep and laid the foundation on a rock." He had long been building for that judgment day. Week by week he had made sure that his house would stand.

In our communities we see this truth acted out before our eyes. Some man or woman falls from a position of respect—cheats a customer, deserts a wife, robs a store; and people say, "How sudden!" Or another rises to prominence—becomes a war hero, is made head of a business concern, makes a discovery in medicine; and superficial people say, "How sudden!" But all these people had been building, long and steadily, for their collapse or strength. Some built their daily habits of thought and conduct shabbily, carelessly, with no foundation of faith or discipline under them. Others built faithfully disciplining themselves to see the right from the wrong and doing it, to obey God's will, and trusting Him for the outcome. Any one who knew their inmost lives could predict which would collapse, which would stand, when the storm of adversity, or temptation, struck their lives. The glory of the life of Jesus is summed up in the scene of the Cross—there where the full blast of men's hate and treachery and stupidity beat upon the lonely Figure, He stood against the storm victoriously. For His life was grounded in His trust in the Father, the Almighty God. Following Jesus is simply building one's life on God, every hour of every day.

In April, 1908, Judgment Day came to the architects and building contractors of California. For forty-eight seconds, the ground trembled like a leaf in that great earthquake. When it was over, David Starr Jordan, president of the great university there, looked out over the wreckage of his own campus and said, "Nothing came down which ought not to have come down. The buildings which fell were not built right in the first place." It was the life-time habit of shoddiness or integrity in architects and builders which long before had determined which buildings would stand. Sooner or later the storm hits every life!

Closing Prayer

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory, stablish, strengthen, settle us. Amen (St. Peter).

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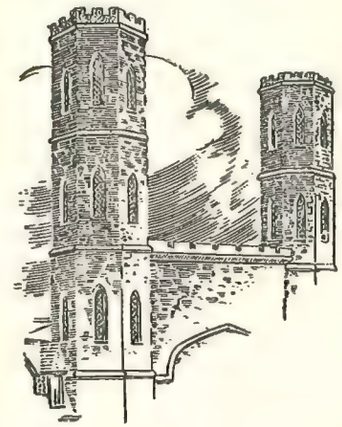
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from Symphony in C".....*Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 245.....*Bradbury*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 105—Page 470
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS—Page 10.....*King Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The King's Highway".....*Edward Shippen Barnes*

I know not where the road will lead,
I follow day by day;
Or where it ends. I only know
I walk the King's Highway.

The way is truth, the way is love,
For light and strength I pray,
And through the years of life to God
I walk the King's Highway.

I know not if the way is long,
And no one else can say,
But rough or smooth, uphill or down,
I walk the King's Highway.

The countless hosts lead on before,
I must not fear or stray;
With them, the pilgrims of all creeds
I walk the King's Highway.

And some I love have reached the end,
But some with me may stay;
Their faith and hope still guiding me,
I walk the King's Highway.

Through light and dark the road leads on
Till dawns the endless day,
When I shall know why in this life
I walk the King's Highway.

THE SERMON—"Teen-Age Christians".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 367.....*Horatio Parker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433.....*Ton-y-Botel*

It is the custom in St. Stephen's Church for the congregation to rise for the hymns and canticles at the first note of the organ prelude; to join heartily in reading the Psalms, making responses and saying the Amens, and to join with the minister in repeating the Collect for the day which is to be found on page 218.

ACCENT ON YOUTH

The young people of our church are important to us and extremely important to the whole Church. Youth Sunday, October 21 is the time when the youth of our parish will join with thousands of their fellow young people throughout the world in emphasizing their place and part in the life and work of the Church.

EDITORIAL

The most critically immediate and important decision facing the American people is: "What shall we do with the secret of atomic energy?"

For a brief time this secret is ours, but we cannot hope to be its sole possessor long. What scientists have done, other scientists can and will do. Certainly the most insane policy which we could choose would be to hold this secret while we can and to concentrate our energies upon increasing our efficiency in its distructive uses. To follow such a course would be to make America a spectacle of dread to all mankind. We could easily become the world's unique object of fear, suspicion and hatred. Meantime, all over the world, investigation would go forward to match our secret; then, in some hour of tension, surcharged with national passion, from somewhere the deluge of destruction might be released.

Face to face with the awesome fact of atomic power, it is inevitable that the noblest course of action will be the wisest.

We may say to the world: *"We have in our possession the secret of this terrifyingly vast energy. We have used it sparingly and by this use the war has been ended. We realize, however, that a threat to all of us remains. At the same time we know that the constructive uses of atomic power can match its destructive uses; that, properly harnessed, it can bring inconceivable benefit to all mankind and can, indeed, remove many of the age-old causes of war. Therefore, under adequate international control, we invite international co-operation in the development of these constructive uses; and we pledge to give to such international co-operation an even greater amount of skill and money and concern than we have invested in the use of atomic energy for war. We now dedicate it to peace and to human welfare."*

Can't you see what that would mean? The shroud of fear that overhangs mankind would be banished by a great transcendant hope. Humanity would have before it a great goal of universal benefit. We would develop a comradeship in peace like to our comradeship in war. And, not the least, America would be an object, not of fear and dread, but of gratitude and affection.

We rejoice in the return from overseas of Harry Blomquist with six battle stars and the Purple Heart, William Haines with three battle stars, Lt. Josephine Head, ANC, Major Evans B. Hume, Herbert Purdy, with five battle stars and a Presidential Citation, Elmer Richardson, a valued member of the Choir, John Ruff with seven battle stars and Lt. Henry Wong, with an Air Cross and a Distinguished Service Cross. We wish them well in their civilian life.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2—In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.
9—Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of Sarah E. C. Thackera.
16—Pvt. Richard R. Kenny, U.S.M.C., in memory of his parents.
23—Altar Guild.
30—Miss E. Bertha Yocum in memory of Naomi Yocum Prettyman and her family.

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Opening Prayer:

O God, the might of all them that put their trust in Thee, grant that we may be more than conquerors over all things that make war upon our souls, that at the last we may enter into the perfect peace of Thy Presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: I Samuel 17:20-51.

The Sermon:

Ever since we were children, you and I have loved the story of David and Goliath. David came straight from home to the camp of Israel, bringing provisions for his older brothers in the army. He found his country's fighting men "sore afraid" of the braggart giant of the Philistines, who had challenged any Israelite to come out and meet him in single combat. Goliath must have been an awe-inspiring figure, towering above ordinary men, protected with his heavy armor and broad shield, a mighty sword at his side, and a great spear in his massive hand. David went out armed only with a sling-shot and a deep faith in Almighty God, shouting to Goliath "Thou comest to me with sword and spear. I come to Thee in the name of the Lord of Hosts whom thou hast defied." And all the might of Goliath's armament was no match for the shining faith of the shepherd boy of the hills.

One of the greatest perils of our nation today is the vastness of our material equipment. We have heard our leaders call this land the most powerful nation in all history; and in many ways they are undoubtedly right. No nation has ever had so much money, such vast industrial wealth, so tremendous military power, such prosperity among its citizens. But as a friend of mine has written "All the mighty machinery and materials of what we call 'modern civilization' are at best only tools. Whether they make for human well-being or for human injury, depends upon the *quality of the spiritual forces which wield those tools.* Are we to resume the old material ambitions which ruled so many lives and nations before the war? . . . What our country needs today above all else is to learn afresh the meaning of that ancient word of God, 'Not by might, nor by force, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts'."

In the days to come, history will record whether the United States was able, in the twentieth century, to learn the Spirit of David: whether we were wise enough to put our whole trust in the almighty power of the invisible God. What the record will be depends on people like you and me, who make up the United States. It will depend on where we put our confidence. Are we depending on our wealth, our vast stores of food, our armament, our human brains—or on the infinite power of God? Are we going to use our rich tools under His direction? The history of the long past records that victory, over the years to those who live "not by might, nor by force, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Each of us must make our decision—shall we be David or Goliath?

Closing Prayers: "Our Father" and the following prayer:

Be Thou, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the Saviour and Sanctifier of Thy people, that we who are sanctified by Thy Presence may in our daily life walk with Thee, and in humble trust seek to follow as Thou callest us by name and dost lead us out, our Shepherd and our Lord. Amen.

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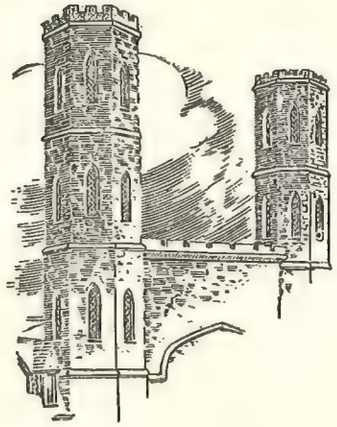
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386.....*Baker*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 71—Page 425
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE.....*H. Alexander Matthews*
JUBILATE DEO—Page 15.....*Coleridge Taylor*
ANTHEM—"Doubt Not Thy Father's Care".....*Edward Elgar*
(for women's voices)

Doubt not thy Father's care,
For every grief He finds relief
And answers every prayer.
Night comes: the sun is lost;
Night comes: He doth provide
The gleam of a starry host.

Night comes: the soul is dark
All joy is dead, all gladness fled
And life has miss'd its mark.
Then Thou—the wounded soul
In that sad hour, with healing Power
Dost touch and makest whole.

SERMON—"Whole Bodies".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 236.....*Peace*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 42.....*Dykes*

The Woman's Auxiliary has been invited by the Auxiliary of Christ Church to attend the October meeting of Tuesday, October 16th, at 11.00 A. M., in the Community House. Bring your luncheon; coffee and cake will be provided. All women of St. Stephen's are welcome.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. Cooke, whose son, Lieutenant Edward J. Cooke, Jr., has been decorated with the Air Medal—"An award made in recognition of courageous service to his combat organization . . . for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights in the Pacific Area from February 19, 1945 to August 6, 1945." We too are "genuinely proud" as is Edward's commanding officer!

We gratefully acknowledge the gifts to the Benevolent Society of Mrs. Edward J. Cooke, Mrs. Frederick Schmid.

The Fall In-gathering of the United Thank Offering will take place at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday, October 21, 1945. The U.T.O. is one of the means of assuring salaries to teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers and others, and the fees for their training in work for the Church. Now, as never before, this ministry, this great work by the women of the Church needs your help. The cessation of hostilities gives endless reasons for the giving of thanks. Let this tangible form of your thanksgiving be in proportion with your means.

CORPORATE PRAYER

Corporate prayer has not been given its true place in our thought and in the practice of our churches. It is generally felt to be less important than private prayer. This is wrong. Many people are led to say: "I can worship God at home or in the garden or on a trip to the country as well as in the church." The result is that the most central and vital thing in the Christian life, the service of public worship, is being neglected as superfluous. Private prayer is, of course, essential to the Christian life. To neglect it is to rob corporate prayer of its vitality. But corporate prayer is no less essential and to neglect it causes private prayer either to become self-centered or to wither away in vague sentimentality. When we pray in secret we are always beset by the temptation to assert our own desires as if God had no one to think of but us! Corporate prayer is a check on this temptation. When we pray with others we cannot give full run to our private desires. And the fact that we cannot do so compels our conscience to challenge their legitimacy.

This challenge is in itself God's way of revealing His will to us. In the Church, the rich and poor meet together, the privileged and the under-privileged, the weak and the strong. This very diversity gives rise to a conflict of desires, a conflict which can be reconciled only in the impartiality of God's fatherhood. When we pray together in the corporate fellowship of brotherly love we are thus often compelled to chasten our private desires and even to pluck out of our hearts some of our private prayers and fling them away as unchristian and impious. No man can discover the will of God in solitude.

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Bible Reading—II Samuel 23: 1-5, 10-17.

The Sermon:

King David was waging a tough war, against hard-fighting foes. Weary of body and spirit, he was sitting at the door of his cave at the end of the day. Suddenly his thoughts jumped back into his childhood, to the well on his father's farm. He had played about that well as a boy; had drunk from its cool depths on many a sultry afternoon. Smitten with homesickness, he suddenly cries out, half to himself, "Oh, that some one would give me a drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem." Three of his warriors overhear him, and, at peril of their lives, slip out through the enemy lines, under cover of darkness and make their way to the old well. They draw out of it a jug of the cool water and bear it back to the king. David takes it from their hands, and begins to think what that water from the well of Bethlehem means. Can he drink it? He shakes his head—"Far be it from me, O Lord; is not this the life-blood of those men who went in jeopardy of their lives?" And he pours it slowly out on the ground, as a grateful offering to God. He cannot use this water from the well of Bethlehem for his own selfish satisfaction.

Uppermost in our minds this autumn is our gratefulness for peace. The killing is finished. Loved ones will be coming home. We have passed out of the nightmare of war into the daylight at last.

But we must guard against accepting this peace lightly. Already there are smooth voices over the radio alerting us to golden prosperity just ahead, to wondrous gadgets which will make life easier. Already we are being wheedled to plunge into the most fabulous splurge of spending in all history—to make ourselves comfortable! We are being urged to gulp down water from the well of Bethlehem; to "enjoy" peace to the full.

But this peace and security which we enjoy was bought at a great price—the price of the suffering, wounds, and deaths of young men who loved life, but were willing to die to bring peace to us and all mankind. This peace is water from the well of Bethlehem. Here, in the presence of God, we had best hesitate, as David did. Our beloved dead did not die to make us comfortable—they died to give us freedom and world peace. We must think and pray, and spend, to carry on their high purpose. We must spend to relieve hunger and suffering, that *all* men may be drawn into a brotherhood that insures peace. We must think in the spirit of the Master, freed from hate and revenge, that no hated outcast nation will be left after this war silently plotting to start another. This precious gift of peace, won for us by brave men, must be accepted with reverence—"is it not the lifeblood of those men who went in jeopardy of their lives?"

Closing Prayers:

"Our Father" and the following prayer:

O God, by whose quickening of grace we are made fellow-citizens of the household of faith; Grant that the good endeavors of Thy people in all nations, fitly framed together, may grow into a holy temple of righteousness and truth, through Him who is our peace, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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PARISH REGISTER

For September, 1945

Baptisms

"Ye have put on Christ . . ."

September 9—Natalie Constance Schmid
16—Gertrude Genevieve McClellan

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

September 8—Samuel M. Smith and Dorothy K. Cusack
22—George H. Mathers and Isabella R. MacMillan
29—Philip H. Horstman and Violet M. Brearley

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9.00 A. M. Holy Communion
9.40 A. M.—Church School
11.00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month

Week Day Services, 12.30-12.55

WEDNESDAYS
Noon-day Service with Address
Holy Communion on the Last Wednesday in the Month

THURSDAYS
Healing Service with Address and the Laying on of Hands

FRIDAYS
Holy Communion

THE VESTRY

Meets Second Monday of each month at 4.30 p.m.
Dr. Herbert Old, Rector's Warden
I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden
David L. German, Esq., Clerk of Vestry

Dean Emory R. Johnson	Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong
Mr. William H. Hollar, Jr.	Mr. J. B. Mearns
Mr. Harry J. Hauger	Mr. William Dickhart
Edwin S. Heins, Esq.	Mr. James Otis Lyman

Edward Shippen Morris, Esq.

THE CHOIR

Sopranos—Margaret Keiser, *soloist,* Dorothy L. Campbell, Phyllis Matthews, Christine Mosler, Martha Hylund, Margaret Odeen.
Altos—Kathryne Irene Falkenstein, Ruth Mactague, Vera Peckham, Irene T. Staton.
Tenors—Albert E. Clark, Samuel Etris, Frank Karian.
Basses—Donald W. Belcher, Frank Grimm, Jr., Walter A. D. Ibbeken, William McLeod, Robert Staton, Jr.
Organist—Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, Telephone, Pennypacker 0810
Clarke Conservatory of Music, Presser Building
Assistant Organist, Mr. Kenneth White
Substitute Organist, Mrs. Samuel N. Hughes
Librarian, Miss May Falkingham
Bell Ringers, Mrs. Robert Staton, Jr. (Sundays)
Mr. George H. Streaker (Weekdays)

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone number, Walnut 3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Church School meets at 9.40 a.m. The Church School Teachers meet for discussion the fourth Monday of each month. Time and place announced.

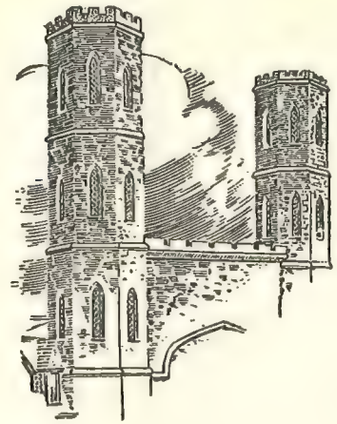
The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6 p.m.
The American Red Cross: Tuesdays, 6.00 p.m.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesday; supper at 6 p.m.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Neighborhood Club: Wednesdays at 4.00 p.m.
The Wednesday Night Club: Wednesdays at 8.00 p.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting, Third Thursday at 11 a.m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7.30 p.m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p.m.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
Young People's Fellowship: First Sunday evening in each month at 8 p.m.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Principal—Miss Florence L. Davies. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years; kept until at least eighteen. Educated and professionally equipped gratis.
The St. Stephen's Service Club for men in uniform under the direction of the Diocesan War Commission. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lombard 0455.

St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church

Tenth Street above Chestnut
Philadelphia, Pa.

Founded **122 Years Ago**



This Church is a member of:
The Protestant Episcopal Church in America;
The Philadelphia Federation of Churches;
The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America;
The World Council of Churches.

A PILGRIMAGE

For those who wish to know something about the history and interesting details of the Church, Mr. I. Smith Raspin will conduct a pilgrimage after the morning service. Those who wish to join the group are asked to meet in the front pews.

Invitation

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME!

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 7, 1945

Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D.
Rector

H. Alexander Matthews, Mus.D.
Organist and Choirmaster

Mrs. James H. Mearns, R.N.
Parish Visitor. Tel., Walnut 3807

Mr. George H. Streaker
Lay Reader

Mrs. Charles J. Maurer
Parish Secretary

Warren Nelson, James Price, John and Edward King } Flag bearers

David L. German, Jr.
Crucifer

Mr. James Carrigan, Verger
Tel., Locust 5315

St. Stephen's Service Club: Lombard 0455 Church Telephone: Walnut 3807

Church open for prayer and meditation every week day except Saturday

9.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on page 67; The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on pages 215, 216

9.40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson".....*Louis Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117.....*Douglas*
KYRIE—Page 70 .....*Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy".....*Cesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour,
Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy
Show us Thy favor
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON—"The Sinful Knight".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 113.....*Boyd*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS—Page 77 .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 334.....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—Page 84.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 112.....*Filby*

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Matilda Maulsby in loving memory of Ida T. Maulsby.

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Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Col. George W. Hicks, who passed away in his eighty-first year.

EDITORIAL

October is here again and organized religion in our city is now in full swing.

For the spiritually obtuse, it means simply resuming where we left off in June. There is no appreciably greater sense of urgency, no new emphasis, no significant self-examination.

But, if we merely resume where we left off, we will be mere shadows of the past—the living dead. The age in which we left off died on July 17 at the birth of the new atomic age. We have been the witnesses of perhaps the most profound discovery in man's entire history.

It is an awful discovery in the deepest sense of the adjective. Its destructive potentiality is so great that the annihiliation of humanity itself is made probable unless there is a profound change in attitude and life. On the other hand this incomparably vast new source of power and heat and light holds out the hope of unimagined material and social benefits to all mankind. In a very real sense atomic energy opens the gates of Hell and Heaven.

Through one of those gates we must go—there is no halting at the threshold.

Already the finger has been pointed at organized religion—a desperate challenge has been leveled against it. General MacArthur but articulated the voice of atomic energy itself when he said that unless we quickly develop moral, spiritual, religious controls of life we are headed for self-destruction.

That may mean for the average man that his steps should turn toward the Church. But its more significant meaning is for the Church itself. It means that the Church must lay aside all pride and cant, must shed the outmoded garments of the past and the mumbo-jumbo of mere human tradition, must reject compromise with expediency and come to grips with life. Jesus has and is the answer—not the Jesus of theologians—the Jesus of the Gospels—Jesus the Master of life.

The atomic bomb has accentuated, as has no fact in the life time of Christianity, the importance of true Christian education.

ANOTHER YEAR

Vacations are over. Parish Organizations and Committees are beginning to function again. Church School has reopened. Our Church Bulletin has been enlarged and will include notices and an editorial as well as the newer feature—a page of home prayers and two minute sermon for those unable to come to church.

ST. STEPHEN'S BULLETIN is not an end in itself, but rather a means by which the influence of the Parish of St. Stephen's Church is extended and augmented.

We do not suppose that the editor of a secular paper would ever ask for the prayers of their readers, but we do ask the prayers of our readers that this year may be fruitful. You who read the paper are as much a part of it as the Editor. It is an expression of our corporate life together. What you do as a Parish, and as friends of the Parish, is reflected in its pages. Your needs are the inspiration for much of its contents. And your love of the Parish and your rector's love of the Parish, supply the vital force which keeps the paper going.

May God give us grace to do a good work this year.

We acknowledge the following donors to the Benevolent Society with deep appreciation:

Anonymous, Mr. Thomas Armstrong, Miss Mildred Bailey, Mrs. F. M. Beddows, Mrs. George R. Bishop, Miss Marguerite K. Caldwell, the Misses Davis, Miss Florence Davies, Mrs. B. L. Edsall, Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., in memory of his mother, Miss Marion Headman, Mrs. Blanche E. Krecker, Miss Adele M. Lewis, Miss Fanny S. Long, Mrs. Harry L. Lyster, Miss Gertrude McClellan, Mrs. James H. Mearns, the Mothers' Meeting, Miss Christine Mosler, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. and Mrs. Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. S. C. Slatcher, Miss Mae Sneddon, Miss Mary Swift, Miss Susan C. Thackara, Mrs. G. T. Townsley, Miss E. Bertha Yocum.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services: The sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday-workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O God, we would begin each day with Thee in prayer. May Thy presence give us joyous and triumphant assurance, both for the life that now is and for the life that is to come.

Give us a working religion that builds a happier and better world. Bless us that we may be a blessing to others. Give us strength and courage to do that which is pleasing in Thy sight. We ask it for Christ's sake. Amen.

Bible Reading—St. Matthew 22.

Sermon:

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." St. John 16; 33.

The life of Jesus was filled with tribulation, culminating in the persecution which resulted in His death. Yet He never gave up; He never denied the goodness of God; He never faltered in His intimate communion with the Father. Even before the Resurrection He could say that He had overcome the world.

Jesus never said that His victory would remove trouble from the world. "Ye shall have tribulation", He told His disciples. And they had it, as does everybody who is born into the world. Jesus did not destroy all sickness, all sorrow, all pain, but He did show the spiritual resources which are latent in us all, by means of which we can look all these troubles in the face and overcome their power over us.

My brother, perhaps you are facing something painful right now. If you are not, you will some day. You can either let it break your spirit or you can have faith in the good purposes of God. I cannot believe that anybody would willingly choose to let his spirit be broken, but if a person elects to neglect the nature of his faith he is really choosing the course on which his spirit may some day fail.

I know from my pastoral experience what can happen to people who neglect to worship God; and I know what strength can come to anyone who centers his life on God.

Closing Prayer:

O God, in the hour of trial, increase our faith and inspire in us a true appreciation of the gifts with which Thou hast endowed us. Take from us the weakness of self-pity and awaken within us a spirit of rejoicing and thanksgiving. Forbid that we should surrender in spite of our handicaps. As we wait on Thee, enable us to regain the strength which has been taken away from us by the hardships of life.

May Thy tender, forgiving love for us heal us of our self-despisings. Amen.

OUR FOURTH EASTER OF WAR

To you, men and women of St. Stephen's Church, serving our country at home or in far off places, we send our sincere and affectionate Easter Greeting. It doesn't seem possible that some of you have been away for four long years, but you have, and to some of us still back in Philadelphia, it seems like forty!

We wish you all to know how much we miss you at all times, and especially at this Sacred Season of Easter. We wish you to know how constantly we think of you, how constantly we wonder where you are and what you are doing. Above all, we wish you to know how constantly we pray for you at God's Holy Altar, when your faces crowd about us, each time we kneel in worship.

May Jesus Christ, our Victorious and Lord Redeemer, have you in His holy keeping. May He so sustain you at all times and in all places by the sense of His abiding Presence that you may do your duty with courage and serve your country with honor.

And may the day soon dawn when the Victory finally won, and Peace secured, you are safe home again to gladden the hearts of those who still love you and pray for you.

Until then, "God be with you, and a Blessed Easter to you all."

This is the message your friends at St. Stephen's would have me send you in their name.

Faithfully, your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Philadelphia

Easter Sunday

APRIL 1, 1945

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9.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on page 67; the Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 163, 164

11.00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

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ORGAN PRELUDE—
Fantasy on "When Morning Guilds the Skies"
H. Alexander Matthews

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 169.....*Sullivan*

ANTHEM—"Christ our Passover".....*Tours*
(Words on page 162 of the Prayer Book)

KYRIE .....*Stanford*

THE NICENE CREED

ANTHEM—"Behold the Dawn".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

Behold the dawn! When Jesus rose triumphant o'er the last of foes,
When angels rolled away the stone, The living Lord came to His own.

Behold the dawn! Amid the flowers the Master walked those morning hours; With His disciples kept His tryst, Revealed to them the living Christ.

Behold the dawn! With morning's breath He rose victorious over death; From fear He set His people free, And brought them immortality.

Awake and give Him worthy praise, As ever down the ageless days,
Rings out a song, to greet the sun, A song of life for ever won.

SERMON—"The Persistent Triumph of Life Over Death"..THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 172.....*Worgan*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

SANCTUS .....*Stanford*

COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*Old French Folksong*

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (from the Messiah).....*Handel*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 173.....*Palestrina*

Flowers are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose.

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

MY BELOVED PEOPLE OF ST. STEPHEN'S:

What right have we to claim the promises of Easter when obviously the world is still leading Jesus to Calvary?

Jesus was crucified because His life and law were a threat to selfishness—to the selfishness of the Pharasees who would not have their religious formula upset, to the selfishness of the Sadducees, who jealously guarded their compromise between religious formality and selfish worldly life, to the selfishness of the Romans who would tolerate no rival to their power, to the selfishness of everyone who wanted to save his own skin, his own ease, his own convenience.

And what was the essence of Jesus' life and teaching that elicited this murder at the hands of selfishness? It was the preaching and the practice of the Golden Rule, the Law of Brotherhood, for this He defined as the essence of His teaching and this is the antithesis of selfishness.

See what a world is ours today! Is not international selfishness slaying men on every continent, interracial selfishness subjecting human beings to misery and underprivilege, industrial selfishness on one side or the other filling the land with strife, individual selfishness wrecking homes and families?

The promise of Easter is that Jesus was eternally, everlastingly right, and that some day there will be a world of men who have forgotten war and prejudice and strife and built their society upon the law of brotherhood.

Meantime let us be on guard against any false promises pronounced in the name of Easter. No church has ever had the authority to compromise Jesus' formula for the attainment of Eternal Life in order to let selfishness remain. It stands and it will always stand one and the same.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul and strength and mind. And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. This do and thou shalt live."

Affectionately and Faithfully your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

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EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose, use the enclosed envelope.

SERVICE FOR V-J DAY

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

Invocation:-

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name. He is our refuge and strength, He maketh wars to cease, and hath given us the victory; blessed be His glorious Name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

Hymn Regent Square

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven
To His feet thy tribute bring
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
Evermore His praises sing. Alleluia
Praise the Everlasting King.

Father-like He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows
In His hand He gently bears us
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, Alleluia
Widely yet His mercy flows. Amen

Scripture:-

Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Glory be to God on High and on earth peace, goodwill to men.
Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Thou shalt remember all the way the Lord Thy God hath led thee.

Old Hundredth

Fro, all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Amen

Thanksgiving for Victory
(To be said by all present)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we yield Thee hearty thanks and most high praise for the victories vouchsafed to the Forces of our Country and of the United Nations culminating in the surrender of Japan. We thank Thee for every splendid deed of soldiers, sailors and airmen, for all the devotion of our people and for the promise of peace.

More especially we praise and bless Thy Name for those who were faithful unto death. Into Thy holy keeping we commend their souls. Make us worthy of their sacrifice as we enter the new day of hope for all mankind.

Let Thy will be done on earth that Thy Kingdom may come in justice, mercy, and lasting peace. Guide the nations to unity and concord that Thy way may be known among all nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Other Prayers

The Star Spangled Banner

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming;
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that star spangled banner yet wave
o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Our Country, 'Tis of Thee

Our Father's God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King.

Presentation of Posthumous Awards

by

CAPTAIN FRANK P. POMERANTZ of the Army Air Force

Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

Citation of Honor

Military Order of the Purple Heart

ANTHEM—"The Souls of the Righteous".....*Foster*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
There shall no torment touch them;
In the sight of the unwise they seem'd to die.
But they are in peace,
For so He giveth His beloved sleep.

SERMON—"Greater Love Hath No Man".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 511—"Jerusalem the Golden"

THE MASSING OF THE COLORS

HYMN 427—"America" fourth verse

CLOSING PRAYER

KNEELING HYMN 436—"O God of Love, O King of Peace"

TAPS

THE BLESSING

HYMN 18—"Abide with Me" (verses 1 and 5, kneeling)

RECESSIONAL HYMN 445—"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

Obituary

Rodney M. McCaughin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris McCaughin, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 1, 1925. He was baptized in St. Stephen's Church on January 21, 1926, and confirmed in St. Stephen's Church on February 25, 1940. He was a member of the Benjamin Franklin High School. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on November 24, 1942. He was graduated from the Radio Operators' School in Scottfield, Illinois on May 28, 1943. On account of his high rating he was assigned to the famous 100th Bombardment Group and sent to England in February 6, 1944. He went into combat April 4, 1944 and completed twelve successful missions over occupied territory. He accomplished his thirteenth mission but was shot down and failed to return on April 28, 1944.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
St. John 15:13

St. Stephen's Church

TENTH STREET ABOVE CHESTNUT

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Memorial Service

for

Technical Sergeant Rodney Morris McCaughin

United States Army Air Corps



THE REVEREND ALFRED WILLIAM PRICE, D.D., *Rector*
National Chaplain, Military Order of the Purple Heart

DR. H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS, *Director of Music*

The Sunday called Fourth after Easter

April the Twenty-ninth

nineteen hundred and forty-five

The Service

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Come Sweet Death".....*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 295

"For all the Saints, who from their labours rest"

Sentences

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no torment touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, and their departure is taken for misery, and their going from us to be utter destruction: but they are in peace. Wisdom 3:1

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours. Revelation 14:13

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble. 2 Cor. 1:3-4

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THE PSALMS—Psalm 23, 46, 121

THE FIRST LESSON—Wisdom 3

HYMN FOR AIRMEN

(Tune: *"Unde et Memores,"* Hymn 333)

O Holy Father hear our earnest prayer,
For all our brethren journeying through the air.
Enfold them 'neath the shadow of Thy wing,
And keep them safe from every evil thing.
Fog, wind and rain are all controlled by Thee,
In danger's hour grant Thy security.

Ascended Christ to Thee we make our prayer,
Encircle each brave airman in Thy care.
Preserve their going out and coming in,
Thy blessing grant them on their voyaging,
Let Cherubim and Seraphim attend,
And guard and guide them to their journey's end.

O Holy Spirit Who to man has given
To soar from earth toward the highest heaven,
Inspire the airmen in each flying hour,
Protect them and uphold them by Thy power.
When in the conflict they defend the right,
Let heart and hand be strengthened by Thy might.

Eternal Trinity for ever blest,
Legions of Angels speed at Thy behest,
These heavenly protectors deign to send,
Shielding the airmen to the journey's end.
And when at last the flights from earth are o'er,
Grant them safe landing on the further shore.

Ernest C. Earp.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 8:14

ANTHEM—There is No Death

I tell you they have not died,
They live and breathe with you;
They walk here at your side,
They tell you things are true.
Why dream of poppied sod
When you can feel their breath,
When flow'r and soul and God
Knows there is no death!

I tell you they have not died,
Their hands clasp yours and mine
They are but glorified
They have become divine.
They live! they know! they see!
They shout with every breath,
"Life is eternity!
There is no death!"

—Gordon Johnstone.

Sung by FRANK KARION, a member of our choir, lately of the Army Air Force.

The Memorial

Let us Pray

Let us commend to Almighty God the soul of His servant

RODNEY MORRIS MCCAUGHIN

Almighty God, who hast given us the comforting assurance that thou art present in every place to hear the prayers of such as love thee, and to protect those for whom we pray. We commit our dear one to thy favor and care, that he may dwell with Thee in thy glory, and that we may ever be faithful to his memory here on earth, and re-united in communion and fellowship in the life that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Name of God the Father Almighty who created him.

In the Name of Jesus Christ who redeemed him.

In the Name of the Holy Ghost who sanctified him.

May the soul of Rodney Morris McCaughin rest in peace, and light perpetual shine upon him. Amen.

Prayers for the Bereaved

O Almighty God, who art found of those who seek thee in loneliness and whose portion is sufficient for the sorrowful soul; Pour out, we pray thee, thy blessing, upon these thy servants bereaved and afflicted. Thou only canst keep their feet from falling and their eyes from tears. Let not thy grace of patience fail them, nor thy love forsake them; but so comfort and sustain their hearts, that in the land of peace and rest, when the time cometh, they too may find an everlasting home. Grant this, we beseech thee, for his sake who hath gone thither to prepare a place for us, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, whose unchanging love is sufficient for all our needs; We pray thee to grant the gracious comfort of thy Presence to all who mourn, whose hearts are torn with grief for which no human aid avails; that, even in the desolation of their loss, they may feel the calm assurance of thy mercy, and know the blessing of thy peace which passeth understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For All in the Service of Our Country

Almighty God, the strength of all who trust in thee, we commit to thy fatherly care all who are now serving their country on land, or sea or in the air; Keep them in safety under thy protection; Cover their heads in the day of battle; Make them strong and courageous; in the hour of loneliness sustain them with Thy Presence uphold them by thy mighty power that they may defend our liberties and preserve our freedom; Unite us with them in bonds of love and fellowship that together we may be worthy of our heritage. Hasten the day of our coming victory and bring them home to us, that we, with them, may dwell in peace and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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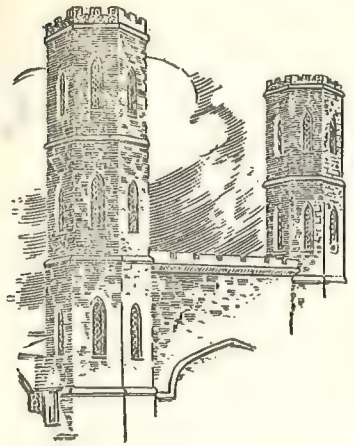
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Etude" ..... *A. Scriabine*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 72, Page 426
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 ..... *Gaul*
JUBILATE—Page 15
ANTHEM—"O Wisdom" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

O wisdom! Spirit of the Holy God,
Effulgent glory of eternal light
Thou order'st all things, O divinest Might,
Strong Wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.
—*The Very Rev., The Dean of Ely Cathedral.*

SERMON—"Sacrifice and Song" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 385 ..... *Purcell*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 116 ..... *Gauntlett*

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Isabel F. Kirkpatrick in memory of her family.

PLEDGES

This past year is one of the best in our financial history. We have ended the year without a cent of debt. We have oversubscribed our Missionary Quota. We have made extensive repairs. My congratulations and thanks to all who made that achievement possible. But another year faces us. We cannot exist on past results. While many have sent in their pledges promptly, the total is somewhat behind that of last year at the corresponding time. More of our people should be using the weekly duplex envelopes. Let's clean up this matter of business, so that I may turn my full attention to spiritual matters. Thank you.

In behalf of our faithful treasurer, may I ask that you help us by indicating on your envelope how much of your offering goes in each side. This will save reference to your pledge card, and matching your number with your name. All this takes time which you could save by using the space which follows the word "Amount...".

CHRISTMAS AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

"What a wonderful Christmas! What a wonderful Christmas!" So says one of the little elephants in the children's story, "Barbar and Father Christmas". So say we all about our Christmas at St. Stephen's Church. In spite of a deep undercurrent of seriousness because of the state of the world, and because we missed so many who are serving their country—perhaps because of it—we turned out in great numbers and did our best to thank God for the gift of his dear Son, and his message of good will and peace. I am sure that all of us had our faith reinforced and our hope renewed, that a better world will be our lot before long. When we acknowledge that Christ is in the world we express our faith in the future.

The Christmas Story by Dr. Matthews with the Philadelphia Music Club pageant and Chorus was presented on Thursday before Christmas. The pageant and singing were done to perfection.

The attendance at the midnight service broke all records and the breakfast taxed the generous facilities of the Service Club. The singing of the two Christmas services with the high lights of the Messiah generously interspersed was inspiring. We realized once again the high service music renders in the worship of Almighty God, as our hearts were lifted by the beauty of the singing of Handel's immortal Cantata. It was an irristible challenge to man's deepest instinct to lift himself toward Something higher than himself.

We are grateful to Miss Thackara and the Altar Guild, Mr. Hauger and his ushers, and last but not least to our Verger, Mr. Carrigan for their efficient work.

Our hearts went out in love to all whom the War had separated from us, and we pray that most of them may be with us next year. Our gratitude goes out to them all.

MAKING LIFE COUNT

For the most part we are merely sentimental, often cheaply so, about the sacrifices being made by the young men of this generation—and those sacrifices are mounting ominously in these very hours.

Were we more than merely sentimental we would each of us face the implication of this awful struggle, realize clearly that behind the warfare of men and machines lies a profound conflict of ideals and principles and we would each of us seek a very definite place of responsibility in the ranks of those who are struggling to uphold the ideals and principles that are challenged by the enemy.

The ideals and principles for which our men are dying are the ideals of democracy. And the ideals of democracy are the fruit of Christianity —primarily of the Protestant interpretation of Christianity.

Here, then, is an obvious place of vital importance for the individual who really wants to make life count in these desperate days—let such a person give his services as a teacher of children, a teacher of the religion which has created those values more precious than life itself.

But we are not trained! Neither was the soldier when he was inducted. Had it not been for the training which followed induction, he would be a thoroughly helpless specimen on the battlefield.

If we are not trained, let us seek training. It ought to occur to us that if we do not know enough about Christianity to teach it, we surely do not know enough about it to live it.

How can we get training and where? A five weeks' course held on Tuesday evenings will be held under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education at the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, beginning January 9th. The hours are 7 to 9.40 depending on the courses you elect. The leaders are exceptionally able. The rest is up to us.

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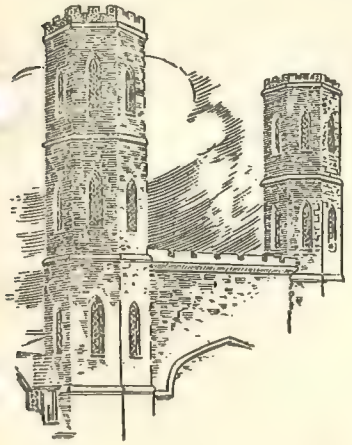
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94.....*Kocher*
KYRIE .....*Noble*
ANTHEM—"I Am the Bread of Life.....*George A. West*
I am the bread of life; He that cometh to me shall never hunger; He that believeth on me shall never thirst.
SERMON—"The Hungers of the Heart".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 93.....*Harding*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 74.....*Plainsong*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 98.....*Bach*

The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in subscribing to the Bulletin which is mailed to you each week, and whereby we keep in touch with the congregation, and they with us. It is not always possible for each of you to come to church every week, and yet we know you would not care to miss the notices. Our mailing list is well over four hundred —more than double the figure it was three years ago. The cost of printing and mailing is fully warranted by your continued interest in St. Stephen's Church, and we know you welcome this opportunity to help us defray the expenses of our weekly bulletin.

PARISH REGISTER FOR DECEMBER

BAPTISMS

Then took He little children up in his arms and blessed them.

December 17—Sue Ellen Marsh

MARRIAGES

Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder

December 8—Wayne Flint and Emily Smith
15—John Carver Ferris and Beatrice A. Estlow
20—Donald E. Butler and Louella M. McHaney

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

December 3—Dr. Herbert Old, in memory of his father and mother
10—The Misses Davis in memory of their sister, Isabel P. Davis
17—Mrs. Martha Atherton, in memory of Caroline E. Owens
24—Christmas Eve Flowers for the Magee, Atmore and Pancoast Windows, and the David Wood Memorial provided by designated funds. Flowers for the Altar given by the Vestry.
31—The Vestry, in loving memory of Miss Laura Bell.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION FOR EVERY DAY

"Lord, let me wake when morning breaks
Undaunted by my old mistakes.
Let me arise as comes the sun
Glad for the task that must be done,
Rejoicing I have strength to give
Some beauty to the life I live."

AN EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCE

I am still under the depression as I write, of an embarrassing experience of yesterday.

A luncheon meeting brought together a group of men and women who were individually and collectively concerned with working quietly and persuasively to rectify as deep a human injustice as exists in our society. Two members of the group reported on their recent interview with an officer who was the spokesman for a big influential organization, one that represents the "class" in its field. It lay within the power of this organization to make a most signficant contribution toward the removal of the human injustice which was our concern. These two men, both of whom were giving their time and energy for no personal advantage had gone to see the aforementioned officer in the second phase of a negotiation which, in the first phase, had seemed most hopeful. Neither of these men, I believe, is a churchman.

They told us how the officer greeted them cordially and began at once to tell them that he was an active director in a prominent church organization and how in this capacity he had helped to circulate the Bible very widely for many years.

At this point, I was most hopeful, but the hope was changed very quickly to a sense of the tragic—for, after explaining his active churchmanship, the officer then went on to tell them his organization would not alter its policy. He offered what was to him an apparently satisfactory explanation based on expediency. His immediate listeners knew enough about the Bible to see the utter inconsistency of his conversation with them and to marvel that he should be so naive. To them the juxtaposition of the recital of an almost boasting Christian loyaltty with the bland justification of a policy that defied Christian principle, seemed ludicrous. But it was not ludicrous. It was terribly tragic. It was perhaps the demonstration of the basic reason for the world's disbelief and consequent darkness and a lucid explanation of the indifference of so many people to the Church.

"INCOME TAX PRIMER"

The Federal Council of Churches has published a primer on income tax precedure, effective for 1945. Copies have been mailed to all those on our mailing list. Additional copies may be found in the vestibule of the church. As the primer states, "the introduction of the new simplified individual income tax return imposes upon every minister and finance committee of a local church the responsibility to explain to the contributors the implication of the new procedure, in order to endeavor to prevent the churches from suffering financially."

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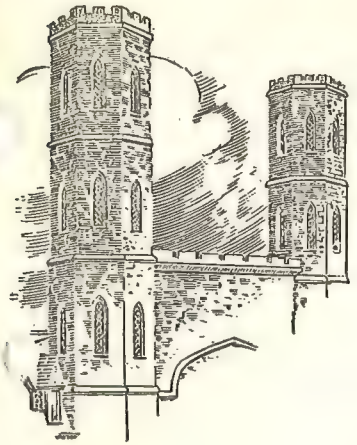
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10.00 A. M.— CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"When Thou Art Near".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117.....*Douglas*
KYRIE.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
ANTHEM—"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit".....*T. Tertius Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"The Cure for the World's Ills".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 499 (tune 85).....*Cutler*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*Old French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539.....*Bambridge*

The Altar Flowers are given by Mrs. Daniel R. Harper in memory of Daniel R. Harper.

We have just learned from his mother that William S. Smith escaped capture recently by a narrow margin. His outfit has been cited for meritorious conduct under fire.

Emma Smith has graduated from the West Philadelphia High School and will leave the Burd School to enter the Philadelphia General Hospital in order to become an X-Ray technician.

The Rector will address the members of the League of Intercessors of the League for the Isolated at the Church House on February 2 at 11.30 A. M. He will preach at the Leamy Home on Sunday, February 4, at 5.00 P. M.

We acknowledge the bulletin subscriptions of Mrs. George Aeugle, Miss Margaret Keiser, Miss Adele M. Lewis, Mrs. T. S. MacGoldrick, the Misses Stapleton, Mr. F. L. Steele, Miss Mary Swift, Miss Mary E. Gilbert.

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January 7—Altar Guild.
14—Miss Isabel F. Kirkpatrick, in memory of her family.
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"Ye have put on Christ"

January 29 . . . Edwin McBride Wiggins

MARRIAGES

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NEW MEMBERS

"No longer strangers but members of the congregation"

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Kennedy
Pvt. Ruth Anne White, M.C.W.R.

FROM OUR OVERSEAS MAILBAG

So many fine letters reach the rector these days from APO's all over the world. While it is impossible to share all of them with readers of the Bulletin, we feel that excerpts from a few will give some idea of the thoughts and hopes that St. Stephen's men and women have as they go about their jobs in a war torn world. Therefore, from time to time, as opportunity permits, we will give you a share of the rector's mail from home and overseas.

From Captain James W. Hepburn:

I received your very fine Christmas package today. It certainly showed careful planning, as the items men most appreciate. I particularly enjoyed the nice wrapping! The contents in your box is being enjoyed not only by myself, but also by the little children in this small French town. These little fellows really do not know what Christmas is—that is our Christmas. Many of them tasted chocolate for the first time when the generous American G. I.'s arrived.

The village people were very kind to my men on Christmas Eve. Several of the village women came around to those on sentry post and even in their quarters, and went through their ceremony of beating the boys with grass brooms and afterwards presenting them with some little gift. Everyone had a good time. This kind act made the men feel welcome to this area—an area in which the people are, on the surface, not friendly.

From Mr. Robert Atmore with the American Red Cross in the Pacific:

The Christmas box which the Church sent me was as well chosen as it was greatly appreciated. Whoever thought up those items must have had "second sight" or advice from overseas. I want you to know that everything arrived in first rate condition. . . .

On Sunday, February 4, from 2 until 5 o'clock, all of the 31 USO and associated agencies in Philadelphia will have "Open House" for their friends. You are invited to come and see what is being offered, through your generosity, to service men and women in your community. Those of you who have not been in our own St. Stephen's Service Club are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to "come and see."

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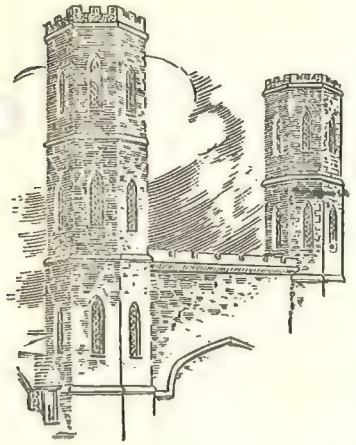
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 114.....*Hodges*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 132—Page 508
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*King-Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14
ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet".....*J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel, Lord, be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel, Lord, be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee,
Lord be near us, in Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms; Lord, be near us
In Thine everlasting arms, hold and cheer us;
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SERMON—"Christians at Their Best".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 120.....*Maker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 113.....*Boyd*

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PASTORAL LETTER

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE:

Your record of support of the Diocese and National Church during 1944 was magnificent. It was an act of faith when we accepted the full amount assigned to us by the General Convention. Not only have you given it in full but you have enabled your Diocese to end the year without a deficit.

The thrilling part of this story is that one hundred and ninety-two congregations paid in full or overpaid their Proportionate Shares. Such a record would have been impossible without the vision and sacrificial efforts of clergy, vestrymen and congregations. I realize that many of you have given up parts of your own parish programs in order to help others. I am confident that our Lord will bless you for your unselfishness. And I ask your prayers that God will guide us and use us for the extension of His Kingdom.

Faithfully your Bishop,
OLIVER J. HART.

P. S.—We are happy that St. Stephen's Church paid its proportionate share of $4,500.00 and a little more.

PRAYERS FOR THE BUSY

Since ejaculatory prayer is something that you squeeze in between doing other things, it may be long or short according to circumstances. Sometimes it is a prayer habitually said while you are attending to other matters that require no thinking. I knew an old gentleman who made it his habit to pray for a good death each night while he stood in front of his bureau winding his watch. To him the swift passage of time was inseparable from his eventual departure. He used the prayer of Bishop Lancelot Andrewes.

"Grant, O Lord, that the end of my life be Christian, without sin and without shame, and, if it please thee, without pain."

A woman of my acquaintance on the way to lunch each day has to wait for a red traffic light to turn green. She assured me, and I found it to be so, that you have plenty of time to say, "Veni Creator Spiritus"—"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire", in the span of a red light. This is much better than fretting or resenting the people who crowd around.

Recently I heard of a woman who was so busy with her household from morning to night that she made a practice of lifting up her heart to God every time she went upstairs! Take some common habit or circumstance and use that as a spring board for prayer.

One of the commonest of circumstances of people living in cities is to be caught in a crowd, a jammed subway or a packed bus, which can be both stifling and irritating. Put yourself in the presence of God. This can insulate you against the overwhelming pressure of humanity in the mass. You will also be practicing the habit of recollection.

Ejaculatory prayer calls us for an instant away from the hum of things, calls us to a homely, everyday, workable belief that God is with us everywhere and can be easily approached.

CONFIRMATION

Everyone is welcome to worship in the Church, to come and go without obligation, but at this time of year we would remind young people, the casual stranger, and the person who has been putting off his spiritual duties that everyone should become a full-fledged member of the Christian Church of his own free will. He should do it because it is the pledge of his fundamental loyalty and the outward proof of his inward act of allegiance to Christ and his Church. In the ancient rite of confirmation, the Bishop visits our parish, receives the candidates for confirmation, hears their spoken affirmation of loyalty to Jesus Christ, and then, as they kneel, places his hands upon their heads, invoking the seven-fold gifts of God's Holy Spirit. Simple, reverent, elemental, essential!

We invite those who attend our services who have never been confirmed to be confirmed this year. By way of preparation and instruction we shall hold a class Sunday mornings in the rector's study at ten o'clock.

There are always some who are not sure in their minds that they wish to be confirmed or are ready for confirmation. They are invited to attend this class and need not make their decision until March 11th when Bishop Hart comes for the service. If you are thinking of attending the class, the rector would appreciate having your name given to him, or the names of any who might be invited to attend.

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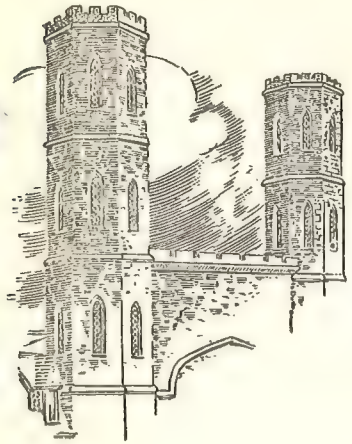
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Woodland Idyl".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 .....*Hayne*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 21, Page 365
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place".....*Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; They praise Thy name evermore.

SERMON—"Life Can Be Made Over".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 240.....*Zundel*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 104.....*Giardini*

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The rector spoke at a Round Table of Religion at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, on January 15th.

Our sympathy is extended to Dr. Matthews in the passing of his brother-in-law George Alexander West. Mr. West had been the Organist and Choirmaster at St. Luke's Church, Germantown for fifty-four years. He was buried in the Church burial ground.

"Theological Sunday", January 21, is the occasion for receiving the annual offering from every church and mission for the support of our Divinity Schools. Envelopes for this purpose are enclosed and are available in the vestibule. The need for more clergy is acute and will be even more so in the post war years. Let us strengthen our Theological Schools now that they may serve the Church and country even better in the future.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit this Parish on March 11th to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation, which is the historic way of admitting Christians into full fellowship with the Church. If you are an adult and have not yet been confirmed, don't you want to take your rightful place in the Christian Church in this community? Give your name to the Rector today.

LIFE OR DEATH

As events move forward we begin to see more clearly the difficulties that lie in the way of accomplishing the paramount task of our generation —stable and effective world organization.

A few days ago in a gathering of religious leaders, I heard the Dumbarton Oaks proposals assailed as immoral by a nationally-known minister who demanded so unrealistic a perfectionist substitute that his argument added up, actually, to support of isolationism.

Some months ago an International Oil Conference was held. A very moderate measure of agreement was reached suggesting scarcely more than a basis for consultation on the use of oil reserves, but it would have provided at least a starting point. That argument is said to be stifled in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and it is reported that this stifling results from the pressure of oil interests.

Somewhat more notable has been the achievement of the International Air Conference which has recently adjourned. At least a moderate foundation has been laid by the unanimous agreement of the representatives. It is reported by Marquis W. Childs that all the time this conference was in session a powerful lobby, representing private air lines (mostly, though not entirely American) was doing everything possible to put obstacles in the way of any agreement at all. It remains to be seen whether private air interests will kill the air agreement as the oil interests have done to the oil agreement.

So in the very moment when the young men of America are dying to pay for the blind selfishness of twenty-five years ago, the same predatory selfishness—whether of pride of opinion or greed for profit—is casting a heavy shadow over the cradles in which the fighting men's children sleep.

Are we to allow our chance for the future to be done to death by small pressure groups which cannot see beyond the limits of immediate self-advantage? Where is the moral conscience of America? Who shall house it? Who shall martial it? Who shall represent it in a force of counteracting pressure to offset the pressures of selfishness?

These are no minor questions—no insignificant issues! They spell LIFE or DEATH to the next generation.

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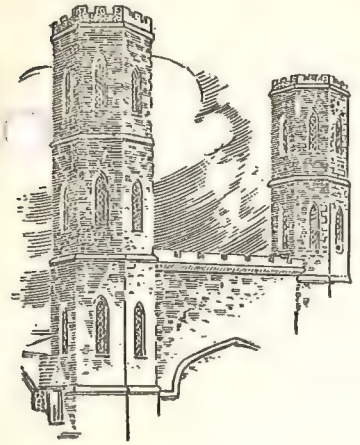
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386.....*Baker*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 91—Page 454
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Hear My Prayer".....*Mendelssohn*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide;
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.
The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast.
The wicked oppress me, ah where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry.
My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, lo, hear me call.
O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there forever at rest.

THE SERMON—"The Challenge of the Open Door".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 379.....*Elliot*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 132.....*Knecht*

The flowers for this Sunday are given in memory of Naomi Yocum Prettyman.

The rector, as National Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will preach at a Patriotic Service at St. Paul's Church, New Rochelle, New York on the evening of February 18th.

The Annual Corporate Communion for Men and Boys will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Washington's Birthday, at 8 A. M. Following the service, breakfast will be served at the Hotel Stephen Girard, 2027 Chestnut Street, when the Hon. Robert T. McCracken, Chancellor of the Diocese will be the speaker. The cost of the breakfast is $1.00.

The Rev. Thomas Meryweather, Associate Rector, St. Luke and the Epiphany will be the Noon-day preacher on Saturday, February 24th.

On Sunday, February 25th, the Annual "All Youth Service" will be held in St. Stephen's at 3.30 P. M. The speaker is the Rev. Percy L. Urban, S.T.D., Philadelphia Divinity School. All young people of the Diocese are invited to attend.

WHERE PROTESTANTISM IS IN DEFAULT

The spiritual future of America will be determined by one of three major forces that are at work in our midst. These forces are secularism, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. In the general breakdown of Western culture, the soul of America is being reborn. Shall it be a secular soul, a Roman Catholic soul, or a soul fashioned by those forces which the Protestant Reformation set free? No doubt the strongest force at the moment is secularism. A society whose children and youth receive virtually no education save that which is afforded by our public schools is destined to be a secular society. The Roman Catholic Church sees this clearly and provides at enormous sacrifice for the religious education of its children. Protestantism has never sensed the situation clearly, but has blindly imagined that it could safely entrust its children's education to public, therefore non-religious, auspices. Its Sunday schools are only a pathetic gesture in the direction of Christian education. Unless Protestantism awakes to its default and projects an educational system which will supplement secular education with thorough-going religious education, the soul of America will become either secular or Roman Catholic. The Catholic Church is intensely active—in education, in the acquisition of vast properties, in the machinations of politics, in the steady gaining of control over the public schools. This activity cannot be offset by merely exposing it and opposing it. It can be offset only by positive Protestant action on a scale commensurate with the educational system of Roman Catholicism itself. There are only two genuinely effective educational forces now at work—the public school, which is secular (and should be vigilantly kept so) and the Roman Catholic system. Protestantism must be awakened to its fateful responsibility for the soul of America.

FAITH

The Rev. Dr. Michael Coleman, acting vicar of All Hallows, London, during the Blitz, and who now is serving in the Church in Canada will be the noon-day preacher next week from Monday through Friday. He will conduct a Teaching Mission every evening in Holy Trinity Church.

During the Blitz of London, Dr. Coleman and his staff went from shelter to shelter ministering to men and women and children huddled together through the nights of terror. He was at the Thames serving with the defense workers as the bombs came down. Out of those experiences the wreckage of his church, the death of many of his people, and the questions he had to answer came this declaration of his faith.

"I know with all the power and passion that lies in me, that God is true, that He does care, that He can and does uphold—and because this I know, as I have verily known His upholding presence in blitz and blackout, on land and sea, I can write God does reign, God does indeed plan 'peace on earth to men of goodwill'."

Not since the days of G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, following the last Great War has the Church had so eloquent a preacher and prophet.

THE WAR COMMISSION

The returns from our plea for funds for the War Commission, are promising. We know that you really do care, that you do understand that this $400,000 is urgently needed. Therefore, we enclose a brochure containing further information for your kind consideration.

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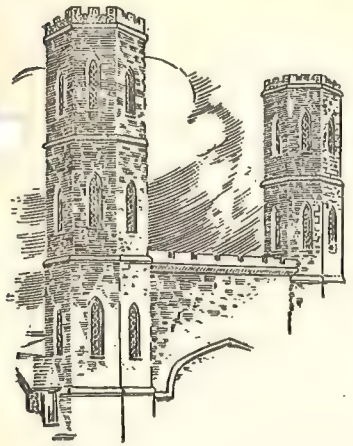
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"In Paradisum".....*Henry Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 111.....*Handel*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men".....*H. Walford Davies*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us.

SERMON—"The Greatness of Lincoln".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 445.....*Croft*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530.....*Sullivan*

The Altar flowers are in memory of Naomi Yocum Prettyman and her family.

Miss Florence L. Kite, Secretary of the Friends' Committee on Race Relations will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Thursday, February 15 at eleven o'clock in the Parish House.

We welcome our Troop No. 2 to our service this morning on the 35th Anniversary of Scouting in America. Troop No. 2, under the leadership of Captain Streaker, was organized as a Troop two years before Scouting came to America. It has had a continuously splendid record in the city ever since.

February 14 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a service at 10.30 A. M. —The Litany and the Penitential Office, and at 12.30 Bishop Hart will preach.

On Thursday, Bishop Sterrett of Bethlehem will preach and the Healing Service will follow.

Dr. John Robbins Hart, Rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge will preach on Friday, followed by the service of Holy Communion.

The Rev. James C. Gilbert, Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Rector of St. James, Kingsessing will be the preacher on Saturday.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS. As February is Brotherhood month, the department is arranging an inter-racial World Day of Prayer Service. All members of the Church and all interested members of the Woman's Auxiliary are most cordially invited at 10.30, Friday, February 16th, at the Church House. Please help us to make this a witness of our inter-racial convictions.

LENT BEGINS

With Ash Wednesday, coming next week, Lent begins early this year. To me this seems appropriate in view of the world situation. If ever there was a year when people felt disposed to pray, to get a little closer to God, this is it. Lent is always welcomed by the devout Christian, but especially so in times of war and general unrest. We need inner strength for wartime living. Our Noon-Day Preachers are the most distinguished men obtainable. Under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew we again join forces for the fourth year in these Lenten services. Last year over 20,000 attended.

May this Lent be a great spiritual experience for all of us, and may I as your rector and friend say, "God bless you and bring you to a joyful and triumphant Easter."

THE WAR COMMISSION

If we could be at the front to give words of encouragement to our fighting men, I am sure that all of us would like to do that. Since we cannot, we send chaplains to the Army and Navy. They do it for us. They tell the men about the love of God. They speak words of cheer. They represent the whole Church.

The Episcopal Church has an Army and Navy Commission, headed by Bishop Sherril of Massachusetts, which approves the selection of all chaplains from the Church and then keeps in touch with them. Moreover it provides them with portable Communion sets and altars, it furnishes them with small discretionary funds to aid them in their work; it pays their assessments to the Church Pension Fund, so that the amount of their retiring pension will not be decreased because of the sacrifices they make in serving the armed forces. The money for this work comes from the free-will offerings of members of the Church. Each year we have one drive to raise this money. This year the Commission is asking the whole Church for $400,000. It must have this sum because it is spending at the rate of more than $1,000 per day, and still is not meeting all needs.

An offering will be taken in this Diocese on February 11. Special envelopes are available in which you may put whatever you feel is your rightful share in this important work. Our Diocese is pledged to raise $50,000. Of this, $30,000 will go for work among all Episcopal Chaplains in the Armed forces, $20,000 will be used for the local needs of the Diocesan War Commission. St. Stephen's Service Club receives its financial support from the latter fund. It behooves us, therefore, to be the most generous giver. Last year we gave $1,000. This year we desire to raise $1,200. Please remember the ninety-two men and women on your Honor Roll and all others whom you know, as well as the great work of national importance which is being done by the St. Stephen's Service Club and give as generously as you can.

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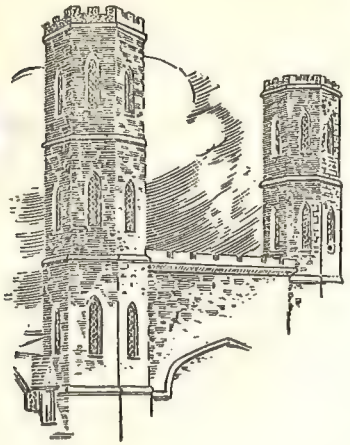
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 492.....*Walter*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALMS 132 and 133—Pages 508, 509
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM (Soprano Solo)—"O Brother Man"..*H. Alexander Matthews*
SERMON—"Of One Blood".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 501.....*Somervell*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539.....*Bambridge*

The Altar flowers are given by the Alumnae of the Burd School in memory of Eliza Howard Burd.

We are anxious to replace one of our parish house pianos, and if there is anyone who has an unused piano, and would like to put it to work, please call the Church office. Walnut 3807.

We are most happy to welcome Dean O'Ferrall of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, Michigan, as our preacher for the coming week, The Rev. Ralph E. Coonrad, Vicar of St. John's Baptist Church, Germantown, will be the guest speaker on Saturday, March 3.

Mrs. Carrie M. Buehler is in charge of donations for the Educational Week for the Blind, held annually in Gimbel Brothers' auditorium. The dates this year are March 19 to 24. Send your donations to Mrs. Buehler, 308 Berkley Road, Merion, Pa. Checks may be made payable to Marion M. Slemons.

The Rev. Percy L. Urban, S.T.D., of Philadelphia Divinity School, will be the speaker at the Annual "All Youth Service" which is to be held this afternoon at 3.30. You are cordially welcome to attend.

We gratefully acknowledge the following bulletin subscriptions.

Mr. Edward Shippen Barnes, Mrs. C. Bilse, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Mrs. J. Wiley Christie, Mrs. Edward J. Cook, Miss May Falkingham, Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. David L. German, Mrs. Mary Hill, Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr., Mrs. Helen LeDent, Mrs. W. A. Linton, Mrs. Blanche E. Krecker, Mrs. Mary McEwen, Mr. G. A. McKenna, Miss Emma L. Mink, Miss Nellie V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Nevinger, Miss Elizabeth Patchell, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Powers, Mr. William H. Ruhl, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seltzer, Miss Margaret Tappen, Mrs. Mabel G. Thackara, Mrs. Frederick Schmid, Mrs. A. C. Williams, Mrs. Roswell C. Williams, Jr., Miss Betty Wilson.

BREAK DOWN RACE BARRIERS—OR ELSE

There appeared in the magazine section of the *New York Times* a revealing article by Pearl S. Buck. She says some hard things about race superiority as found in America and elsewhere. "The main barrier between East and West today," she says, "is that the white man is not willing to give up his superiority and the colored man is no longer willing to endure his inferiority. So long as white men in America will not sit in the same car with colored men, so long as in India a drop of Indian blood makes a man colored and not white, so long as being Chinese makes it impossible for a sailor to get shore leave in the port of New York, then we must conclude that race does matter more than anything else."

Mrs. Buck then raises the question whether this barrier of race can be destroyed, and this is her answer. "If it cannot, then we must prepare for a future of nothing but struggle and war on a stupendous scale, particularly for the white man. We shall have to make up for our inferiority in numbers by military preparation of the most barbarous and savage kind. We must prepare super-weapons, we must not shrink from chemical warfare on a mass scale, we must be willing to destroy all civilization, even our own, in order to keep down the colored peoples, who are so vastly our superior in numbers and our equal in skills. Is this a future which any human being wants to face?"

ELIZA HOWARD BURD

We welcome the members of the Burd School and many of the alumnae to the service this Sunday morning on the 152nd birthday of Mrs. Eliza Howard Burd, founder of the Burd School. Mrs. Burd's birthday is February 23rd. The School is now in its 89th year. It had its origin in a private school for fatherless girls opened in the year 1856 by Mrs. Burd on Sansom Street near her Chestnut Street residence. Mrs. Burd was the mother of eight children, all of whom died in early life, the last in 1845. In 1849 she lost her husband, who never rallied from the shock of his last child's death. Left solitary in her old home, Mrs. Burd devoted herself to the Church, works of charity, and in conducting her school, studying meanwhile how her wealth might best be used.

Following her death on Good Friday, April 6th, 1860, it was disclosed that she had left practically her entire fortune for the building and endowment of a school where fatherless girls should be educated and prepared for life. The Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church were named Trustees and under the trust, the founder's wishes have been strictly followed.

In accordance with Mrs. Burd's wishes, the main purpose of the school has been concentrated on the building of a wholesome and well-rounded character and personality. Due emphasis is placed on religious and school instruction, and attention is given to the proper cultural development of the child.

Applicants must be girls between the ages of four and eight. All girls from homes of high moral standard are accepted. No charge of any kind is made for board, tuition, or vocational training.

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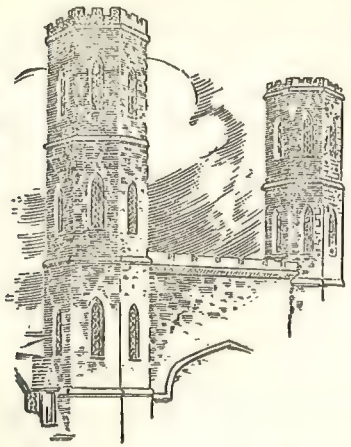
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143.....*Teschner*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 24—Page 368
THE LESSON
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
ANTHEM—"Gallia" .....*Gounod*

"Solitary lieth the city, she that was full of people;
How is she widowed! she that was great among nations,
Princess among the provinces, how is she put under tribute!
Sorely she weepeth in darkness, her tears are on her cheeks,
And no one offereth consolation, yea, all her friends have betrayed her,
They have become her enemies.
Zion's ways do languish, none come to her feasts, her solemn feasts
All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh, yea, her virgins are afflicted and she is in bitterness.
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.
Now behold, O Lord, look Thou on my affliction;
See the foe hath magnified himself,
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, O turn thee to the Lord thy God.
Lamentations 1 : 1.

SERMON—"Seeing the Invisible".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 152.....*Stainer*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 145.....*Dykes*

The Altar Palms are given by the Mother's Meeting. The flowers for the Altar on Maundy Thursday will be given by Mrs. Otis E. Taylor, in memory of those who fell in battle in the First World War.

We gratefully acknowledge the bulletin subscription of Mrs. David D. Wood.

The Rector has had Lenten preaching engagements at St. Matthew's Church, Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Divinity School, St. John's Church, Camden and St. David's Curch, Radnor.

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan, who celebrated their forty-fourth anniversary on March 20th.

We are happy to report that thus far St. Stephen's Church has donated $331.00 to the Red Cross from members of the congregation. We hope for even more!

IMPERATIVE COOPERATION

One thing is certain. The United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics must, in spite of differences, walk the way of comradeship in the years ahead.

Merely to set down the principle reason for this certainly is to demonstrate that the greater obligation to generous cooperation lies with us.

In the first place, consider the imprecedented sacrifice which Russia has made toward a common victory. Edgar Snow in his invaluable book, "People on Our Side" records that the Russian armies have suffered a total of six million killed or missing, three million incapacitated, and six million wounded—a total of more men than there are in the combined forces of the United States.

It may be argued that these millions died and suffered for Russia, their own fatherland, but let us never forget that they broke the back of the common foe. If Russia had been beaten, the war would undoubtedly have lasted beyond the lifetime of any living American. That defense of Stalingrad, and history records none more heroic, was a defence of the whole world. Those men, who on that narrow two-mile front withstood the devastation of six thousand tons of metal from shells and bombs to every half mile, the straffing of twenty-three hundred planes and as many as twenty-three frontal assaults in one day, interposed themselves between the enemy and your home and mine, as well as the homes of Russia. Had Russia failed it is certain beyond doubt that America would have ultimately suffered many more than fifteen million casualties.

In the third place, Russia and America will emerge from this world war the most powerful nations in history. If we join hands, the world has a chance. If we break comradeship, aggravate differences, enter hostility—the world is doomed to devastation greater than it now suffers.

What is the place of the Church in building the imperative co-operation?

There are vast differences between Russia and America. Economic life is framed upon different principles. We have a right to ours and they have a right to theirs. The same thing applies to political differences. But none of these differences need to be a barrier to whole-hearted co-operation—and upon whole-hearted co-operation depends the welfare of every American and every Russian.

In Holy Week, the Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton will preach at the Noonday Services, Monday, through Thursday. On Maundy Thursday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 1.00 P. M., 5.15 and at 8.00. There will be music and a sermon at the eight o'clock service at which time the Mothers' Meeting will make a corporate communion.

On Good Friday there will be a service of Morning Prayer and Sermon at 10.30 A. M. Bishop Hart will preach at the Noonday Service. At 1.00 P. M., the Choir, under Dr. Matthew's direction will sing Stainer's "Crucifixion", and the Bishop will conduct meditations from two to three.

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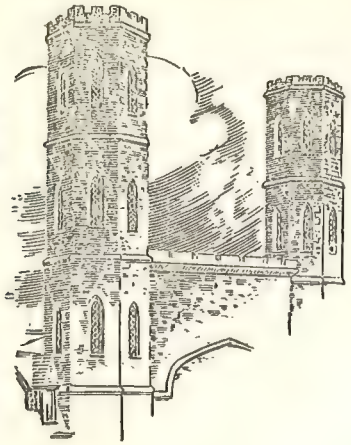
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Meditation à Sainte Clotilde.....*Philip James*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 126.....*Dykes*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 90—Page 453
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM (from Messiah).....*Handel*

(Alto)—He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (Chorus) Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. And with His stripes we are healed.

SERMON—"Comfort by the Way".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 236.....*Peace*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 116.....*Gauntlett*

PARISH REGISTER FOR FEBRUARY, 1945

BAPTISMS

"Then took He up little children in His arms and blessed them."
February 25—Jean Amelia Becker

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."
February 21—David Goldberg and Gladys Scott

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

February 4—Mrs. Daniel R. Harper in memory of Daniel R. Harper
11—Miss Anna Eisenbrey
18—Flowers in memory of Naomi Yocum Prettyman and family.
25—The Alumnae of the Burd School in memory of Eliza Howard Burd.

PRAYER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; Guide, we pray thee, with thy strong and peaceful wisdom those who (will) take counsel for the nations of the earth at the United Nations Conference. And that we may worthily support them, deliver all thy people from selfishness and false ambitions. Grant that we may prepare our minds through study, our hearts through compassion and our souls through prayer and sacrament for a new world in which justice shall be assured to all and in which peace shall be enduring, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR SINS OF OMISSION

Sensitive persons who reflect upon their relations with other people are likely to be haunted more by their sins of omission than by their sins of commission. After all, the area in which we do nothing is vastly larger than the area in which we do something. Our positive deeds and misdeeds are specific and numerable, while the deeds we have left undone who can count them? Not only are these undone deeds more numerous, but they carry a poignancy all their own. When they arise in retrospect to reproach us they evoke a peculiar sense of unworthiness and guilt. We can find no excuse for not having done them. For many of our sins of commission we can find plausible or semi-plausible excuses—our passion betrayed us, or our words were ill chosen, or we did not understand, or the fellow really deserved what we gave him. Thinking it over, if our heart condemn us, we can make a clean breast of it and apologize and by our subsequent behaviour, entirely heal the wound and reinstate the broken friendship.

But if our sin was one of neglect, of omission, of unawareness, we are left without excuse. All we can say to our friend is that we did not think of the obvious opportunity to do him a kindness, to write him a comforting note in his sorrow, to come to his back in his hard fight against misfortune. The wound which our neglect has made is not like the wound caused by some positive misdeed. It is more difficult to cure. Our apology only betrays to our friend the stark truth that he held so minor a place in our heart that we *could* forget him, and our penitence cannot easily wash that truth away. I imagine that when the books are unrolled and our life story is spread out before us, our shame for the opportunities we allowed to go by without doing anything at all will be far deeper than the shame arising from our misdeeds. Hear again the divine judgment of men in that unforgettable verdict: "Inasmuch as ye did it *not*. . . ."

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We gratefully acknowledge the bulletin subscriptions brought in by Mrs. Anna Allen and Mr. D. DeWitt Wasson.

Don't forget Philadelphia's 18th Educational Week for the Blind, March 19-23. Monday is "Episcopal Day"; luncheon is fifty cents.

We welcome the seventeen members of our recent Confirmation Class to their first Communion at the nine o'clock service.

We heartily welcome the Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D. of Cleveland and the Rev. John P. McGarvey, Vicar of St. Ambrose Church, who will be our guests this coming week.

The Board of Managers has written to tell us that the Diocesan books are now closed and that the sum of $33,146.80 was received for the Episcopal Hospital though the Thanksgiving Offering. St. Stephen's contributed $1,077.03. It is planned that this money be used toward the free care of needy patients admitted to the Hospital.

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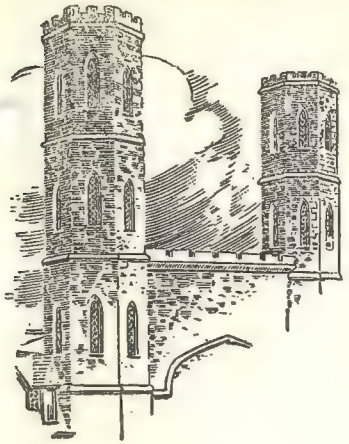
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ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 507.....*Smart*
VENITE PAGE 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 107—Page 476
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Gaul*
JUBILATE—Page 15.....*Mozart*
ANTHEM—"Light of the World".....*from "The Dayspring"*

Light of the world! forever shining, There is no change in Thee
True light of life, all joy and health enshrining Thou canst not fade nor flee. Thou hast arisen; but Thou declinest never, Today shines as the past, All that Thou wast, Thou art, and shall be ever, Brightness from first to last!
Night visits not Thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness; Day fills up all its blue; Unfailing beauty and unfaltering gladness, And love forever new! Light of the world! undimming and unsetting, O shine each mist away! Banish the fear, the falsehood and the fretting, Be our unchanging day! —*Horatio Bonner*

SERMON—Behind the Display Window.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 244.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors.
RECESSIONAL HYMN 529.....*Smart*

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A Memorial Service will be held in church on Sunday, April 29 at 11.00 A. M. in honor of Rodney M. McCaughin, who gave his life in the performance of his duty on April 28, 1944, on his thirteenth Bombardment Mission over France.

Rodney was baptized and confirmed in St. Stephen's Church and enlisted in the Air Corps when he was sixteen years old. He was eighteen when he gave his life in the service of his country.

The Service next Sunday is to do honor to Rodney and all those who have in like manner given their lives to their country; and to give comfort and consolation to his father, aunt and sister, and to all those who may wish to join with them in this service.

Blue envelopes are available to those of you who have not received one in order that you may present your United Thank Offering at the eleven o'clock service. That moment rich in blessing, that dispensation unlooked for, that opportunity unsought, as well as the prayers which were answered, are reasons for giving thanks. Express this gratitude by filling a blue envelope and giving a church worker in the mission field at home or abroad the wherewithal to live and work for the Master as you yourself would do, had you the special call to do so.

We gratefully acknowledge bulletin subscriptions from Mrs. Daniel Harper, Miss Florence Davies and Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, in our helpless bereavement we come to thee. We come for strength and consolation.

We are sorely bereaved. A mighty man in Israel has fallen. We have lost for a while a great president, a patriotic citizen, a loyal churchman, a great statesman, a warmhearted humanitarian and a great leader of men. Great, O Lord, is our bereavement.

Great also is our gratitude. We thank thee for Franklin Delano Roosevelt—for the visions and ideals to which he was born, for his fidelity to his church and to all his civic duties, and for his great success as the leader and chief magistrate of this great nation. We thank Thee for his indomtable courage in rising superior to his physical handicap, and his untiring energy and healthy optimism that made him a blessing to all who knew him. We thank thee for his good fight, his finished course, and his kept faith; and we rejoice in the confidence that he has already heard Thy gracious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We thank Thee, too, Our Father, for the beautiful fellowship of sorrow—for the great comfort of weeping with those who weep, "Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear." O how greatful we are for sympathetic human friends.

But, dear Father, in this hour, we need also Thy great sympathy. Especially do those most sorely bereaved need it. Comfort them, we beseech Thee. Comfort the bereaved wife, the bereaved daughter and the bereaved sons, all his other bereaved relatives and his great host of bereaved friends. Comfort them with thy consoling presence, with thy great and precious promises, with blessed and hallowed memories, with the glorious hope of a happy reunion in the great future, with an unfailing faith that Thou art too wise to err, too good to be unkind, too holy to be unjust, and too strong ever to fail; and with the great satisfying knowledge that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Heavenly Father, there is no tragedy so great as a great sorrow lost. Sanctify to us, therefore, this our great bereavement, so that we may perfectly learn the valuable lessons which it teaches and gratefully appropriate the rich blessings which it bestows. May Thy grace so enrich our lives that we, too, may be wise in thought, loving in disposition, gracious in conduct and victorious both in living and in dying.

With deep and sincere, yet with humble submission, we offer this our prayer; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

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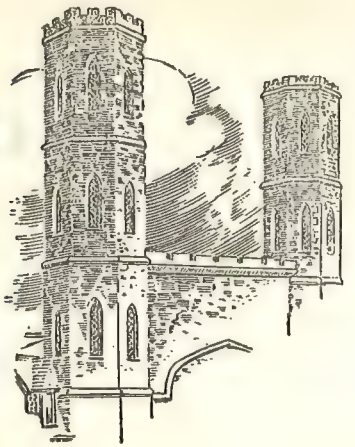
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Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham".....*C. Hubert Parry*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 193.....*Wesley*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 39—Page 389
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*King Hall*
MORN OF BEAUTY (in the place of the Benedictus).....*Sibelius*
ANTHEM—"The Walk to Emmaus".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

Will not our hearts within us burn
On the darkening road,
If a white Presence we can discern
Despite an ancient load?

Whither goest Thou, Pilgrim friend?
Lone figure far ahead?
Wilt Thou not tarry till the end?
And break our bread?

Follow we must amid sun and shade,
Our faith to complete,
Journeying where no path is made,
Save by His feet.

—The Rev. Joseph Fort Newton.

SERMON—"The Walk to Emmaus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 493.....*Smith*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 176.....*Gauntlett*

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The Mothers' Meeting is responsible for the Sunday Night Dinner at the Service Club on April 8. Thirty-five civilians may come; tickets are one dollar each. The now famous Minstrel Show will be given in the evening. It is funnier than ever, so do plan to stay.

The Board of Managers of St. Stephen's Service Club is sending out invitations for the second anniversary celebration on Thursday, April 12. How can we help but be proud of the fine work our Service Club is doing?

Mr. Carrigan, on April first, completed his thirty-eighth year of faithful and loyal service as Verger of St. Stephen's Church. Our very heartiest congratulation, and sincere hope for many years of devotion. No one can count the number of people who look upon Mr. Carrigan as their good friend.

V-E Day Services will be held at 10.00 A. M., 12.30 and 5.15 P. M. The church will be, as always, open for thanksgiving, meditation and prayer.

UNITY FOR RESPONSIBILITY

With practically unanimous voice the churches of the United States are supporting the creation of strong and effective world organization.

What we are seeking for the world is unity and we realize that a price which does not however require any sacrifice of principle, must be paid for it.

That unity which we seek is not a uniformity. We do not insist that other nations should adopt political and economic organization identical with ours—nor does any one of them suggest that we remodel after a pattern foreign to us. But at this stage at least there is agreement that for the good of each and for the good of all we must unite to fulfil responsibilities which can only be faced in unity.

Is there any church or any sincere churchman who in one way or another has not proclaimed and supported such a thesis?

Why, then, is it that we are so blind and deaf to the same drastic need for unity on the part of the Church?

The world is in desperate plight. Only the inculcation of basic religious principles can save it.

With those two premises we would all agree. Have we not preached upon them?

But how is the world to understand and to apply those principles to its life if the Church does not make them clear in precept and in practice? And how can the Church do this unless in itself it achieves effective unity?

Unity for the Church is the required goal—unity, not uniformity. Unity on a community level, unity on a national level, unity on a world level. And on those levels we have the embryonic structures which can be implemented into powerful influences. In nearly every American city there is a Council of Churches. Naturally there is the Federal Council, and on a world scale, the World Council.

But as long as our material strength, our energies and our efforts are absorbed in parochial and denominational concerns—as long as we remain in practice largely isolationist—are we not doomed to failure?

What the Church needs most is a great surging toward unity for responsibility.

The Department of Christian Social Relations has sent us instructions concerning the National Clothing Drive to take place during the week of April 15. Thirty million children and ninety-five million adults are in dire need of clothing. If each individual would give a complete outfit . . . Send or bring your contribution to the church.

Every Lenten season is wonderful in some special way, individually and for the congregation. It was a deeply moving preparation for Easter to nearly twenty-thousand people this year. This was the attendance at the Noonday services. The marvelous climax on Easter Day, the superb music, the large congregation, the hope for an early victory that triumphs over anxiety, and the beauty of the weather, all conjoined to make the day memorable. Our thanks to Dr. Matthews, the Choir, the Altar Guild, and all who gave their prayers and help to make this possible.

The Rector and congregation join in expressing deepest sympathy to Mr. Walter Farmer at the death of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer.

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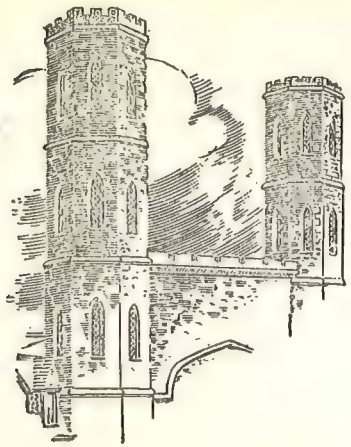
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Webbe*
KYRIE .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness".....*Dvorak*

"I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten stringed psalter. Every day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy holy Name. Great is God and great His mercy; who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory."

SERMON—"Ol' Man River"—The Psalm of the Mississippi THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 317.....*Carey*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 334.....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 255.....*Croft*

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9th in the Parish House, 19 South Tenth Street at 8.00 P. M. Elections will be held for twelve vestrymen, and reports will be made. The reports, which will tell us what we have accomplished during the past year and what our situation as a Parish is as we face the challenge and opportunity of the year ahead, will be presented by a group of faithful and loyal workers who labor in season and out of season for our Church. They deserve a hearing.

In this critical and troublous time, as a Parish, we have much for which to be deeply grateful. It is our trust to keep our Parish strong and faithful, so that when our boys and girls come home, they will have firm foundations on which to build in the years which are to come.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

V-E day will soon be here. For six long years, nearly, the greater part of the people of the world have looked forward to the dawn of this day. Most of them have also prayed for its coming. I do not suppose that ever in His ageless existence has God heard more prayers offered to Him on one theme than He has heard during the years of this war.

What will He hear when the end has come?

He will hear praise of Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill; of Eisenhower, Montgomery and all the other leading generals, of the brave soldiers who fought across the deserts of Africa and, with the assistance of the Navy and Coast Guard, stormed the beaches of Africa and Europe and then slugged their way until they met the valiant men of Russia.

He will be glad to hear this praise, to know that everybody appreciated what all these millions of human beings have done. But is that all He will hear? Will He hear from the lips of those who begged His help when the going was tough an equally fervent prayer of thanksgiving for His help? Could this war have been won without the help of God?

Why did not Hitler invade Britain immediately after Dunkirk? Who gave Britain the strength to beat off the Luftwaffe?

"O Give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His Name; tell the people what things He hath done."

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MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined, let no man put asunder"

April 14—Robert Lloyd Clements and Myra Adele Coon
21—John M. Harris and Edith Louise Frey
24—Emmet Leroy Pelley, Jr. and Betty Jean Barrett

BURIALS

"The day is softly sinking in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

April 3—Elizabeth O. Farmer
11—Lillian E. Bealmear

MORE EXCERPTS FROM OUR "OVERSEAS MAILBAG"

Lt. Josephine Head says:

"It was a very pleasant surprise to receive your letter. I remember meeting you before I left the States. We have been away thirty months now and it does seem long, when we are busy there is not much time for thinking. . . . Our unit here has been fortunate, I am an instrument nurse in the operating room, and go up to the first aid stations when help is needed. Our boys are very fine men and good soldiers. We are all proud of them."

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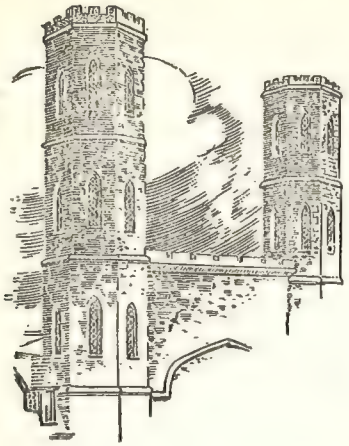
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante from the String Quartet" *Tschaikowsky*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 190.....*Elvy*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 24—Page 368
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*David D. Wood*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Unfold, Ye Portals Everlasting".....*Gounod*

Unfold, ye portals everlasting, With welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, Back to the heavenly mansions hasting For, lo, the King comes nigh. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty, But who is He, the King of Glory? Of hosts He is the Lord of angels and of powers: The King of Glory is the King of the saints.

THE SERMON—"Portrait of a Mother".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN—"O God, we thank Thee for the Gifts"

O God we thank Thee for the gifts
That come from Thee alone
And chiefly for that mother love,
Which is so like Thine own;

That love that shields our infancy,
The love that guides our youth,
That shows the wonders of Thy love
The glories of Thy truth.

We pray that Thou wilt greatly bless
Our mothers on this day
With treasures from the heavenly store
That cannot pass away.

We pray that sons and daughters all
May ever loyal be,
And may our mothers' prayers fulfill.
By truly serving Thee. Amen.

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 468

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. James F. Armstrong in memory of her husband.

Miss Margaret Keiser, our Soprano Soloist, a member of the faculty of the Philadelphia Musical Academy, will give a Song Recital on Thursday evening, May 17th, at 8.30 P. M., in the Auditorium of the Ethical Culture Society, 1906 South Rittenhouse Square. Our very best wishes to Miss Keiser on her expected and well-deserved success.

A MOTHER'S WORLD

This is not only Mother's Day but a mother's *World.*

What would we ever have been without a mother's faith and prayer?

We are noticeably silent today in our arguments against the equality of women. They have proved their equality *plus.* What we are most interested in is the *quality* of women—not the *equality.* That's the reason we turn to *Motherhood.* We have found that no civilization can rise higher than its womanhood.

In a very large part womanhood has entered nearly every walk of life for the sake of a *New Ideal.* She has realized that she has a special contribution to make. She sees things differently. A man usually asks: "How much will it cost?" "How much will it make?" A woman steeled in centuries of sacrifice breathes: "How will it affect my home?—my children?"

The *Ideal* of Motherhood will ever remain the highest ideal of womanhood. Nothing can ever replace this as her most cherished vocation. It is with this ideal in mind that woman has gone forth into every realm. Wherever she has gone life has been enriched and ennobled.

Is it not the extension of this ideal of Motherhood into all of life that will redeem our modern society? In no better way can we understand the *Universal Brotherhood* of the human family than in terms of the home in which the ideals of Motherhood hold sway.

Yes, this is a woman's world—a Mother's World! We honor all womanhood today as the Home, impersonated in a Mother, goes forth to conquer the world for the Kingdom of Christ.

FOR ALL MOTHERS

From slowness of heart to comprehend what is divine in the depth and constancy of a Mother's love:
Good Lord, deliver us.

From the unreality of superficial sentiment, from commercial exploitation, and from all lip service to Motherhood while we neglect the weightier matters of justice and mercy and love:
Good Lord, deliver us.

By our remembrance of the Mother of our Lord standing by the cross of her well-beloved Son;
Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to open our ears that we may hear the Saviour's word from the cross, Behold thy Mother;
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us grace from this hour, with the swift obedience of beloved disciples, to take unto our own those widowed, bereft, hard-pressed in life.
We besech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to touch our hearts that we may behold our Mother in every woman; in women who toil in the factories and on the farms, in office and shop and home; in women of alien race and foreign clime, in women of every creed and color and condition;
We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to lay upon our conscience the unequal lot of the Mothers of the poor, the underprivileged, and the unemployed;
We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to excite our pity for all Mothers robbed of their beloved sons by war;
We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That is may please Thee to kindle within us divine discontent with any social order which tolerates war, or poverty, or any preventable suffering among the Mothers of the world;
We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That is may please Thee to hasten the coming of the diviine society, when every Mother shall be secure, encompassed by loving provision for all her need;
We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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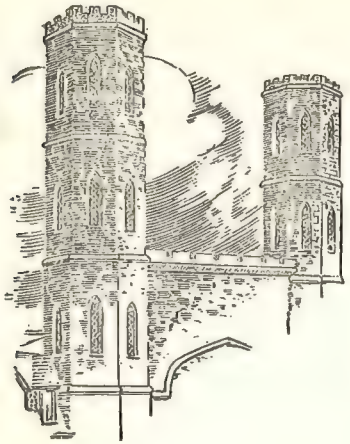
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197.....*Webbe*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 145—Page 520
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Grieve not the Holy Spirit".....*T. Tertius Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"The Fellowship of the Spirit".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 202.....*Calkin*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 199.....*Dykes*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. John C. Knox.

The Rector spoke before the Clerical Brotherhood at the Church House on May 14th on "Problems of Parish Administration".

Mrs. Alfred W. Price and the Woman's Auxiliary have planned for the Annual Lawn Party at the Rectory, 2814 Midvale Avenue, which will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 1945 from three to six. In case of rain, the benefit will be postponed to Wednesday. You may reach the Rectory by trolley No. 52 or by the Pennsylvania Railroad to Queen Lane Station..

A Shoppers' Supper given by the Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Unit No. 4, will be served from 5.30 to 7.30 on Wednesday, May 23. The cost is $1.00.

1,023 people attended the services conducted by the Rector on V-E Day.

The Annual Burd Day is May 19, 1945. You are all cordially invited to the School at 4226 Baltimore Avenue from four till six on Saturday afternoon.

The Church School Offering from all the parishes of the Diocese will be presented at a spectacular outdoor service on Sunday, May 20th, at four o'clock. St. Stephen's Church School offering is $500.00 this year, an increase of 100% over last!

THAT OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN MAY LIVE

Out in San Francisco a relatively few men and women are gathered to represent the nation in the most momentous conference in human history. The responsibilities which they share are unprecedented. It is for them to construct a political framework for a world of peace. If they succeed, the boon which they will offer to humanity will be priceless, if they fail, the threat which will overhang the future will be terrible beyond comprehension.

The start is auspicious. The approach of victory gives urgency to the task and the revelation of the grim realities of war which each day brings forth must make determination inflexible. Furthermore, the wane of emotion created by the death of the world's great leader has channelled its energies toward the goals of San Francisco.

The way for the delegates will be hard. Many critical problems must be solved. Perfect solutions are not obvious. National pride and selfish interest will stalk the corridors waiting to creep up on those who grow tired or impatient. These men and women cannot possibly satisfy the complete hopes of every man and compromise is essential to progress. progress.

What more can we who are not delegates do?

We can continue to uphold the conference with fervent prayers.

We can clearly understand that it is not the task of the conference to write the peace, to determine or to decide the Polish or the Jewish questions; to determine on the fate of Germany and Japan. It is its task to provide a legal framework of order in which such questions can be solved.

We can be intelligently alert to at least two other major factors which will determine whether or not there shall be peace.

The war-torn world is naked and starving. Of all great nations our own has suffered the least in deprivation. We can now deprive ourselves; we can sacrifically share without grumbling, our resources of food and clothing. If this problem of destitution is not met, the chances for peace will be greatly diminished.

Again, peace depends not merely upon political co-ordination, but upon economic co-ordination, as well. In this area of world life, Bretton Woods corresponds to Dumbarton Oaks and the question of tariff now debated in Congress is as important as the treatment of Germany and Japan. We may well be called upon to accept a restricted standard of living that our children's children may live.

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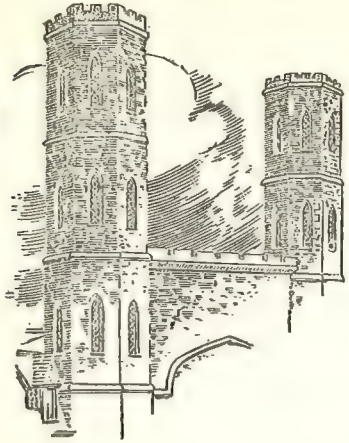
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Our Father Which Art in Heaven"...*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266.....*Cologne*

VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*

PSALM 93—Page 457 (Special Psalm for Trinity Sunday)

TE DEUM .....*David D. Wood*

BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*

ANTHEM—"Glory to the Trinity".....*Rachmaninoff*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever, and to ages of ages, Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become incarnate of the Holy Mother of God, the blessed and ever Virgin Mary. Changeless Essence, lo, Thou wast made very Man, and crucified; Thou the God-man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.

SERMON—"The Apostolic Blessing".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 205.....*Dykes*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 207 .....*Cobb*

NOTES

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. Emory R. Johnson.

Our hearty congratulations to Miss Helen Landell who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on May 18th.

Episcopal Day for the Church School Picnic is June 9. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual boat ride to River View Beach. The boat leaves Chestnut Street Pier at 9.00 A. M. Tickets are $.70 for adults, and $.40 for children (other than members of the Church School).

Please notify the Church office if you are able to go, and how many tickets you require. We should have this information one week in advance.

We heartily agree with Max de Schauensee, Music Critic for the *Evening Bulletin* when he says "If there is a better lyric soprano in Philadelphia than Margaret Keiser, who gave a concert in the Ethical Society Auditorium on May 17th, we don't know her." We have always held this view, and have continually given thanks that we are so fortunate as to have Miss Keiser as our soloist in St. Stephen's. Continued success to our very gifted friend, and to us the frequent pleasure of hearing her sing on Sunday morning.

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Anglican Communion observes Sunday as Trinity Sunday. It is a great feast which ought to find an important place in the life of every Christian. It stimulates us to consider the tremendousness of God, to sum up as well as we can with our limited intelligence the infinite Being whom we worship as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Theologians have tried to explain the Trinity. I wonder if any have succeeded. The necessity for a Trinity is not obvious, nor is it demanded by reason. It is rather a fact. God seems to be a Trinity. The doctrine is not an abstract invention, but arose out of the experience of men, out of the necessity which they felt to explain what had happened. The justification for it seems to lie in history coupled with the unshakable belief that God is one. The preacher or teacher can only suggest to his hearers and readers that they consider the facts as they know them. If Jesus is believed to be divine, and the power of the Holy Spirit has been felt, a person finds himself compelled to seek the nature of their union with God the Father. Thus out of a man's own experience will arise an understanding of the doctrine. Words cannot express it; but it can be comprehended.

The feast was instituted by Thomas a Becket who was consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury on June 2, 1162. This day happened to be the octave of Whitsunday and he set it apart as a new feast, to be kept thenceforth on that day in honor of the Holy Trinity. It was from England that the observance of Trinity Sunday spread over Latin Christendom. May we all keep the feast.

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There will be a Missionary Service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, May 27th, at 8.00 P. M. The guest preacher is the Rt. Rev. Bravid W. Harris, newly consecrated Bishop of Liberia. Bishop Harris is a brilliant and godly colored preacher whom it is a privilege to hear. Vested choirs and clergy will make this service a spectacular one. You are cordially invited to attend.

Bishop Hart in his annual address to the Diocesan Convention brought two matters of great importance to the attention of the members. First, he requested that the Convention give approval to the election of a Bishop Suffragan to assist him in his work. Secondly, he commended to our interest and support the Reconstruction and Advance Fund which the Episcopal Church is planning to raise, primarily to help rebuild mission property destroyed in the war and to provide equipment for new work in Mission Fields. The major part of the Fund will be used in the Philippine Islands and in China.

The Convention approved the Bishop's request for assistance and made arrangements for a special Convention to be held June 26th for the purpose of electing the Bishop Suffragan. This election deserves your prayerful consideration that the choice fall upon the right man.

Congratulations to George Reginald Bishop, Jr., and to his parents upon his recent promotion due to the good work he has been doing. He is now a First Lieutenant!

We gratefully acknowledge the bulletin subscription of Mrs. Charles Hutt.

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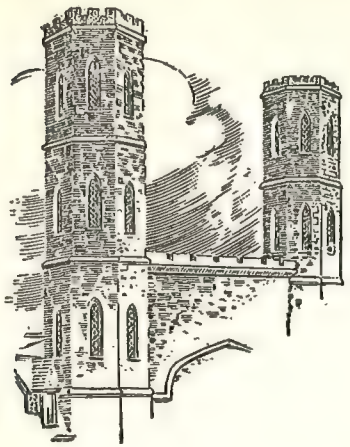
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Solemn Prelude.....*T. Tertius Noble*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 258.....*Goss*
KYRIE.....*T. Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet We Humbly Kneel"....*John Sebastian Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel,
Lord be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel
Lord be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee,
Lord be near us;
In Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms,
Lord be near us;
In Thine everlasting arms,
Hold and cheer us;
Bind our souls with bonds of faith
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SERMON—The Sacrament of Silence.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 120.....*Maker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS.....*T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*French Folksong*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 259.....*Dykes*

PARISH REGISTER FOR MAY, 1945

BAPTISM

"Then took He little children up in His arms and blessed them."

May 20—Louis Nicholls Hudson

MARRIAGE

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

May 21—Robert P. Neale and Frances M. Roth

BURIALS

"The sun is slowly sinking in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

May 3—Caroline E. Austin
May 8—Kate Louisa German

NEW MEMBER

"No longer strangers, but members of the household"

Miss Elizabeth M. Dickson

SENSE OF VOCATION

"Before I formed thee . . . I knew thee; and . . . I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

"Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.

"Behold the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak." Jeremiah 1:5-7.

One of the most difficult times in any person's life is that in which he decides on his vocation. Some people never feel a sense of vocation; they drift from job to job until they find a place where they can be successful. Others are forced by circumstances to do what they would never have selected if they had had a free choice. On the whole most people do eventually find the work for which they are best suited by health, temperament, and ability.

We all know that there are many kinds of work to be done in the world. It is most fortunate that we are not all alike. The religious man believes that God has fitted each one of us for some particular work, and so has a sense of vocation. I do not mean that God calls a person to work in some particular factory—let us say a watch factory, for example. But there are plenty of people who would be of little value in a watch factory. That work calls for a certain combination of aptitudes. The person who has them may be proud that he can do what somebody else could not do. Others are fitted by nature to become good lawyers, doctors, or anything you choose to name.

Jeremiah was called to be a prophet. He felt that God had ordained that he should do that work even before he was born. He had a high sense of vocation. He was very humble about it. Most men who are called to a religious ministry are humble about it, and extremely uncertain as to their ability to do the work. But they go ahead nevertheless.

Has God called you to religious work? Then never mind questioning your ability; go ahead and do it.

NOTES

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker in memory of her mother.

Andrew Joseph King, a member of a Tank Destroyer unit, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. King of this Parish, was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart early in March. He was wounded in the line of duty while fighting in Germany. Andrew is now out of the hospital and it is hoped will be home in the near future.

Miss Sissler, Regent of the Quaker City Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented medals to some fifteen Boy Scouts of Philadelphia, recently. Robert Krimmel, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of our Troop Number 2, was the first of the fifteen to receive this award. Bob was chosen because of his interest in scouting and the effort he has put forth for his troop and the boys in his group. We are proud to have a scout in St. Stephen's Troop who exemplifies scouting to such a high degree.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schmid, Jr., upon the birth of their daughter, Natalie Constance!

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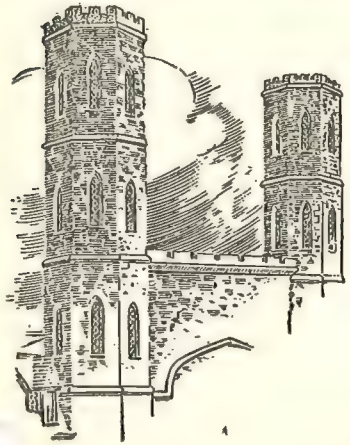
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from Symphony in C".....*Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 468.....*Haydn*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 65—Page 416
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Heavens are Telling"..... *Haydn*

The Heavens are telling the glory of God
The wonder of His work displays the firmament;
To day that is coming speaks it the day;
The night that is gone to following night.

SERMON—"Waiting for the Funeral".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 356.....*Silesian Folksong*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 255.....*Croft*

FROM THE RECTOR'S MAILBAG

Cpl. Al Sheehan, Jr. one of our Boy Scouts writes from the Philippines: "I am well and in good spirits . . . perhaps it takes a war, and the meeting of all kinds of people of the world, to understand life. I hope when I return that I can talk to you about the things that have come to my mind. You were in the last war, I think, so you will understand the things I wish I could say. . . . I hope the Scout Troop has been running all right. I miss the fellows very much, and hope they can use the enclosed money order when they go camping this summer. . . ."

Sgt. William L. Scherzer writes from France: "Received your letter this morning. It always gives me a feeling of belonging to a family of very nice people when I get a friendly note tucked in with the weekly program.

"I have left Italy and am now doing duty in France; this has been hard and long and needless to say, bloody, but our goal is in sight at last and I can assure you that all our efforts will be put into this last great battle to bring the war to an end. The Lord has been kind to me. Perhaps I shall be able to return home the early part of next year and I can promise you that St. Stephen's will be one of my first stops. . . ."

Major Evan B. Hume wrote from Italy early in April. "Thanks very much for the new 'Forward'. The Italian springtime is very beautiful for those of us behind the lines. The Christmas package from St. Stephen's arrived the day before yesterday. It had been rewrapped somewhere along its extensive travels, but it still contained some very nice sandwich materials, toilet articles, a puzzle, comic book and Christmas carols. It must have gone to all my former APO addresses, Texas, South Carolina, Egypt, Algiers, Naples, Rome, etc. I hope to be home on rotation in June or July!"

NOTES

The Altar flowers are given by Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong in memory of Edith A. and Frieda M. Armstrong.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles E. Campbell in the passing of her husband.

THE VALUE OF MISSIONS

On my recent trip, I saw at first hand a multitude of concrete instances which convinced me of the value of foreign missions both to the lands they serve and to the cause of good will for America. Everywhere I went I found American colleges, schools, hospitals and churches, many of them supported by the churches in this land. I found American missionaries, men and women, exerting a leadership—a human and personal leadership—which I have no hesitation in characterizing as vital to the future hopes, not alone of other nations, but of our own United States.

WENDELL L. WILLKIE.

Here is a poem that I believe will take its place with the greatest poetry of all time, not because of its poetic beauty, or its selection of choice words, because it has neither, but because of its genuine simplicity. It was found on the body of a Yank killed in action.

WITH A FRIEND

Look, God, I have never spoken to You,
But now I want to say, "How do You do?"
You see, God, they told me You didn't exist,
And like a fool, I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole, I saw Your sky,
I figured right then they had told me a lie,
Had I taken time to see things You made,
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God, if You'd shake my hand,
Somehow, I feel that You will understand,
Funny I had to come to this hellish place,
Before I had time to see Your face.

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say,
But I'm sure glad, God, I met You today,
I guess the "Zero Hour" will soon be here,
But I'm not afraid since I know You're near.

The signal! Well, God I'll have to go
I like You lots, this I want You to know,
Look now, this will be a horrible fight
Who knows, I may come to Your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to You before,
I wonder, God, if You'd wait at Your door.
Look, I'm crying! Me! Shedding tears!
I wish I had known You these many years.

Well, I have to go now, God, good-bye!
Strange, since I met you, I'm not afraid to die.

—Pvt. J. J. W.

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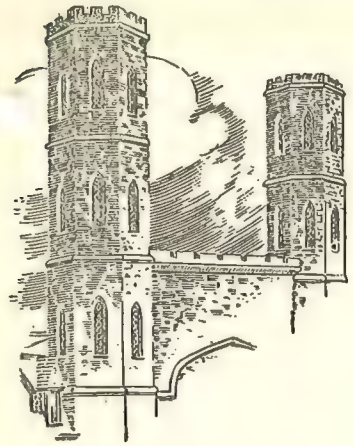
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 433.....*Ton-y-Botel*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 85—Page 447
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 .....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence" .....*Schubert*

Great is Jehovah, the Lord,
For Heaven and Earth testify to His great pow'r!
'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm,
In the torrent's loud thundering roar;
Great is Jehovah, the Lord, Mighty is His pow'r!
'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest,
Seen in the waving of golden fields,
In the lovliest flowers' gaudy array,
'Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven.
Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll,
And flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash.
Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims
Jehovah's pow'r, the Lord God Almighty.
Look thou praying to Heav'n, and hope for grace and for mercy.

SERMON—"At a Time Like This".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 201.....*Dyer*
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"Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee," St. Mark 5: 19.

If the services and ministrations of this church mean anything to you, they are likely to be of value to others. But how can others know about St. Stephen's if you don't tell them?

If your prayers have been answered here, if your burdens have been lightened, tell others about it; if you have received any inspiration, any guidance along life's way, tell others, about it; if the preachers here have helped you, if your fellow-worshippers have cheered you, tell others about it.

We are all misionaries together. God's Word to you is dead if it stops with you; your prayers are answered in vain if you fold them up for your own use alone; the inspiration of this church is lost if it does not touch others just as it has gripped you. Remember the words of Christ to a man, "Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Joseph McC. Connelly has recently received his promotion to First Lieutenant. He is Mrs. Edward Cooke's son-in-law, and we are happy to take this opportunity of extending our heartiest congratulations.

The Red Cross will continue to meet throughout the summer on Tuesday evenings, from six until eight-thirty in the Parish House. If you have not yet had an opportunity of joining a Red Cross group; we would be pleased to have you come on Tuesday evenings to make the surgical dressings which will be of utmost importance for many months to come.

We extend a cordial welcome to the men and women in uniform, the newcomers, and the visitors who worship here today. It is our desire that none shall feel himself a stranger in this House of God.

RECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE PROGRAM

The Episcopal Church, like a number of other Christian Communions, is planning for the reconstruction of Church property destroyed in the war, principally in the Philippine Islands and China; and to take advantage of the opportunity which will be furnished by the post-war world and, as we hope, by the deepening of the spiritual lives of the people, to start moving forward all along the line, therefore the name, "Reconstruction and Advance Fund."

One of the areas where it is hoped the Church will be enabled to make much needed progress is in the work among the Negro people of America, for whom part of this fund has been designated. We have during the past weeks, mailed some interesting pamphlets to those on our mailing list, describing in some detail the work in the Philippines. In future issues of the "Bulletin" we shall describe some of our work in China, suffice to say here from latest reports, our material fabric in the Philippine Mission Field is all but completely destroyed. Bishop Hart has quoted Mr. Frank Sayre, High Commissioner of the Philippine Islands, as having said recently that the Episcopal Church could spend to good advantage $250,000.00 in the Philippine Islands.

The goal set for this Fund is "$5,000,000.00, of which the Diocese of Pennsylvania is endeavoring to secure $500,000.00. St. Stephen's share of this Diocesan goal is $6,000.00. This is a large sum for us to raise, but as good soldiers, and loyal followers of Bishop Hart's splendid leadership, we shall do our best.

A committee of 120 laymen has been set us in the Diocese, with Mr. William F. Kurtz, as Chairman, and Mr. Thomas B. K. Ringe as Co-Chairman. We are glad to have two representatives from our Parish on this Committee. Mr. I. Smith Raspin and Mr. Edward Shippen Morris. Mr. Raspin is the Chairman of the North Philadelphia Convocation and Mr. Morris is Captain of St. Stephen's Committee. The present plan is to secure special gifts during June and July and the Parish offering, in which we shall all want to share, will be taken on Armistice Day, November 11.

Be sure to read the interesting pamphlets describing in some detail the objects which will be helped by this Fund. Two have already been mailed to our families and others will follow.

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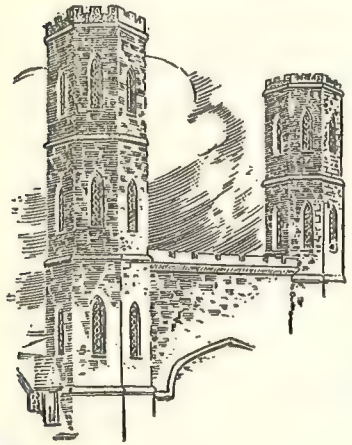
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on page 194.

11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"An Wasserflussen Babylon".....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 446.....*Dundee*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 137—Page 513
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Quanta Qualia*
ANTHEM—"By the Waters of Babylon".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion.
As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein.
For they that led us away captive, required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness; Sing us one of the songs of Sion.
How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem; how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.
O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery; yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

SERMON—"Infected with the Tempers of Babylon".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 511.....*Ewing*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *Bambridge*

The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. James H. Mearns in memory of Lauretta M. Cunard.

There will be no Healing Service on Thursdays during July and August.

You are cordially invited to hear a first-hand report on THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION held at San Francisco. Bishop Hart, is the chairman and the speaker is the Rev. O. Frederick Nolde, D.D., Member of the Commission on a Just and Durable Peace of the Federal Council of Churches.

The meeting will take place in the Parish House of the Church of the Holy Trinity, 217 S. 20th Street at eight o'clock on Wednesday, June 27th.

Dr. Nolde, who acted as a consultant to the United States delegation at San Francisco Conference, will sketch the gains from that conference in terms of Christian principles and outline a program of action for the Churches.

OUR PARISH BULLETIN

Again we have come to the end of a "Year" of our Parish Bulletin.

Many of you have been kind enough to say that you miss this little paper during the summer months. Perhaps it is a good thing that it stops coming to you for awhile, if there is anything in the old saying that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." Somehow a parish paper has the effect of making all of us feel a little closer to the Church. But the Church goes on throughout the summer, and we can keep our contact with it by dropping in now and then during the week.

The cause we serve is no less urgent in the summer than at other times of the year. Theoretically, a parish paper ought to be published every week of the year. But editors get tired. They need a time when new ideas may be absorbed. They go stale if there is no break in the routine.

Please remember that the Church stands ready to serve you at all times, even if this weekly visitor does not come in the summer to remind you of that fact.

THE RECTOR ON VACATION

The Rector will be on vacation in Kennebunkport, Maine, during the months of July and August. The Rev. Dr. Percy Stockman of the Seaman's Church Institute will conduct the two Sunday services, nine and eleven, and the Wednesday noon-day service. The Rev. Gustav Meckling will conduct the Friday noon-day services. These clergymen will gladly offer their services and ministrations whenever they are needed. We extend a hearty welcome to them!

BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON

Dr. Matthews has captured the lyric pathos of the 137th Psalm in his new motet "By the Waters of Babylon" heard for the first time today. During his vacation last summer, by the waters of Long Island Sound, Dr. Matthews wrote the anthem sung by our soloist, Miss Margaret Keiser, joined by the choir in the chorus.

We have purposely chosen the Psalm which is the text for this work that Dr. Matthews considers his best so far, for us to read antiphonally as part of our service, that you may better appreciate the inward feeling of loneliness and exile in a spiritually hostile environment so poignantly expressed by the psalmist and made even more actual in the music's interpretation of the Israelites' tragic history.

At this time, when our efforts to overcome race prejudice and to work with our brothers, the Jews, is being accentuated by individuals and world-wide conferences, it is pre-eminently suitable that we acknowledge the timeliness and grandeur of this work and allow it to inspire us to greater effort to follow our Lord's command; "Love thy neighbor."

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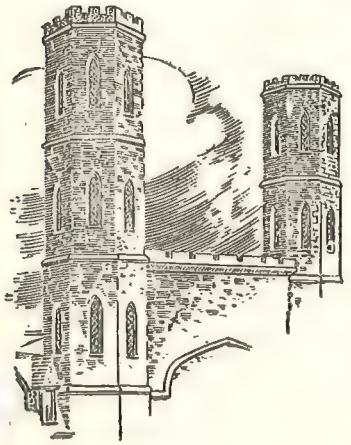
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Romance sans paroles".....*Joseph Bonnet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 202.....*Calkin*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALMS 112 and 113—Page 483
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
JUBILATE DEO—Page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"O Wisdom".....*T. Tertius Noble*

O wisdom! Spirit of the Holy God
Effulgent glory of eternal light,
Thou order'st all things, O divinest might
Strong Wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.

O Sovereign Lord, Thou master of man's soul,
Inspire, we pray Thee by thy human name
Man's feeble will with Love's perpetual flame,
And hold the wheels of life with strong control.

O steadfast Spirit of the Holy God,
O come be near us, guide us day by day
With saving hand, along Thy marvelous way
Fair wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.

THE VERY REVEREND, THE DEAN OF ELY.

SERMON—"So Little Time".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 259.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 209.....*Giardini*

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In recognition of its having met the standards set forth by the Council of the Boy Scouts of America, members of Troop 2 of St. Stephen's are authorized to wear the Blue Achievement Star for the next twelve months.

HOME PRAYERS

(*Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services. The sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday-workers, young people in the service of our country and others.*)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to speak, so to hear, and so to learn, that our fears may be banished, our minds enlightened, our faith confirmed, and our steps directed unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading—Psalm 24

The Sermon:

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." St. John 3:17.

The text calls to mind two major attitudes with regard to the purpose of Christ's coming into the world. Neither should be nor can logically be held alone, but it is true that some lean more to one side than to the other. It is our purpose to show that a proper balance must be struck between them.

It is perfectly true that Christ, by His coming and living with men, condemned, and still condemns, the evil that men do. He makes us conscious of our shortcomings. He amazes us with his perfection. We find no one like him in history. We are constantly judged before him. That is why the Christian religion has seemed to so many to be a kill-joy, a stern, almost gruesome faith. They have looked at certain pietistic sects which have condemned so much in life, and they have reasoned that they want nothing to do with such a religion. But Christ Himself was not such a person. He was a congenial soul, a friendly man. He hated evil, but he did not regard all fun as being evil.

The condemnation of Christ is purely incidental to his main purpose of saving the world. He came to give eternal life. If the world had already appreciated the difference between that life and the kind of life which is its opposite, there would have been no reason for his coming. He came to tell us that in spite of our willfulness and shortcomings, we can attain to the higher life. He came to help us find that life.

The process is simple. We discover our weaknesses and failures as we compare ourselves with him. Then we express our desire to be different, and we ask for his Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us. If we persevere in our purpose we experience the joy of salvation, and the world is better for our having lived.

Closing Prayer

O Thou who seest and knowest all things, give me today some clear vision of my life in time as it appears to Thine eternity. Show me my own smallness and Thine infinite greatness. Show me my own sin and Thy perfect righteousness. Show me my own lovelessness and Thine exceeding love. Yet in Thy mercy show me also how, small as I am, I can take refuge in Thy greatness; how, sinful as I am, I may lean upon Thy righteousness; and how, loveless as I am, I may hide myself in Thy forgiving love. Cause my thoughts to dwell much today on the life and death of Thy Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

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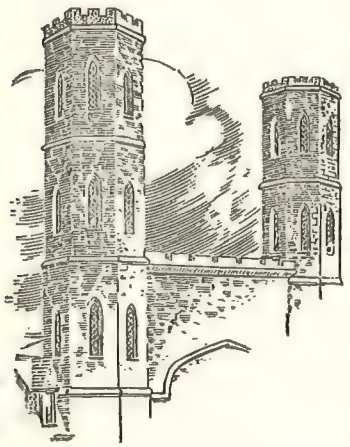
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4 ..... *Ratisbon*

VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 145—Page 520

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS—Page 10 ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Out of Heaven" ..... *Cowen*

Out of heaven the Lord hath made thee to hear His voice. Be of good comfort, arise; He calleth thee, and will bring thee in paths thou hast not known, and darkness shall be light before thee. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate. Be of good comfort, arise, He calleth thee. The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, blessed shalt thou be in the field, blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out, for the Lord thy God is with thee from this time for evermore. Amen.

SERMON—"The Divine Prometheus" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 380 ..... *Peace*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *Bambridge*

We rejoice with the family and friends of the following who are home on furlough: John E. Campbell Sc. 2/c, with three battle stars; Captain James W. Hepburn, with seven battle stars; Frederick Holly, Andrew J. King, with the Purple Heart, and George M. Price M/3.

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Bible Reading—Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 8.

The Sermon:

"This is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God." I Peter 2:19.

One of the things which everyone growing up has to learn is to "take his medicine" gracefully. Nothing so quickly arouses our contempt and disquiet as the spectacle of a person who rebels at the consequences of his own acts. This text says that even when we have learned to take our medicine we have not really accomplished very much. There is something beyond that which marks a Christian, the ability to take punishment and suffering in God's cause.

Those who can do that are the stuff of which martyrs are made. They have a fortitude which enables them to persevere even to death. They are like the soldier who risks his life "beyond the call of duty." There are really many valiant souls who reach this goal.

But there is another class of people who stand out in marked contrast. These are the whiners and self-pitiers. If they only knew how much time and strength they waste in this fruitless occupation. It makes them unhappy and it drives away the sympathy which they seek from others. All people have their troubles. They are therefore intensely sympathetic with really honest trouble when it hits their friends. But they are impatient with the chronic complainer who finds everything wrong.

Complaining is a negative way of life. It is just as easy to look for something good, just as easy to find it and far more conducive to happiness. Those who are busy trying to do something good for God are seldom given to complaints. They have no time for it; and the good they do makes them forget the difficulties.

Closing Prayer:

Grant, O Father, that if any adversity should befall me, then let me not brood upon my own sorrows, as if I alone in the world were suffering, but rather let me busy myself in the compassionate service of all who need my help. Thus let the power of my Lord Christ be strong within me and His peace invade my spirit. Amen.

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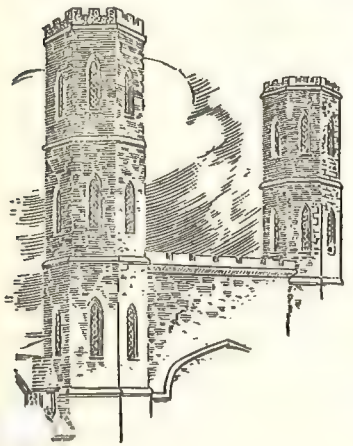
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" from the Violin Concerto *Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 502.....*Hews*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 79—Page 439
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS—Page 10.....*Stanford*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Come, Let Us Worship".....*Mendelssohn*

O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord,
And bow down to Him, the Lord our Maker.
For He is our God, and we are the flock of His pasture.
And the people of His hand.
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Come, bow the knee to the Lord, our Maker.

SERMON—"The Man Who Was Different".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 305.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 240.....*Zundel*

The Altar flowers are given by Pvt. Richard R. Kenny, U.S.M.C., in memory of his parents.

There will be a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Parish House on September 20 at 11.00 A. M. at which Mr. Raspin will be the speaker.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold a meeting at St. Stephen's Parish House on September 20 at 8.00 P. M. The subject will be the Reconstruction and Advance Fund's topic of the month—Mission Work in the Negro Field. The speaker will be the Rev. J. R. Logan, D.D.

George Reginald Bishop, Jr., now a First Lieutenant, is in Heising, Germany. He has received three battle stars, the Bronze Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster; he hopes to be home in December. We hope so too!

Last year the Benevolent Society sent 3,590 garments, made by women who are members of this oldest organization of St. Stephen's Church. Your contribution placed in the alms basin will further this most commendable wotrk. The garments are indispensible in the hospitals for which they are made. St. Stephen's Church is responsible for a large part of the sewing needed for eight hospitals in the city. Statistics do not show the pride these women take in their excellent work, nor the gratitude extended by the hospitals who accept it. Five hundred dollars will just about cover expenses for the season 1945-46. Thank you for your continued interest and co-operation. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, whose glory fills the universe; Let the whole earth keep silence before Thy tranquil majesty, that we may venture reverently to worship in the beauty of Thy holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading—Psalm 97

The Sermon:

One evening in the years midway between the two world wars, an able student of current events made an interesting comment. He said that the only hope of the world lay in the nations finding a common loyalty above the patriotisms which divide them. He said that the Christian Church is the only agency with a chance to lift before the peoples a common God, the Creator and Father of all men—"The Lord, high above all the earth, exalted far above all gods."

Out of this war are emerging a few great world figures who can begin this drawing together of all races and nations. In Germany there is Martin Niemoeller, who had the courage to defy the Nazi pagan creed which put the State above God. In China there is Chiang Kai-Shek, who has stood for the Christian faith through China's long and exhausting years of war. In India there is Gandhi, deeply Christian in spirit; if he survives the long succession of imprisonments by the British. In Japan, when the clouds part, there will be the great Kagawa. In the other nations, we pray, there will emerge world figures, feeling their kinship with all those who put God first.

As one man put it, the task of the Christian Church is to be so filled with Christ, that Christ can "create a new man—a man who will be Christian first and white man second; who will be Christian first, and negro second; Christian first, and American, German or Frenchman second."

You may remember how Hitler cracked down on Niemoeller; and demanded that Niemoeller bow to the Fuehrer first; obey the Fuehrer instead of the divine voice. The fearless German preacher, on Sunday morning, trumpeted to his congregation, "God is my Fuehrer"—God was his Lord, his Master, ahead of all would-be human gods. Over in Germany today, therefore, is this man of our own faith, a comrade in faith —we and he bow before the same God. Dare to join the company of souls who, by putting God first, can at last give peace to the world? When there are enough of these world citizens, who want nothing for their countries which God does not want for them, then at last no war can come to disturb the peace of God!

Closing Prayers:

"Our Father" and the following.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Light of the world; Illumine our minds, we beseech Thee, with the brightness of Thy glory and guide our feet into the way of peace; for the honor of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Cyril Scott*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 492 ..... *Walter*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 9—Page 351
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Lord Is My Shepherd" ..... *Dvorak*
The words are those of Psalm 23, Page 368
SERMON—"Freedom From Want" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 493 ..... *Smith*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord, teach us to be still before Thee until our ears have caught Thy accents and our eyes have glimpses of Thy truth. Then, O God, open our lips, and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise, and bear witness to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading—Psalm 46

The Sermon

When tragic news breaks suddenly, upon people, they are stunned at first; then one of two things usually happens. Some people abandon themselves to the powerful forces of grief which swell up in their hearts. Others stand very still, like a tree bending under a sudden blast of wind, and then straighten up and meet the situation.

What causes the difference between these two ways of behaving in the crises of life? It is the old habit of mind each has formed in meeting life day after day. Some people unhappily let themselves drift into the habit of letting themselves be swept away by the power of self-pity; by thinking only of the effect of the bad news on their own lives. The others discipline themselves to think of the sorrow this news will bring to *others;* and how they can be helped. Once in a while, when you have broken sad news, you have seen the rare soul who, after the long silence, suddenly said, "His poor wife—what a hard spot this puts her in, with the children to bring up!" You knew then that you were in the presence of a heroic soul who had trained herself to turn away from her own sorrow to the sorrow of another.

There is one secret of such heroic souls—a simple secret which any sincere Christian can understand and learn to use. Your deep feelings are like a powerful horse—either they run away with you when they are aroused, or you master them and guide them in the direction they should go. There is one sure way of being able to guide them. When you shocking news comes to you, be very quiet and turn your thoughts to the Almighty—"Be still, and know that I am God". You remember then that, under you, and all those affected by the news, are the Everlasting Arms; and that steadies you. God takes hold of your thinking and reminds you of those who will suffer sorely as a result of this tragedy, you find yourself together in order to come to their aid; and God takes care of your own shock, and keeps it under control.

In the British Navy, whenever sudden disaster such as an explosion on shipboard—occurs, it is the bugler's duty to blow what is called "The Still" and, when men hear it, each one is to stop, perfectly quiet, for a moment, and re-collect his senses; and thus be prepared to do his own duty in this emergency. When disaster strikes any human beings, they can blow "The Still" in their own hearts, be still and know that God is there in His strength, and then play the part of a man and a true Christian.

Closing Prayer

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved; that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of Thy Spirit, lift us, we pray Thee to Thy Presence, where we may be still, and know that Thou art God; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer.)

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June 3—Miss Charlotte Shoemaker
10—Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong in memory of Edith A. and Frieda M. Armstrong
17—Mr. Harry J. Hauger, in memory of his mother and sister.
24—Mrs. James H. Mearns, in memory of Lauretta M. Cunard.
July 1—Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, in memory of Mabel Hobbs Watson
8—The King's Daughters, in memory of Mrs. Vanderslice
15—Miss Mary O'Connell, in memory of Charles Joseph O'Connell
22—Mrs. Mary McEwen, in memory of Walter McEwen
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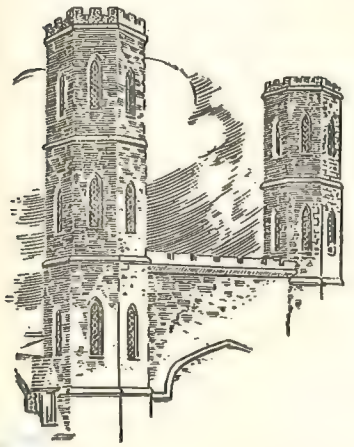
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PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 ..... *Webbe*
KYRIE—Page 70 ..... *Tours*
ANTHEM—"God's Peace Is Peace Eternal" ..... *Grieg*

God's peace is peace eternal
Here discords all our joys displace;
We wage a war infernal,
And gentle mercy finds no place.
Life is our time of trial now,
Before the Judge we all must bow.
God merciful and kind will shield us,
And from evil set us free
He knoweth when to sin we yield us,
The path we follow recklessly.
He will the poorest soul release
Who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

SERMON—"Post War Religion" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 468 ..... *Haydn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS—Page 77 ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 339 ..... *French Folksong*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—Page 84 ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 534 ..... *Smart*
POSTLUDE

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

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Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Henry Groh.

All the National officers of the Military Order of the Purple Heart will serve another year, therefore your Rector is still the National Chaplain of this organization.

The Rector and his family have returned from their vacation at Kennebunkport, Maine. It was in every way a most beneficial and enjoyable experience. We return with a grateful sense of God's goodness and with rested bodies and freshened minds to serve Him more faithfully and, we trust, more effectively.

The Rector would add an expression of gratitude to Dr. Stockman and the Rev. Mr. Meckling, whose ministrations were greatly enjoyed and deeply appreciated by all our people.

PARISH REGISTER

For June, July and August

Baptisms

"Then took He up little children into his arms and blessed them."

June 24 Virginia Lynne Price
Allison Howe Price
June 24 Carrol Haines Price
Deborah Morris Price

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

June 22 Paul Bruce Spencer and Florence Mary Evangelista
July 21 Cornelius C. Lippen and Lillian G. Baumann

Burials

"The sun is sinking gently in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

June 2 Charles E. Campbell
13 John Sells
28 Blanche MacIntyre Harper
July 2 William J. C. Brassell
August 21 Lily Mitchell
Henry Groh

New Members

"No longer strangers but members of the family . . ."

June 27 Audrey Forker Hanks

WE, TOO, RECEIVE

Traditionally, a person who makes a gift to the missionary work of the Church feels that he is doing something for somebody else. It is natural for one to feel that way, because after all, Missions exist because of the Christian's desire to share with others the wonderful faith which has been shared with him.

The war in the South Pacific has reversed the idea in our thinking of Missions. The keynote is "What Missions are doing for you", not, "What are you doing for Missions?" Many a wounded American soldier and marine has been rescued by the Christian natives of the South Seas.

A great number of our service men have been agreebly surprised by the attitude of natives in the South Pacific. Christianity has done more than many people realize. We used to hear it said that we ought not to interfere with the religion of other people; it was what they wanted, and we had no business to "butt in". It made no difference to these objectors that many of these natives had a religion which encouraged them to be afraid of evil spirits. Just think what might have happened to some of our American fighting men if they had fallen in with un-Christian savages.

The spread of Christianity throughout the world strengthens Christianity everywhere, including the United States. Our religion is enriched as it is interpreted by people who are different from ourselves. We have been helped by Christians of other races who have come over here to tell us what Christ means to them. Wendell Willkie has told us of the reservoir of good will which has been built up toward America, largely as a result of Christian missionary work.

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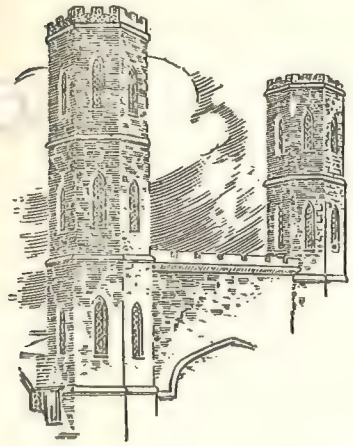
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 72, Page 426
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 ..... *Gaul*
JUBILATE—Page 15
ANTHEM—"O Wisdom" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

O wisdom! Spirit of the Holy God,
Effulgent glory of eternal light
Thou order'st all things, O divinest Might,
Strong Wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.
—The Very Rev., The Dean of Ely Cathedral.

SERMON—"Sacrifice and Song" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 385 ..... *Purcell*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 116 ..... *Gauntlett*

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PLEDGES

This past year is one of the best in our financial history. We have ended the year without a cent of debt. We have oversubscribed our Missionary Quota. We have made extensive repairs. My congratulations and thanks to all who made that achievement possible. But another year faces us. We cannot exist on past results. While many have sent in their pledges promptly, the total is somewhat behind that of last year at the corresponding time. More of our people should be using the weekly duplex envelopes. Let's clean up this matter of business, so that I may turn my full attention to spiritual matters. Thank you.

In behalf of our faithful treasurer, may I ask that you help us by indicating on your envelope how much of your offering goes in each side. This will save reference to your pledge card, and matching your number with your name. All this takes time which you could save by using the space which follows the word "Amount...".

CHRISTMAS AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

"What a wonderful Christmas! What a wonderful Christmas!" So says one of the little elephants in the children's story, "Barbar and Father Christmas". So say we all about our Christmas at St. Stephen's Church. In spite of a deep undercurrent of seriousness because of the state of the world, and because we missed so many who are serving their country—perhaps because of it—we turned out in great numbers and did our best to thank God for the gift of his dear Son, and his message of good will and peace. I am sure that all of us had our faith reinforced and our hope renewed, that a better world will be our lot before long. When we acknowledge that Christ is in the world we express our faith in the future.

The Christmas Story by Dr. Matthews with the Philadelphia Music Club pageant and Chorus was presented on Thursday before Christmas. The pageant and singing were done to perfection.

The attendance at the midnight service broke all records and the breakfast taxed the generous facilities of the Service Club. The singing of the two Christmas services with the high lights of the Messiah generously interspersed was inspiring. We realized once again the high service music renders in the worship of Almighty God, as our hearts were lifted by the beauty of the singing of Handel's immortal Cantata. It was an irristible challenge to man's deepest instinct to lift himself toward Something higher than himself.

We are grateful to Miss Thackara and the Altar Guild, Mr. Hauger and his ushers, and last but not least to our Verger, Mr. Carrigan for their efficient work.

Our hearts went out in love to all whom the War had separated from us, and we pray that most of them may be with us next year. Our gratitude goes out to them all.

MAKING LIFE COUNT

For the most part we are merely sentimental, often cheaply so, about the sacrifices being made by the young men of this generation—and those sacrifices are mounting ominously in these very hours.

Were we more than merely sentimental we would each of us face the implication of this awful struggle, realize clearly that behind the warfare of men and machines lies a profound conflict of ideals and principles and we would each of us seek a very definite place of responsibility in the ranks of those who are struggling to uphold the ideals and principles that are challenged by the enemy.

The ideals and principles for which our men are dying are the ideals of democracy. And the ideals of democracy are the fruit of Christianity —primarily of the Protestant interpretation of Christianity.

Here, then, is an obvious place of vital importance for the individual who really wants to make life count in these desperate days—let such a person give his services as a teacher of children, a teacher of the religion which has created those values more precious than life itself.

But we are not trained! Neither was the soldier when he was inducted. Had it not been for the training which followed induction, he would be a thoroughly helpless specimen on the battlefield.

If we are not trained, let us seek training. It ought to occur to us that if we do not know enough about Christianity to teach it, we surely do not know enough about it to live it.

How can we get training and where? A five weeks' course held on Tuesday evenings will be held under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education at the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, beginning January 9th. The hours are 7 to 9.40 depending on the courses you elect. The leaders are exceptionally able. The rest is up to us.

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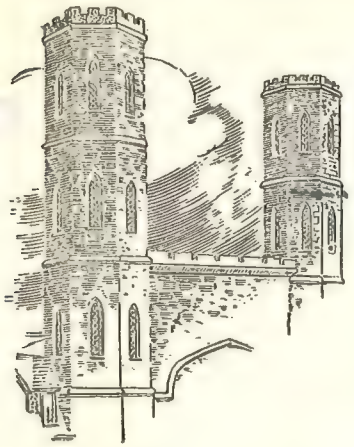
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"The Angelus".....*Massenet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 114.....*Hodges*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 132—Page 508
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*King-Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14
ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet".....*J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel, Lord, be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel, Lord, be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee,
Lord be near us, in Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms; Lord, be near us
In Thine everlasting arms, hold and cheer us;
Bind our souls with bonds of faith
Lord, be near us; in Thy mercy hear us.

SERMON—"Christians at Their Best".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 120.....*Maker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 113.....*Boyd*

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PASTORAL LETTER

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE:

Your record of support of the Diocese and National Church during 1944 was magnificent. It was an act of faith when we accepted the full amount assigned to us by the General Convention. Not only have you given it in full but you have enabled your Diocese to end the year without a deficit.

The thrilling part of this story is that one hundred and ninety-two congregations paid in full or overpaid their Proportionate Shares. Such a record would have been impossible without the vision and sacrificial efforts of clergy, vestrymen and congregations. I realize that many of you have given up parts of your own parish programs in order to help others. I am confident that our Lord will bless you for your unselfishness. And I ask your prayers that God will guide us and use us for the extension of His Kingdom.

Faithfully your Bishop,
OLIVER J. HART.

P. S.—We are happy that St. Stephen's Church paid its proportionate share of $4,500.00 and a little more.

PRAYERS FOR THE BUSY

Since ejaculatory prayer is something that you squeeze in between doing other things, it may be long or short according to circumstances. Sometimes it is a prayer habitually said while you are attending to other matters that require no thinking. I knew an old gentleman who made it his habit to pray for a good death each night while he stood in front of his bureau winding his watch. To him the swift passage of time was inseparable from his eventual departure. He used the prayer of Bishop Lancelot Andrewes.

"Grant, O Lord, that the end of my life be Christian, without sin and without shame, and, if it please thee, without pain."

A woman of my acquaintance on the way to lunch each day has to wait for a red traffic light to turn green. She assured me, and I found it to be so, that you have plenty of time to say, "Veni Creator Spiritus"—"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire", in the span of a red light. This is much better than fretting or resenting the people who crowd around.

Recently I heard of a woman who was so busy with her household from morning to night that she made a practice of lifting up her heart to God every time she went upstairs! Take some common habit or circumstance and use that as a spring board for prayer.

One of the commonest of circumstances of people living in cities is to be caught in a crowd, a jammed subway or a packed bus, which can be both stifling and irritating. Put yourself in the presence of God. This can insulate you against the overwhelming pressure of humanity in the mass. You will also be practicing the habit of recollection.

Ejaculatory prayer calls us for an instant away from the hum of things, calls us to a homely, everyday, workable belief that God is with us everywhere and can be easily approached.

CONFIRMATION

Everyone is welcome to worship in the Church, to come and go without obligation, but at this time of year we would remind young people, the casual stranger, and the person who has been putting off his spiritual duties that everyone should become a full-fledged member of the Christian Church of his own free will. He should do it because it is the pledge of his fundamental loyalty and the outward proof of his inward act of allegiance to Christ and his Church. In the ancient rite of confirmation, the Bishop visits our parish, receives the candidates for confirmation, hears their spoken affirmation of loyalty to Jesus Christ, and then, as they kneel, places his hands upon their heads, invoking the seven-fold gifts of God's Holy Spirit. Simple, reverent, elemental, essential!

We invite those who attend our services who have never been confirmed to be confirmed this year. By way of preparation and instruction we shall hold a class Sunday mornings in the rector's study at ten o'clock.

There are always some who are not sure in their minds that they wish to be confirmed or are ready for confirmation. They are invited to attend this class and need not make their decision until March 11th when Bishop Hart comes for the service. If you are thinking of attending the class, the rector would appreciate having your name given to him, or the names of any who might be invited to attend.

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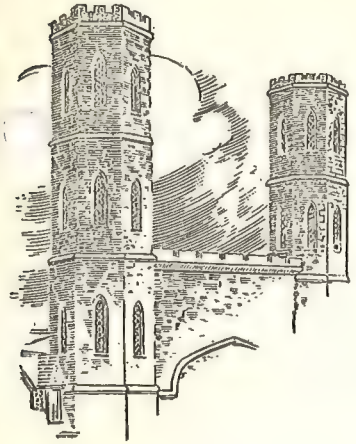
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11 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Harmonies Du Soir".....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 386.....*Baker*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 91—Page 454
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Hear My Prayer".....*Mendelssohn*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear!
Thyself from my petition do not hide;
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.
The enemy shouteth, the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast.
The wicked oppress me, ah where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry.
My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, lo, hear me call.
O for the wings of a dove!
Far away would I rove
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there forever at rest.

THE SERMON—"The Challenge of the Open Door".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 379.....*Elliot*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 132.....*Knecht*

The flowers for this Sunday are given in memory of Naomi Yocum Prettyman.

The rector, as National Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will preach at a Patriotic Service at St. Paul's Church, New Rochelle, New York on the evening of February 18th.

The Annual Corporate Communion for Men and Boys will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Washington's Birthday, at 8 A. M. Following the service, breakfast will be served at the Hotel Stephen Girard, 2027 Chestnut Street, when the Hon. Robert T. McCracken, Chancellor of the Diocese will be the speaker. The cost of the breakfast is $1.00.

The Rev. Thomas Meryweather, Associate Rector, St. Luke and the Epiphany will be the Noon-day preacher on Saturday, February 24th.

On Sunday, February 25th, the Annual "All Youth Service" will be held in St. Stephen's at 3.30 P. M. The speaker is the Rev. Percy L. Urban, S.T.D., Philadelphia Divinity School. All young people of the Diocese are invited to attend.

WHERE PROTESTANTISM IS IN DEFAULT

The spiritual future of America will be determined by one of three major forces that are at work in our midst. These forces are secularism, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. In the general breakdown of Western culture, the soul of America is being reborn. Shall it be a secular soul, a Roman Catholic soul, or a soul fashioned by those forces which the Protestant Reformation set free? No doubt the strongest force at the moment is secularism. A society whose children and youth receive virtually no education save that which is afforded by our public schools is destined to be a secular society. The Roman Catholic Church sees this clearly and provides at enormous sacrifice for the religious education of its children. Protestantism has never sensed the situation clearly, but has blindly imagined that it could safely entrust its children's education to public, therefore non-religious, auspices. Its Sunday schools are only a pathetic gesture in the direction of Christian education. Unless Protestantism awakes to its default and projects an educational system which will supplement secular education with thorough-going religious education, the soul of America will become either secular or Roman Catholic. The Catholic Church is intensely active—in education, in the acquisition of vast properties, in the machinations of politics, in the steady gaining of control over the public schools. This activity cannot be offset by merely exposing it and opposing it. It can be offset only by positive Protestant action on a scale commensurate with the educational system of Roman Catholicism itself. There are only two genuinely effective educational forces now at work—the public school, which is secular (and should be vigilantly kept so) and the Roman Catholic system. Protestantism must be awakened to its fateful responsibility for the soul of America.

FAITH

The Rev. Dr. Michael Coleman, acting vicar of All Hallows, London, during the Blitz, and who now is serving in the Church in Canada will be the noon-day preacher next week from Monday through Friday. He will conduct a Teaching Mission every evening in Holy Trinity Church.

During the Blitz of London, Dr. Coleman and his staff went from shelter to shelter ministering to men and women and children huddled together through the nights of terror. He was at the Thames serving with the defense workers as the bombs came down. Out of those experiences the wreckage of his church, the death of many of his people, and the questions he had to answer came this declaration of his faith.

"I know with all the power and passion that lies in me, that God is true, that He does care, that He can and does uphold—and because this I know, as I have verily known His upholding presence in blitz and blackout, on land and sea, I can write God does reign, God does indeed plan 'peace on earth to men of goodwill'."

Not since the days of G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, following the last Great War has the Church had so eloquent a preacher and prophet.

THE WAR COMMISSION

The returns from our plea for funds for the War Commission, are promising. We know that you really do care, that you do understand that this $400,000 is urgently needed. Therefore, we enclose a brochure containing further information for your kind consideration.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"When Thou Art Near".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117.....*Douglas*
KYRIE.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
ANTHEM—"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit".....*T. Tertius Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed, unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"The Cure for the World's Ills".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 499 (tune 85).....*Cutler*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
COMMUNION HYMN 339.....*Old French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539.....*Bambridge*

The Altar Flowers are given by Mrs. Daniel R. Harper in memory of Daniel R. Harper.

We have just learned from his mother that William S. Smith escaped capture recently by a narrow margin. His outfit has been cited for meritorious conduct under fire.

Emma Smith has graduated from the West Philadelphia High School and will leave the Burd School to enter the Philadelphia General Hospital in order to become an X-Ray technician.

The Rector will address the members of the League of Intercessors of the League for the Isolated at the Church House on February 2 at 11.30 A. M. He will preach at the Leamy Home on Sunday, February 4, at 5.00 P. M.

We acknowledge the bulletin subscriptions of Mrs. George Aeugle, Miss Margaret Keiser, Miss Adele M. Lewis, Mrs. T. S. MacGoldrick, the Misses Stapleton, Mr. F. L. Steele, Miss Mary Swift, Miss Mary E. Gilbert.

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Ye have put on Christ"
January 29 . . . Edwin McBride Wiggins

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"
January 29 . . . Edwin M. Wiggins and Mary A. Hallett

NEW MEMBERS

"No longer strangers but members of the congregation"
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Kennedy
Pvt. Ruth Anne White, M.C.W.R.

FROM OUR OVERSEAS MAILBAG

So many fine letters reach the rector these days from APO's all over the world. While it is impossible to share all of them with readers of the Bulletin, we feel that excerpts from a few will give some idea of the thoughts and hopes that St. Stephen's men and women have as they go about their jobs in a war torn world. Therefore, from time to time, as opportunity permits, we will give you a share of the rector's mail from home and overseas.

From Captain James W. Hepburn:

I received your very fine Christmas package today. It certainly showed careful planning, as the items men most appreciate. I particularly enjoyed the nice wrapping! The contents in your box is being enjoyed not only by myself, but also by the little children in this small French town. These little fellows really do not know what Christmas is—that is our Christmas. Many of them tasted chocolate for the first time when the generous American G. I.'s arrived.

The village people were very kind to my men on Christmas Eve. Several of the village women came around to those on sentry post and even in their quarters, and went through their ceremony of beating the boys with grass brooms and afterwards presenting them with some little gift. Everyone had a good time. This kind act made the men feel welcome to this area—an area in which the people are, on the surface, not friendly.

From Mr. Robert Atmore with the American Red Cross in the Pacific:

The Christmas box which the Church sent me was as well chosen as it was greatly appreciated. Whoever thought up those items must have had "second sight" or advice from overseas. I want you to know that everything arrived in first rate condition. . . .

On Sunday, February 4, from 2 until 5 o'clock, all of the 31 USO and associated agencies in Philadelphia will have "Open House" for their friends. You are invited to come and see what is being offered, through your generosity, to service men and women in your community. Those of you who have not been in our own St. Stephen's Service Club are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity to "come and see."

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th

8:00 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

Sermon by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling,
Minister to the Hard of Hearing

10:30 P. M.

Christmas Around the World
Carol Service with Holy Communion

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews will sing the carols of all nations.

The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25th

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

A Christmas Gift

Christmas is the time of gifts for those we love. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "My Christmas Gift to My Church." Will you use it for His sake?

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Christmas Eve — 8:00 P. M.

(SERVICE FOR THE HARD OF HEARING AND FRIENDS)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 72.....*Adeste Fideles*
COLLECT, EPISTLE AND GOSPEL are on Pages 98, 99
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HYMN 79 .....*Carol*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 78.....*St. Louis*
ANTHEM—"The Virgin's Lullaby".....*Stairs*
SANCTUS .....*Adlam*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
HYMN 546—"Holy Night" (Kneeling)
RECESSIONAL HYMN 73 .....*Mendelssohn*

10:30 P. M.

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PROCESSIONAL CAROL 551—"The First Nowell" .....*Traditional*
BIDDING PRAYER .....THE RECTOR
CAROL—"Good neighbors all of Chartres".....*French*
SCRIPTURE READING—Old Testament Prophecies of Christ's Birth
CAROL—"Chanson Joyeuse" .....*Belgian*

COMMUNION SERVICE (Page 67)

KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
COLLECT, EPISTLE and GOSPEL—Page 98
CAROL—"Christmas Day" .....*English*
SERMON—"Keping Christmas in the Heart".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL 78—"O little town of Bethlehem"....*American*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CAROL (In place of Sanctus)—"From heaven high".....*Flemish*
CAROL (In place of Communion Hymn)—"O Bethlehem".....*Spanish*
CAROL (In place of Gloria in Excelsis)—
"Carol of the Russian Children".....*Russian*
CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION
POSTLUDIUM CAROL—"O'er Bethlehem's plains".....*Danish*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 73—"Hark! the herald angels sing"..*German*

Christmas, 1946

"To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

That means us—all of us!

The description fits our generation more precisely than any generation that ever lived.

We sit in darkness. If darkness can have component parts, our darkness is compounded of ignorance and the blindness induced by human selfishness.

We sit in the shadow of death. Every generation has passed away as its individual members have died, but the generations have been woven together by the continuance of the outgoing among the oncoming. Today, for the first time in human history, all of humanity is in the shadow of death. And, while we know that life for all humanity depends upon the finding of the way of peace, how uncertainly we grope for the way and how timidly we take faltering steps.

Yet the promised light has come; it shines steadily upon our world. It has lighted every man coming into the world for many generations; but we have loved darkness rather than light, and we continue to do so today.

The nations love the darkness of absolute autonomy. The races love the darkness of self asserted superiority. Industrial classes love the darkness of unrestrained power. Political parties love the darkness of partisan control. Christian sects love the darkness of dogmatic exclusiveness. But the light shines; there is yet time if men would look outward upon the light rather than inward upon their own darkness.

The Creator has sent ONE among us to make plain by word and life the cosmic laws of human relationship—laws for nations, laws for races, laws for industrial classes, laws for political parties; yes, and laws for Christian sects.

While there is light, there is hope; but hope is contingent upon our turning to the light.

May your Christmastide be joyful and prayerful!

Sincerely your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

The Church Staff—the Rector, the Associate, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary, the Verger and the Community House Sexton—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES.

A Christmas Prayer

May the good will and peace which Christ brought to earth the first Christmas morning, go forth this Christmas-tide into a sorrowing and suffering world, bringing comfort, strength and hope to God's children everywhere. Amen.

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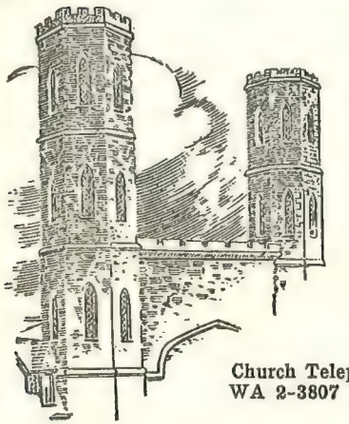
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INVITATION

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 95.

9:40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Pastorale ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66..... *Veni Emmanuel*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 107: 1-16—Page 476
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion"..... *Handel*
"O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain: Thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem lift up Thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid, Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Arise, shine, for Thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon Thee."
SERMON—"Follow the Gleam" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 106..... *Mason*
AMERICA—The presentation of the colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 67..... *Monk*

The Altar flowers today are given by the Vestrymen in memory of Miss Laura Bell.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 67..... *Beverly*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 101—Page 466
MAGNIFICAT—Page 26 ..... *Tours*
HYMN 66 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*
SERMON..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 83..... *Margaret*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 80..... *Regent Square*

EDITORIAL

The supreme tragedy behind all the tragedies of these sad days is that they are so unnecessary.

Out in California the other day, an atheist was granted time over the radio to advance his thesis "that there is no God." His arguments, as reported, rested on the fact of the world's suffering, on the wars and the lesser degrees of human strife —as well seek to prove that a child has had no loving parents because out in the world he has willfully courted disaster.

We bring these troubles on ourselves; war-racial friction—industrial strife. These and the other tragic aspects of life are symptoms of that sickness which lies deep within the human heart.

The very existence of these conflicts and miseries is evidence that something is wrong. If something be wrong, there must be a right and that which is right must be universal.

There cannot be an American right and a Russian right; a John K. Lewis right and a right that pertains to the rest of us; a negro right and a white man's right. Russians and Americans, white men and negroes, workers and managers are subject to the same laws of health, victims of the same diseases, preyed upon by the same germs.

Our atheist broadcaster is no friend of man if he seeks to leave us without that great elemental fund of right, which is at the same time our only source of hope and which we, dimly realizing, call the will of GOD.

But how much of that poor man's atheism is caused by those of us within the church, by those of us who struggle for preferment, who yield to expediency, indulge in prejudice, and otherwise act as though the will of GOD—the elemental and the universal right—were a mere romantic fiction not to be taken seriously.

We need—and must have—the earnestness of science in the pursuit of religion.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our Country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our hearts to prepare the ways of Thine only begotten Son; that by His advent we may be enabled to serve Thee with purified minds; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

(*Gelasian Sacramentary*, 494 A.D.)

Bible Reading: Genesis 13: 14-18

The Sermon:

"You know how Orion always comes up sideways,
Throwing a leg up over our fence of mountains,
And, rising on his hands, he looks in on me
Busy outdoors by lantern-light with something
I should have done by daylight, and indeed,
After the ground is frozen, something I should have done
Before it froze."

So Robert Frost writes—we get so far behind in our chores, so grievously delayed. Like the Inn-Keeper at the first Christmas, we seem to wake up to our shining opportunities when it is too late:

"I am the keeper of the inn, what man will pity me?
I heard one knocking at my gate, and rose not up to see;
I heard one crying in the dark in need and travail sore;
I made no room to house God's Son, but turned Him from the door."

Again and again we have busied ourselves feverishly with little things and had no thought for the great things until it was too late.

Humanly speaking, there could be dismay in our hearts this Advent Season. Humanly speaking, we have long made it a December habit to be so absorbed in the outward preparations for Christmas that we give little heed to preparing for His coming in our hearts. We shudder as we wonder if the same tragedy will happen to us this year—Christmas Day dawning, and no inward joy and peace; every preparation made for Christmas except for welcoming the Chief Guest.

But the hand of GOD brushes over our human calendars, and wipes out the words "too late". The Penitent Thief on his cross hears the Son of GOD promise, "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." With GOD there is no "too late". He only waits for us to welcome Him as the Chief Guest, to be willing to enthrone Him as the Master of Love in our hearts. As the Lord said to Abraham, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look *from the place where thou art.*" Let the past go—if you want the Shining Christ in your heart on His birthday, start where you are, prepare for Him now, along with preparing the victuals and the presents. Stop and sit quietly ten minutes each day, giving thought to the grudges and fears that are to be cleaned out before He comes; praying that GOD will strengthen you to turn from cold selfishness to warm good will and love. If you will do that, faithfully, day after day, you will hear the last glorious words of the Inn-Keeper's poem—

"Good man, rejoice, nor grieve in vain,
Tonight He seeks that door again!"

Closing Prayers: "Our Father", and the following prayer:

ALMIGHTY GOD, seeing that it is high time to awake out of sleep, since the night is far spent and the day is at hand: help us to put off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. May our loins be girt and our lamps burning, and ourselves as men who watch for the coming of their Lord. Amen.—(*W. E. Orchard*).

CHRISTMAS EVE

More and more people are setting aside Christmas Eve to go to Church. They realize that it is the glory of Christ's birth and the life given to the world that first Christmas that underlies the radiance and good cheer of Christmas today. The carols, the trees and the laurel, the solemn reverence of the Holy Communion—these are the things that bring out the true meaning of Christmas and make it the abiding joy of all the year.

Christmas Eve is Tuesday night, and we shall have two services in the Church. The first, a Communion Service under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Meckling, will be at 8: 00 o'clock for the members of the Hard of Hearing Congregation and their friends. The second service will begin at 10: 30 o'clock. The full choir will sing some beautiful carols, we shall all sing some of the familiar Christmas hymns, there will be a brief address, and then there will be the Holy Communion.

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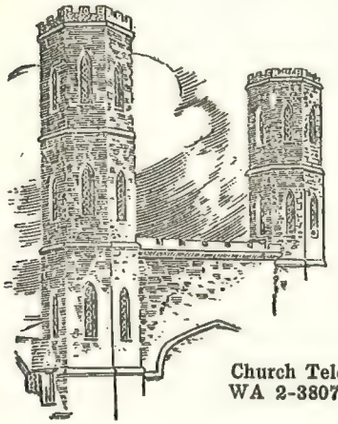
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 80.....*Smart*
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 140—Page 516
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CAROL IN PLACE OF CANTICLE—"O'er Bethlehem's Plains.....*Danish*
CAROL—"Christmas Day" .....*Gustav Holst*
SERMON—"Follies of 1946".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 79.....*Willis*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 72.....*Adeste Fideles*

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, February 16th, at 11:00 o'clock to administer the rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. The Rector's instruction class will meet in his study every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock beginning January 5th.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 72.....*Adeste Fideles*
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PSALM 89:1-30—Page 450
MAGNIFICAT—Page 26 .....*Tours*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 73 .....*Mendelssohn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 551.....*The First Nowell*

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Opening Prayer:

O Eternal GOD, Who art the same through all our changing seasons, we close this year in remembrance of Thy mercy. We ask Thy forgiveness for the sins of the past year, and all its mistakes and follies, and we beseech Thee to correct our consciences by the memory of Thy Grace, so that they may guide us better in the days to come than ever in the past. In the long battle of life help us to accept reverses gracefully, but stubbornly to refuse to accept defeat. Help us to turn from our own helplessness to Thy victorious love. In Thy Name. AMEN.

The Sermon:

Next week the date line on our leaflet will have changed as another year comes into our computation of time and eternity. So this will be my last Home Prayer Sermon for 1946, and as we cross the invisible line and greet the New Year it will profit us nothing to pretend that this has not seemed to be a year of tragic losses for St. Stephen's Church as well as for many of us individually. It certainly has been such for me personally, and something of sadness will cling about my New Year's Eve, thinking of those who were true and faithful friends for so many years; those whose faces we shall never see again and whose voices are stilled forever. Ah, yes; a tragic year, a year of loss.

Still in saying that I know I am saying what is not true to my best thought. For in a very real and practical way there can be no loss where love remains. There is loss when your friend proves unfaithful; when you let hatred enter your heart; when bitterness and rebellion seize and hold the center of your life; when you cease to love, then there is loss, fatal loss, real tragedy; but "love can never lose its own."

When you think of it thuswise, my friend, it is easier to bid the Old Year goodbye with a smile, for we shall go out of the old into the new not poorer but vastly richer. Tears may sometimes dim our eyes; lonesomeness sometimes be hard to endure; still the memories that throng us may people our solitude with a great host, sharing our lives. Afflictions and privations were the portion of the Apostle, but in his wonderful final chapter of Philippians he remembers no tribulation. His look is forward. Not only was Clement remaining; so were those other unnamed but beloved "whose names are in the book of life." There are things true, honest, pure, lovely and of good report to think upon. Aye, stand fast in the Lord, dearly beloved! Close the ranks! Not in despair, not in desperation, but in joy and confidence, we throw wide the door for the New Year to come in.

Closing Prayer:

Most gracious GOD, Who hast been merciful unto us not only in the year past but through all the years of our life, we bring to Thee all memories of deliverance and progress and we thank Thee for them. Do Thou establish upon us the work of our hands, the love of our hearts, and the joy of our lives, and lead us forward into a future where all these gifts of Thine will still more abundantly work Thy good will within us, and grant that in sincerity we may serve Thee more faithfully in the year that is to come, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

New Year's Eve this year falls on Tuesday night.

Mr. Meckling will conduct a Watch Night Service at 11:00 o'clock with hymns, prayers and an address, followed by the Holy Communion. The coming year is certain to be a year of tension and great pressure. We shall do well to approach it in the spirit of solemn dedication to GOD, turning to Him for strength and insight. He alone will see us through successfully.

DAY OF PRAYER

The Federal Council of Churches has called for a week of Prayer for World Leaders and World Conditions, beginning Sunday, January 5 through Sunday, January 12.

St. Stephen's Church will take one day for a continuous chain of prayer for one-half hour periods for six hours. This would call for twelve people to keep an unbroken chain of prayer for that day. The day is Monday, January 6 which is the day of Epiphany. What better day could be used for prayer for World Leaders and World Conditions than this great missionary day of Epiphany?

Printed prayers and meditations and subjects for intercession will be available for the intercessors, and will fill up the half-hour period.

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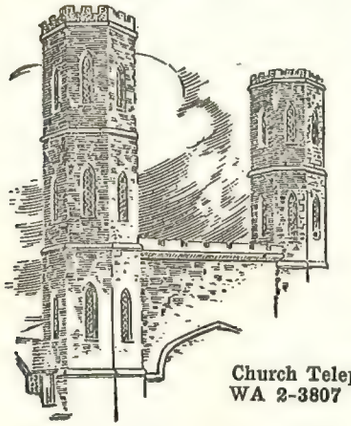
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9:40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Our Father which art in heaven".....*Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 53.....*Dykes*
VENITE .....*Chant*
PSALM 77—Page 433
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Blessed is He that cometh".....*Gounod*
"Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest."
SERMON—"The Peaceable Will".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 55.....*Gotha*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 57.....*St. Thomas*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464.....*Aurelia*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 94—Page 457
MAGNIFICAT—Page 26 .....*Tours*
HYMN 66 .....*Veni Emmanuel*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 56.....*St. Flavian*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 468.....*Austria*

CONFIRMATION

Everyone is welcome to worship in the Church, to come and go without obligation, but at this time of year we would remind young people, the casual stranger and the person who has been putting off his spiritual duties that everyone should become a full-fledged member of the Christian Church of his own free-will. He should do it because it is the pledge of his fundamental loyalty and the outward proof of his inward act of allegiance to Christ and His Church. In the ancient rite of Confirmation, the Bishop visits our parish, receives the candidates for Confirmation, hears their spoken affirmation of loyalty to Jesus Christ, and then, as they kneel, places his hands upon their heads, invoking the seven-fold gifts of God's Holy Spirit; simple, reverent, elemental, essential!

We invite those who attend our services who have never been confirmed to be confirmed this year. By way of preparation, the rector will conduct a class of instruction on Sunday mornings at ten o'clock in his study, beginning January 6th.

On Sunday morning, February 16th, at 11 o'clock, Bishop Hart will visit the parish to administer the rite of Confirmation, and will preach the sermon at that service.

There are always some who are not sure in their minds that they wish to be confirmed or are ready for confirmation. They are invited to attend this class and need not make their decision until February 16th.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our Country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, enable us to feel the Strength that surrounds us, to follow the Light that indwells us, and to avail ourselves of the Wisdom Thou givest liberally to all who ask of Thee. Amen.

Bible Reading: St. Luke 2:1-13

The Sermon:

"And they were sore afraid" when they felt the nearness of the glory of God. Life can be so full of fears! Most of us are like those shepherds—at first we shudder even to think of God's approach to us. Our consciences prick us. We wish that we had been about our Father's business instead of taking good care of ourselves. We wish that God would stay away a while, and come some other day when, perhaps, we might appear before Him to better advantage.

But the Christmas angel is accustomed to fearful shepherds. It has always been so. We people of earth have ever been quick to think that God comes just to condemn us. But the Christmas angel speaks on, for honest shepherds listen as they tremble, and hear the "good tidings of great joy", that God comes as the Saviour of mankind, the life-saving God, as the worker of miracles in humdrum lives like ours.

Our lives are shadowed with other fears. In this beginning of the atomic age, fear stalks the earth and sows suspicion and panic among us. Satan slips through our midst, whispering rumors of the evil plans of this nation and that. Self-love infiltrates our thoughts, bidding us look out for ourselves against the evil day that is coming.

But still the Christmas angel trumpets, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." God comes, not to scold and condemn us, but to save us. When we let God touch our toughest problems, the impossible comes true. Whether you are anxious about the designs of Russia or the Vatican, or the stubbornness of your husband, the angel has good news for you. He tells you that a praying America will one day find a changed nation. He tells you that a praying You will become the person who will not stir stubbornness in your husband. He comes to save us from our easy, lazy despair; to tell us that God can make something lovely and useful even out of us. The angel gets us to praying like eager children, talking with God and listening to Him. Then it is that Satan slinks away; and Self-Love slips beaten from the field. For when God is let onto the battlefield of a human heart, Hope is born, and grows into Courage; and Courage squeezes out Fear. As Karle Baker has put it:

"Courage is armor a blind man wears;
The calloused scar of outlived despair;
Courage is Fear that has said its prayers."

Closing Prayers: "Our Father," and the following prayer:

Come, Holy Comforter, through the darkness and mist. Touch us with the hand of God. And by Thy power, move our slow and selfish spirit to response, that in us Christ may be free, and in the comfort of Thy loving presence we shall live. Amen.

—(*Grace Carpenter*).

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Every member and friend of the Church is asked to use the special Christmas Dinner envelope. We need $300.00.

Are you supporting your Church with your prayers, time and money? The Church needs your help in every way. If you are not yet pledging to the financial support of the Church, begin today.

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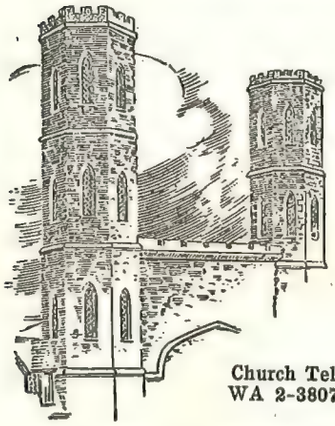
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 ..... *Hayne*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 39—Page 389
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "And the Glory of the Lord" ..... *Handel*
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
SERMON—"Who Wrote the Bible?" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 58 ..... *Mendelssohn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 465 ..... *Jenner*

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We acknowledge with thanks the Church Bulletin subscription of Mrs. Jane Smith.

Mr. Elmer Newkirk's class in drum practice will be held in the Community House on Saturday mornings at 10:00 o'clock.

We record with sorrow the passing to her heavenly home of Mrs. Ada H. Guenther, a valued member of the Hard of Hearing Congregation, on November 24th.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 348 ..... *Innocents*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 25—Page 369
MAGNIFICAT—Page 26 ..... *Tours*
CREED—Page 80
HYMN 61 ..... *Lancashire*
SERMON ..... The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN ..... *Watchman*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 536 ..... *Knecht*

BIBLE SUNDAY

The Second Sunday in Advent is always Bible Sunday. On this day the church calls attention particularly to what it never forgets; namely that the Holy Bible is of vital importance to every Christian. Not every Christian reads his Bible regularly, and some never read it. Nevertheless it is the repository of our faith, the source book of our religion, and we cannot get along without it.

The Bible and the church go hand in hand. Each needs the other. The Book tells the story of our religion, and the church interprets and applies it to our times. More than any other Christian body, the Episcopal Church reads the Scriptures and makes them part of the daily life of her people. She is "The Bible Church". There is more Bible read, said and sung in our services than in any other communion in Christendom.

In all her teaching about the Bible the Episcopal Church is true to everything that Jesus taught. She knows what He taught, and what His New Testament means. She is as old as the Christian religion. Her first Bishops were the friends and the pupils of the Apostles. In fact the Twelve Apostles were her first Bishops and more. That isn't a boast. It is one of the certain facts of history. She is indeed "The Bible Church". And every religious body in the English speaking world owes a great debt to her.

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Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of the holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.—(*Book of Common Prayer*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 22

The Sermon:

We are prone to dwell on the larger aspects of GOD'S nature, wisdom, power, holiness. We trace His steps in the order and perfection of the midnight sky. We see His image in the beauty of the flowering field. Yet this great GOD Who dwells in the harmony of the universe is the GOD of every day men like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

We never tire of the old Bible stories nor exhaust their meaning. There is a subtle power that stirs our hearts because the men and women of the Bible were like ourselves. They had the same struggles and temptations. They had loves and hates and intrigue. Reverses and sorrow overtook them. The years crept on and death invaded their homes. They stood alone and bereaved in the shadow. Abraham was concerned to secure a burial place from the sons of Heth, just as you have provided your family plot in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The stories gather around courtship and marriage, wayward boys, family feuds, depression, war and its aftermath—close paralells to the headlines of our daily papers.

Wordsworth was the interpreter of everyday life in poetry. Into the literature of the 18th century he introduced the situations of common life, clothed ordinary men with glory, threw a veil of romance around the dalesman's cottage, the wandering pedlar, the unheard struggles of the countryside.

Dickens was the interpreter of the waifs and strays of London. He knew the slum with its poverty and want, its dull monotony, the darker side of city life.

Jesus was the interpreter of universal humanity. He knew what was in man. He laid bare the human heart. He was the master teacher, speaking the tongue of every day and pointing a divine message on the homely familiar things.

He heard men talking about the weather in the empty way that we whine about heat or humidity. If the sky is red it will be clear tomorrow—good for our outing. He raised conversation to a higher plane. Would that you men who so glibly forecast the weather were able to read the signs of the times, to interpret the social movements and thoughts that sway the hearts of the masses.

He listened to the children singing at their play just as little boys and girls today sing "London bridge is falling down." He took up the very words of their song and made it the theme of a sermon—"We have piped and ye have not danced."

He saw the tailor in his shop, putting a patch on the garment; the mason laying the foundation of a house, the farmer sowing his field, the housewife busy about the family baking. You would scarcely expect a serious prophet to note the style of a woman's dress. But nothing escaped Jesus. The lost coin of the parable was part of the bridal adornment.

If Socrates brought philosophy out of the clouds, Jesus brought religion out of the realm of doctrine and ceremony into the practical sphere of love and service.

And the simplicity of the Master's message reflects the naturalness of his life. There was nothing mechanical, stilted, forced about Jesus. There was no artificial piety, no aloofness. He mingled freely with men. He was no sour-faced puritan frowning on the pleasures of life. His religion fulfilled itself in the movements of society about him.

Our supreme need is to discover GOD in the commonplace things of everyday. We do not come apart from our wonted tasks to serve GOD but rather introduce His spirit into our daily routine. Thus the trivial round, the common task becomes an avenue of divine service. We must learn to introduce into the turmoil of daily life the spirit of calm.

Closing Prayer:

On this universal Bible Sunday make real to us, O Christ of GOD, the love that is boundless and free. Many of us are in trouble. Find a way of escape and lead us out into a large place. Give hope and courage to our leaders in Church and State. Give faith to men of business and grant that the labor movement may be wisely guided into a greater vision of usefulness. Bring cheer to our homes. Remember all who are on beds of pain; all who are lonely and friendless. Bless those who are old and feeble and shut-in. May all who long for the truth find Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Give to our hearts the balm and benediction of Thy love! For Christ's sake. Amen.

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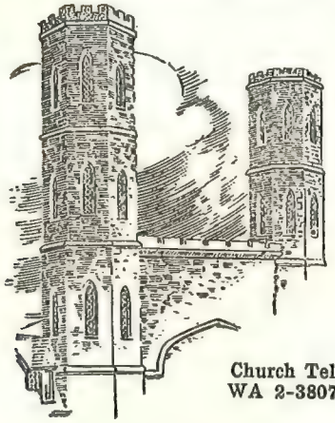
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55.....*Gotha*
KYRIE.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Jesu Joy of man's desiring".....*J. S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God our flesh that fashion'd
With the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

SERMON—"The Contemporary Jesus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 60.....*Calkin*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS.....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 321 (Verses 1 and 3).....*Gower*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 66.....*Veni Emmanuel*

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

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OFFERTORY HYMN 55.....*Stuttgart*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 526.....*Watermouth*

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BAPTISMS

"Then took He up little children in His arms and blessed them."

October 13—Philip Michael Hudson
November 3—Roberta Isabella Mathers
November 23—Matthew Martin Benson

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together."

November 9—Alfred E. Ireland and Helen F. Badger

BURIALS

"The sun is sinking gently in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia"

October 12—Robert T. J. Watson
October 17—Hattie A. Lovelock
November 23—Clarence S. Slatcher

NEW MEMBERS

"No longer strangers but members of the family . . ."

Lucille Alice Jones
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Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr.
Ella Gay
Robert and Grace Delph
Ella Thomas
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Jane Dell
Almira Thompson
Augusta G. Balsley

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our Country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

We thank Thee, Lord and Saviour, for that compassionate love of Thine, which brought Thee to seek and to save both the souls and bodies of men. Help us, as we meditate on Thy Blessed Life, to feel Thee beside us and within us, and to turn to Thee in every need. Thou art our GOD, our Brother, and our Saviour in all the troubles of our daily life. Amen.

Bible Reading: St. John 4: 46-54

The Sermon:

The mind has such power over the body that it exercises a great influence for evil and unhealthiness, or for good and health of the body. We have made a great mistake in the past in dividing ourselves into three parts, as if Body, Mind and Spirit were each separate units, instead of being three parts of the whole, which can only be separated by death. Therefore, since these three parts are united in one person, the health or disease of one part affects the whole; and our aim should be health for the whole man. We need forgiveness of sins, and thank GOD that "if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins"; but we must go further and allow Him to finish His work in us, and "to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". The minds of many people are not cleansed, but are full of wrong and unhappy thoughts, stored with bitter memories of the past, full of indignation because of unkind treatment received, or the failure of some cherished plan, and eaten up with jealousy because others are preferred to them. Some people who may be able honestly to say that their minds are not stored with such bitter thoughts may yet realize that their minds are troubled and restless, and that they are often filled with doubts and fears. We must let GOD cleanse the mind from all these things, and daily renew His Holy Spirit in us, and must seek to have "the mind of Christ", calm, controlled, pure and peaceful, thinking no evil. We are told not to "be of doubtful mind"; therefore this attitude of unrest, vacillation, wobbling and want of decision is a sin that must be put away, not a characteristic that we have inherited and cannot help. If the mind that was in Christ Jesus is also in us we shall have "a sound mind", not one that is worn and diseased; and we shall have perfect peace, with our minds stayed on GOD.

Closing Prayer:

HEAVENLY FATHER, I pray that all sick and suffering people may receive Thy perfect healing, and that all men may work together to destroy whatever causes sickness and disease, and to promote and keep the laws of health and soundness, both of body and mind.

I pray for a spiritual awakening everywhere, and that my own heart and life may be ever filled with Thy love. Amen.

The 46th Annual Convention of the King's Daughters of Philadelphia County was held in the Community House on Wednesday afternoon and evening, November 20th.

We record with sorrow the passing to his heavenly home of Mr. Clarence S. Slatcher, a valued member of this church, on November 20.

THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

As Winter approaches we wish again to call the attention of our people to the continuing need for assistance of the people overseas. In east central Europe and eastern Asia food and clothing shortages are extremely critical and Americans should be prepared to extend aid to those sections for at least two more years. Starvation and its effects will prevail in many countries for a long time. With the passing of UNRRA at the beginning of the winter, private relief agencies will have to redouble their efforts to meet the gap between needs and supplies.

A box containing a generous supply of new winter clothing from members and friends of St. Stephen's Church has been dispatched to the nearest center of Church World Service which is at New Windsor, Maryland.

In addition to these contributions in kind, the Rector will during the winter make contributions from his discretionary fund to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Anyone who would like their contributions to go for this purpose may so mark them. The Episcopal Church has pledged $1,000,000 during 1947 for this purpose and contributions made from now on will be credited to our share of that fund. For 6¼c we can buy a pound of special relief cereal which equals a pound of cheese in food value. Forty cents will buy one pound of dried whole milk, enough to make sixteen glasses in liquid form.

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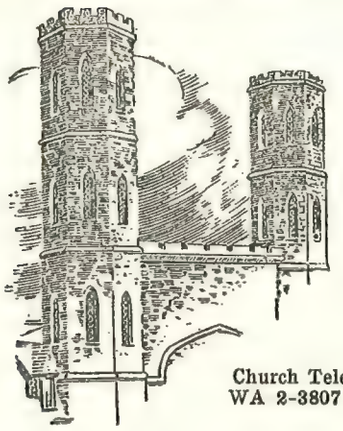
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 468..... *Haydn*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86—Page 447
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Let all the World in Every Corner Sing"..... *Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may hither fly,
The earth is not too low
His praises there may grow
Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out,
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part. Amen.

SERMON—Money and/or Your Life..... THE RETCOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 464..... *Wesley*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530..... *Sullivan*

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Sunday, November 17 is FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, and we hope that you will be present. We shall drop our pledge cards in the "Chest of Joash" and dedicate them to GOD at the Altar.

The Rector will preach at St. James Church, Kingsessing, Sunday, November 17, on the subject of RELIGION and HEALTH.

The Rector has been elected to the Board of Managers of the Episcopal Hospital.

Mr. John L. Speers will speak to the Bible Class, Sunday afternoon, November 17th, at 4:00 P. M.

WHAT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH MEANS

"I have missed nothing in Philadelphia as much as St. Stephen's Church", writes a person who moved to New Jersey. "This is perhaps surprising since I took no very active part in the work and was able to attend the service only irregularly. But St. Stephen's Church is a symbol of much that was the best in my life. I always entered with a feeling of awe and reverence and never left without being uplifted. It was at the door when I stopped just by chance the first morning that something happened to me. I suppose it was, in a sense, conversion. St. Stephen's holds a special place in my heart."

So it does in the hearts of many. For five generations it has been a symbol of much that was best in their lives. It has been hospitable to new truth, preaching to men who wanted a reasonable religion, in harmony with their knowledge. It has been simple and reverent in its worship, not over-emphasizing ritual or reducing it to the level of ordinary intercourse and familiarity. It has been deeply interested in doing the Word of GOD and not hearing it only, expressing faith by good works. It has brought together people of many social groups, rich and poor, high and low, and made of them a real fellowship, a beloved community.

We have become a nomadic people, wandering from place to place and putting down few roots in the community. Even though we stay in one neighborhood we think we shall be soon moving on. So we hesitate to assume responsibilities. It is the people who stay put who are the real backbone of the church.

Each one must resist this tendency of our day by taking on responsibility wherever he may be and so long as he is there, whether for a few months or for many years. We all need responsibility for our own good; certainly the church needs responsible people for its good. Even large trees can be transplanted, but to keep them standing under the winds and bearing fruit or leaf requires special care.

MATTERS FINANCIAL

At this time of the year it becomes necessary for us to think about the financial obligations of church membership. Only a small percentage of communicants in most parishes know of the church's activities week in and week out. Consequently, when the annual pledge card is received they write in the same amount as last year. This means that they think the need hasn't grown since last year, and their interest hasn't been sharpened since last year, because their idea of the worth of the church is the same as last year.

Here in St. Stephen's not many are in that religiously static condition because of the increase in Lay-participation and Lay-leadership evidenced all around us. Most of us are "in the know" and on the go.

In tribute to the loyalty of all the men and women who are making possible the present advance of St. Stephen's, and for the information of many—including returned servicemen—who have been out of touch with the church, we present the enclosed booklet describing the varied activities of our parish.

We believe that you will be eager to do your utmost to see that greater advances be made in 1947 to enable your church, at home and abroad, to be the Power for Good it is called by GOD to be.

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We do not ask your continued support for St. Stephen's because it is weak, but because it is strong. The generosity and imagination of those who have given to it in the past have made it one of the strong churches in our city. But only the continuing support of the living can keep it strong and make it stronger.

Then there is the Diocese; for the genius of our church emphasizes that we are members one of another. Here in Pennsylvania we have a great missionary opportunity. The strong must bear the burdens of the weak, for we are a united family.

Then there is the work of the church throughout the world. If Christ really has touched our lives, then we must be missionary. The message and the whole validity of Christ's religion is that GOD so loves the *world*.

When we come to the definite administration of the missionary work of the Church, I believe that we can have confidence both in the Church at large and in the Diocese.

This matter of finances concerns how much we care for the Christian Gospel and the Church, which was founded and has lived through sacrifice. The giving of money is one very real and vital way to sacrifice. These are difficult days of excessively rising prices, I know. But if we are willing to sacrifice, then there can be no question of the result, for sacrifice will mean giving in proportion to our means. Will you not this year prayerfully consider your gift to the Church, that we may do our part to make the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of GOD and His Christ.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

It is with this responsibility in mind that we ask all our people to come to one of the three services on the third Sunday of November, to join in our common worship, and to present at the time of the offering pledges for the support of the work during the coming year. The support of any church is a financial matter, and yet it is something a good deal more—it represents an expressed loyalty—it is an affirmation of faith and a pledge to the future.

As churches go, we at St. Stephen's talk remarkably little about money in any of our services. True, at this time of year, we have to place our needs before our people, and we make use of the bulletin, and special letters, but your ministers try to keep appeals out of the services. They are intended for worship and for teaching and we studiously keep to a minimum those elements the consideration of which, however important, militates against worship. But we can do this only in so far as the congregation permits by their own response. The envelope system is the way they promise the church's support and make it unnecessary for constant appeals to be made. There are always some people who resent annual canvasses and Easter appeals. But without them there could be no church at all.

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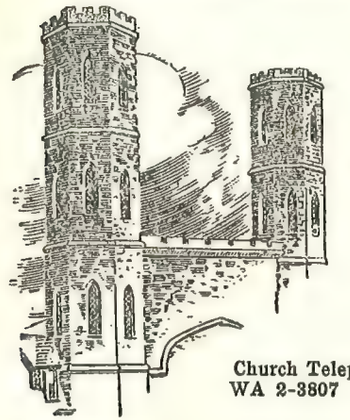
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Scriabine*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 519 ..... *Jeffery*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 116—Page 486
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Matthews*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"God be in my head" ..... *Walford Davies*

God be in my head and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing.

SERMON—"Perspective" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 222 ..... *Mason*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 209 ..... *Giardini*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105 ..... *St. Cecelia*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 148—Page 524
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28 ..... *J. Barnby*
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HYMN 492 ..... *Festal Song*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 268 ..... *Galilee*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 538 ..... *Webb*

Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1946

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude on "O God our help in ages past"
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 421 ..... *Elvey*
THANKSGIVING DAY PSALM (In place of Venite—Page 264) ..... *Chant*
PSALM FOR THE DAY 148—Page 524
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise" ..... *John E. West*

Sing a song of Praise.
Bless the Lord in all His works,
Magnify His name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia
Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"The Earth is the Lord's" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 445 (The Presentation of the Colors) ..... *Croft*
AMERICA
RECESSIONAL HYMN 420 ..... *Kocker*

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Opening Prayer:

O CHRIST, at Whose Word the wind and waves were still, rebuke, we pray Thee, the violence of men, and usher in the day of brotherhood, that we may truly serve Thee; Who with the FATHER and the HOLY SPIRIT liveth and worketh for us unceasingly, now and forever. Amen. (The Grey Book).

Bible Reading: St. Luke 5: 1-11

The Sermon:

One night many years ago two fishing boats went out for a night's work on the Sea of Galilee. All through the night they fished. Again and again they set their nets, and hauled them in empty. At last, as the sun rose over the water, they pulled homeward, cold and hungry and cross. Jesus was on the shore as the bows of the boats grated on the sand, and the fishermen dragged their weary bodies over the side and onto land again. He asked them to thrust out a little from the land with Him, so that He could finish what He was saying to the people, for the crowd was large and they had begun to push forward. You can imagine that Peter grumbled a bit, for he wanted to get home to breakfast. But when Jesus finished His talk and quietly said to Peter, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets" the other fishermen heard, and Peter spoke for them as he protested, "We have fished all night and taken nothing". But Jesus still wanted them to do it, so they did, and caught so many fish that they could scarcely land them.

Armistice Day has come and gone—the day when we remembered the ending of two great wars; when we remembered the men who fought and died with the hope that they would bring peace in the world. Today hosts of people have grown hopeless over the winning of world peace. We could win a war; but peace seems to slip through our fingers and escape. For fourteen months we have dreamed and prayed for peace; and still the daily papers croak about war and rumors of war. We are tired and cross, and want to go home and look after our personal affairs, and forget about world peace.

But we can't do that—not when we remember that men we knew and loved died to bring peace among men. They paid for peace with their lives (and they were young and loved life!); and we are honor-bound to go on working for it, praying for it, believing that it is possible. And into the ears of every follower of Jesus comes that quietly commanding voice saying, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets". Jesus has a way of sending us back to the very job, and the very place, *where we have tried and failed, to try again.* He knew the fish were there, ready to be landed by those who were willing to try again. He knows that peace is to be had, by those who obey Him, and keep working for it.

After a heavy snowstorm a small boy began to shovel out a big snow bank that had drifted across his mother's front walk. A man, passing by, smiled and said, "How do you expect to get through that big drift, my boy?" "By keeping at it—that's how!" the boy replied. "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets!"

Closing Prayer:

O THOU Who art heroic love, keep alive in our hearts that adventurous spirit which makes men scorn the way of safety, so that Thy Will be done. For so only, O Lord, shall we be worthy of those courageous souls, who in every age have ventured all in obedience to Thy call, and for whom the trumpets have sounded on the farther shore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*The Grey Book*)

Mr. Cornelius Vanderbriggan, former U. S. Marine Lieutenant, will be the guest speaker at the Bible Class, Sunday, November 24th, at 4: 00 P. M. Strangers welcome.

We gratefully acknowledge contributions to the work of the Benevolent Society from the following. Mrs. M. Keller, The Mothers' Meeting, Mrs. Helen Shimp, Mr. Sudit, Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, Louise S. Gray, Mary Louise Wallace, Mary Swift, Mrs. Thomas J. Weldon.

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Following the general custom in this Diocese, your offering on Thanksgiving Day is asked for the support of the Episcopal Hospital. The rising costs of care, the growing demands on the Hospital by the community, and the inability of many persons to pay for their care make the offering a vital part of the Hospital's financial structure. Last year our offering amounted to $1,200.00. Your generous response to this annual appeal is earnestly requested.

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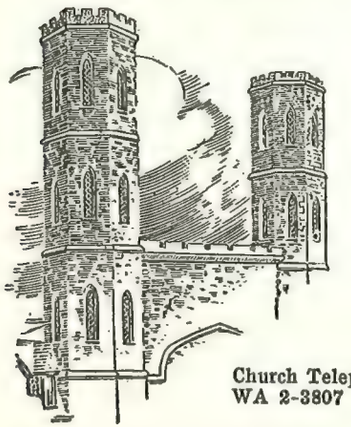
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4..... *Ratisbon*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALMS 121, 122—Page 502
FIRST LESSON—2 Kings 5
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11..... *Gaul*
SECOND LESSON—Eccl. 38:1-15
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Come O Thou Traveller"..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

Come, O Thou traveller unknown,
Whom still I hold but cannot see,
My company before is gone,
And I am left alone with Thee.
With Thee all night I mean to stay
And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am,
My misery or sin declare;
Thyself hast called me by my name;
Look on Thy hands and read it there!
But Who I ask Thee, Who art Thou?
Tell me Thy name and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak,
But confident in self despair;
Speak to my heart, in blessing speak,
Be conquered by my instant prayer!
Speak or Thou never hence shalt move,
And tell me if Thy name is Love.

'Tis love! Thou diedst for me!
I hear Thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee;
Pure universal Love Thou art.
To me, to all, Thy mercies move,
Thy nature and Thy name is love.

—*Charles Wesley.*

SERMON—"The Ladder Which Reached the Sky"..... ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 236..... *Peace*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS and BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 529..... *Smart*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 502..... *Holley*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 107:1-16—Page 476
NUNC DIMMITTIS—Page 28..... *J. Barnby*
CREED—Page 80
HYMN 38 ..... *Capetown*
SERMON..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 223..... *Martyn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 511..... *Ewing*

CHRISTIAN WORLD ORDER

St. Stephen's Church has been chosen as one of the four main area centers in the Diocese for a discussion group on the subject of Christian World Order. The Parishes and Missions in the downtown area have been asked to send delegates and individuals to the first of these area meetings to be held in St. Stephen's Parish House on Tuesday, October 29th at 8:00 P. M. The object of these meetings is to focus the attention of all Christians on world problems and to help direct our thoughts and activities towards one world built on a Christian basis!

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Bible Reading: Isaiah 28:16-17

The Sermon:

The story is told of a professor at Columbia University in New York, and of his passion always to go as quickly as possible. He met a visitor from India, far downtown, and together they got into a subway train. At the next stop the professor shouted, through the subway din, "We change here for an express, so that we can save eight minutes." The man from India replied, "And what will we do with the eight minutes?" There was no answer, for there was no purpose in the professor's haste.

Old Isaiah once said, "He that believeth shall not make haste." The wise folk, who believe deeply in GOD, do not have to scurry about feverishly. They know that GOD takes His time—in His world you cannot hurry a field of hay, the growing up of a child, or the forming of a true friendship. There are a few things that can be forced by hot-house methods; but the more precious treasures of life take time and care and patient tending. If you trust GOD, and are willing to work and wait, you will be rewarded. If you trust GOD, you do not have to make haste.

Furthermore, the person who goes at a moderate pace is less apt to miss golden opportunities. Look through the record of the Master's life, and you may be surprised to find how often He stopped on His way, because some one needed Him. As He and His friends walked through a little town on the way to their destination, a woman would pluck Him by the elbow, or a blind man called from the crowd, or children struggled to catch His attention. And *Jesus always stopped.* The person who needed Him was more important to GOD than His getting to Jericho at precisely six o'clock; and GOD would take care of it if they were a bit late in Jericho. GOD cares more about people than about slavish punctuality. Along the road of your life He has set many a glorious opportunity to give some one a lift, to say the right word, to pass on your faith, or, often, for just plain friendship. If you go quietly, trusting in GOD, you will see those opportunities, and take them.

As Robert Frost wrote:

When a friend calls to me from the road,
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I don't stand still and look around
On the hills I haven't hoed,
And shout from where I am, "What is it?"
No, not as there is time to talk.
I thrust my hoe into the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod; I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit.

Closing Prayer:

Quiet our thoughts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and let Thy peace descend upon our waiting souls; that, commending our souls to Thy holy keeping, we may accept the miracle of sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(J. W. Suter, Jr.)*

GIRLS' FRIENDLY NEWS

Miss Emily Kinsley, the newly appointed Branch Advisor of the Girls' Friendly Society, reports that NATIONAL GIRLS' FRIENDLY WEEK is celebrated October 27th to November 3rd.

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A Hallowe'en Party will be held October 28th at 8:00 P. M.

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St. Stephen's Branch has forty-eight members. The meetings are held on the top floor of the Community House Monday evenings. Supper is served at 6:00 P. M. Many of the members come directly from business. Girls and young women are cordially invited to meet with the Girls' Friendly Society on Monday evenings.

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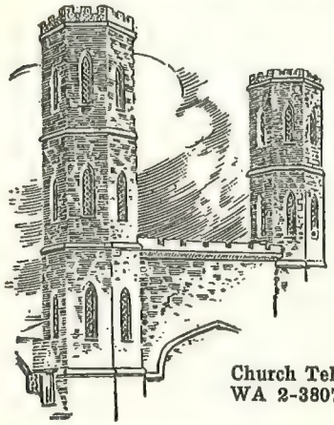
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BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"To whom then will ye liken God?".....*Horatio Parker*

To whom then will ye liken God? Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him? Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the foundation of the earth? It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in. That bringeth the princes to nothing; He maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. To whom then will ye liken Me? saith the Holy One, to whom? Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard that the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? Praise Him and magnify His Holy Name forever. Amen.

SERMON—When Trouble Comes.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 216.....*Scottish Psalter*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS and BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 112.....*Filby*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379.....*Day of Rest*
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PSALM 106: 1-16—Page 473
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HYMN 27 .....*Beatitude*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 33.....*St. Peter*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 536.....*Knecht*

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord, Shield of our help, Who wilt not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able, help us, we entreat Thee, in all our straits and wrestlings, to lift up our eyes unto Thee, and stay our hearts on Thee; through Jesus Christ. Amen!

—*(C. G. Rossetti, 1830 A. D.)*

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:19-34

The Sermon:

More than three hundred years ago a tiny ship drove out across the Atlantic Ocean from an English port, with an adventurous skipper at her wheel. Hendrik Hudson was determined to find that dream of sea-captains—a north-west passage to India. June found him in the bay which now bears his name. All summer he and his men searched the shores for a passage through. The leaves turned crimson in the forests. The northern cold swooped down and froze their vessel in. Still no sign of the Worth-West Passage. Somehow they survived that winter, and, as ice melted, most of the crew were thinking of springtime in England. But Hudson went on searching, and ordered them to do the same. Late in June the crew mutinied, and put him overboard in a small dory with four loyal companions. As they pulled away from the ship, Hudson was heard to say, "The honor of our life derives from this—to keep a certain aim before us always." That was the last ever seen of him, still scanning the shores for the North-West Passage, keeping to his "certain aim".

Those gallant words are high common sense. The "certain aim" is all that can bring peace and order into life. As one has written, "The architect must lay half a million stones. Strength and harmony are attained only as the builder shapes and disciplines stubborn detail to follow a greater plan." The architect encounters his mutinous forces in his working crew, in wind and weather, in problems of engineering and finance. Only the power of the "certain aim" keeps him at it until a great church rises out of the paper plans into the reality of wood and stone.

Hudson's words apply to public life as well. When a man plunges into public life with high purpose, he meets many mutinous forces, small-minded politicians and groups who care more for their own skins than they do for the good of the nation. Back in the last century a presidential candidate wrote, "If I were trying to read all the attacks made on me, this shop might well be closed for any other business. I do the best I know how, the very best I can; and I mean to keep on doing it to the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me will not amount to anything. If the end brings me out all wrong, ten angels swearing that I was right would make no difference." So Lincoln spoke as he faced the mutiny of savage and unfair criticism, and, in the meantime, he held to his resolute aim to serve the nation.

Jesus once said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of heaven"—make GOD'S business your purpose, and your whole life will fall into harmony; and you will find a great peace. You will, like Jesus and all His faithful followers, find your path crossed by those who mutiny against your high purpose. But those who keep on, like Hudson, like the architect, like Jesus of Nazareth, will find life serene at heart.

So, point her up, John King, nor'west by north!
We'll keep the honor of a certain aim
Amid the peril of uncertain ways
And sail ahead! And leave the rest to GOD.

Closing Prayer:

O Lord, have mercy upon us, for Thy great ocean is so big, and our little boats are so small. Amen. (Prayer of the Breton Fishermen.)

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Last year the Benevolent Society sent 4,095 garments made by the women who are members of this oldest organization of St. Stephen's Church. Your contributions placed on the alms-basin or mailed to the office will further this most commendable work. The garments are indispensible in the hospitals for which they are made. St. Stephen's Church is responsible for a large part of the sewing needed for eight hospitals in the city. Statistics do not show the pride these women take in their excellent work, nor the gratitude extended by the hospitals who accept it. Five hundred dollars will just about cover expenses for the season 1946-47. Thank you for your continued interest and co-operation. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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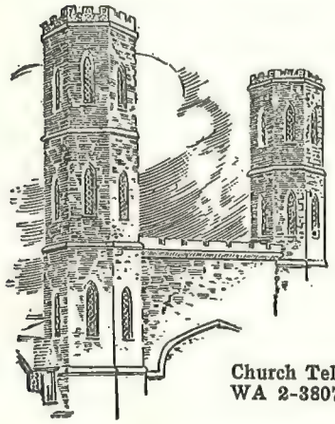
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JUBILATE—Page 15..... *Naylor*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise"..... *John E. West*

Sing a song of praise,
Bless the Lord in all His works.
Magnify His name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia
Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"Living Without Appreciation"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 493
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS and BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 526..... *Mann*

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VITAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

One look at the world, with a side glance at the Church, indicates the critical importance for young and old, alike, of a vastly more vital Christian education than we have heretofore known.

We simply cannot build one world, or one nation united—we cannot achieve industrial peace or racial amity, nor can we diminish the great human tragedy of crime—without the full and determined realization that Jesus Christ has presented the foundation upon which a good life and a good society can be built. There are "good lives" among those who do not profess to be Christians, but an examination of those lives will demonstrate the fact that their goodness lies in their embodiment of Christian values.

Democracy presupposes the acceptance of Christian values by the human individual and by the corporate bodies which compose society.

We must teach Jesus Christ, not as unnatural, but as the revelation of the highest and the best which the Creator, through nature, intends. We must teach Jesus Christ, not merely as the unique authority in religion, but as the unique authority in life. We must teach Jesus Christ, not diminished and adapted to the frame of sect or division, but as universal in time and place.

If there be weakness in Protestantism, it lies not in Protestant principles and values but rather in our failure to know and to live these values.

All of this sums up in the responsibility of the Church to increase the resources and scope of its educational program, in the responsibility of those who teach to acquire more vital spiritual and mental equipment, and in the responsibility of the home to seek every opportunity for Christian education of children and parents.

HAVE YOU HEARD

St. Stephen's Church has a worry
clinic to which go people who
have worried themselves sick?
Uncontrolled worry has resulted
in a host of physical ailments,
real afflictions of the body—
nervous disorders and mental
depression. Readjust yourself
to life. Attend the Thursday
Healing Service.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

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AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 482..... *Waltham*

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Bible Reading: Wisdom 3.

The Sermon:

"And as sparks among the stubble they shall run to and fro."—Wisdom 3:7

All about us the fields lie brown and lifeless, covered with the stubble. They are mute reminders of the harvest recently garnered. Nobody wants it, no one can use it. The earth has gone to sleep until the spring. What shall we do with the stubble?

Somebody sets fire to this waste, and the sparks leap and run, and the fire grows and spreads. The refuse is consumed and the fields lie ready for the plowing.

How much we can learn from Nature. She bids us study her ways that we may enrich our knowledge and our lives. A magazine article some time ago tells us how many of our inventions have been anticipated by Nature. It cites poison gas, hypodermic syringes, traps, skyscrapers, canals, refrigeration, ventilation and so on. So she teaches us that a little spark can start a great conflagration.

There is a lot of stubble in human life today. Nobody wants it, no one can use it. It waits only for the sparks to come and destroy it. There always is stubble in human life. And history tells the story of how it has been destroyed periodically. When conditions got unbearable there was always a cleaning-up process. It usually started with an idea germinating in the mind of a genius. But often several people were involved. The idea caught fire and the necessary reform was accomplished. From then on life was easier.

We cannot escape the cleaning process. Modern life is choked with stubble. Let us be the sparks which will start the destroying fire. And may I point out that the idea which has done most of the real reforming has been a renewed appreciation of the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST. If we can get enough people to carry the torch the sparks will leap to and fro and (in spite of the disagreeable smoke) we shall enjoy the sight because it promises a brighter future.

Closing Prayer:

Behold, O God, our strivings after a truer and more abiding order. Give us visions which bring back a lost glory to the earth, and dreams which foreshadow that better order which Thou hast prepared for us. Scatter every excuse of frailty and unworthiness; consecrate us all with a heavenly mission; and give us grace according to our day, gladly to welcome and gratefully to fulfill it; through JESUS CHRIST, Our LORD. Amen.

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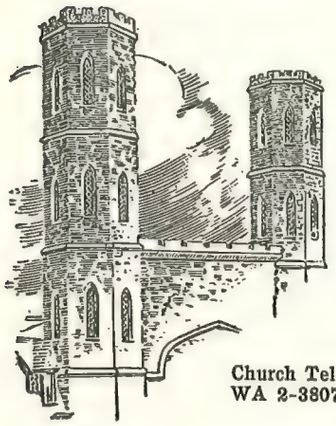
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 539.....*Bainbridge*
KYRIE .....*T. Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"I will lift up mine eyes".....*Webbe*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

SERMON—"Religion and Psychiatry" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 387.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 334.....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 386.....*Baker*

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"Signed with the sign of the Cross"

July 7 Aurora Cecilia Hepburn
28 Catherine Anne Bowley

MARRIAGES

"To love and to cherish till death do us part"

July 10 Thomas J. Bell, Jr.
Florence L. Kiley
17 Joseph O. Huey
Mary E. Fiene
August 3 Harry E. Bloomquist
Jean McWilliams
8—Malcolm H. Robertson
Alvania E. Hinchcliffe
10—Robert Seasongood
Dorothy A. Gemberling
September 23—Ralph V. Ritchey
Zola Ethel Cambron

BURIALS

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service"

July 3—Mary A Hudson
5—Frederic D. Goodwin
8—Charles H. Mountjoy
10—James E. Van Dyke
11—Charles J. Paist
August 20—Mathilda Westbrook
September 5—Elizabeth Doughtery
26—E. Bertha Yocum

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

Mr. Gaylord W. Davis
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Miss Hilda E. Yeutter

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OFFERTORY HYMN 474.....*Tidings*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 208.....*St. Athanasius*

We record with sorrow the passing to her heavenly home of Miss E. Bertha Yocum, a life long member of this Church, on September 23. Services were held at St. Stephen's Church, on September 26. The Rector officiated and music was rendered by Miss Kaiser and Dr. Matthews.

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Bible Reading: Psalm 46.

The Sermon:

Each of us looks back to some special moment in childhood when we felt very safe. A friend of mine recalled a winter's Sunday afternoon when his family was gathered by the fireside as his father read aloud to the family. Outside, the dusk was falling, the snow drove by the window in clouds, and the wind moaned under the eaves —but, inside, by the hearth, it was snug and warm and safe. The wintry storm beat upon the house, but it could not reach them by the fireside.

For Christian people, prayer and worship are GOD'S fireside. Especially in times like the present, life is stormy and threatening. We have gone through the perils of war only to find ourselves facing rumblings of new quarrels, with the dire threats of more awful wars ahead. To each of us, also, come the everyday, personal ordeals—the discouraging search for a job or a roof to live under; the loss of loved ones on whom we depended; long illness, or the trials of old age. Life beats hard upon us, and we grow weary and afraid.

In that moment of weariness and storm, we turn to GOD. We attend church, and see a Cross and remember GOD'S great love for us shown in Christ's life. Or we stop in the day's work, to be still and know that He is GOD, recalling His promise to guide us; and we find the refreshing strength of His Presence. Thus we turn to GOD like children coming in out of the storm to gather around the Father's Fireside. There, close to Him, we forget the storm for awhile, just as the children in our story forgot the blizzard, listening to the story their father read to them. So, in the peace and protection of GOD'S nearness, we gather our strength again.

The children in our story awoke the next morning to find the snow still falling, but they were refreshed, and eager to get out into it again. Getting on their warm clothes, they were soon out in the storm, shovelling walks. They were not going to let the storm imprison them or "get them down". So it is with our Christian faith. When life bothers us, and our courage wanes, we turn to GOD'S Fireside, are gathered into the power of His Almighty protection long enough to ready us to go out into the storm once more, and play our part. Though our day may be a stormy one, those who have quiet faith, who turn Godwards with childlike trust, will not be overcome. Through all our days, they will gather at GOD'S Fireside, and then plunge back into life, able to meet the gale, and do their part, knowing that GOD is their refuge and their strength.

Closing Prayers: "Our Father", and the following prayer:

O Lord, help us, we pray Thee, always to trust in Thy goodness; that walking with Thee and following Thee in all simplicity, we may possess quiet and contented minds, and may cast all our cares on Thee, for Thou carest for us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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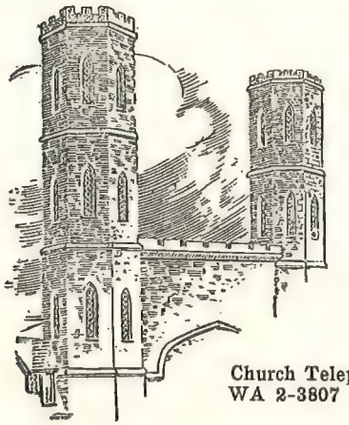
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ANTHEM—O Wisdom! Spirit of the Holy God.....*T. Tertius Noble*

O Wisdom! Spirit of the Holy God
Effulgent glory of eternal light,
Thou order'st all things
O Divinest Might,
Strong Wisdom,
Spirit of the Holy God.

O Sovereign Lord, Thou Master of man's soul,
Inspire, we pray Thee by Thy human name
Man's feeble will with Love's perpetual flame,
And hold the wheels of life with strong control.

O Steadfast Spirit of the Holy God,
O come be near us, guide us day by day
With saving hand, along Thy marvelous way
Fair Wisdom, Spirit of the Holy God.

SERMON—"Say Yes" .....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 211.....*Lowell Mason*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 534.....*Smart*

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We acknowledge with thanks the subscriptions to the Bulletin from Mrs. Elizabeth Green and Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

A LOOK AHEAD

It is the end of September. Vacations are over. Church Vestries and Committees are beginning to function again. Church Schools have reopened. Organized religion in our city is getting into full swing.

Here in St. Stephen's Church we are about to launch our post-war program of activities in the Community House. During the Summer this building was painted from top to bottom. Every room, stairway, window and door inside and out has been painted and varnished and will prove most attractive to all our twenty-eight organizations and clubs using the building this year. The Church exterior has been painted. A new oil burner and boiler adequate to heat both buildings has been installed. Our physical fabric has never been in such splendid condition. Hundreds of visitors to the General Convention have included St. Stephen's in their tours and pilgrimages about the city. They have all been impressed with the cleanliness and sparkle of our plant. This is good. However, the test of our effectiveness is in the use we make of our beautiful Church and our well appointed Community House.

Under the direction of our Director, the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, a very comprehensive program covering the religious, educational and recreational needs of all youth and adults will get under way October 1st. A descriptive folder of our organizations and clubs will soon be available. Everyone in the parish should be interested in some phase of our program. We are especially interested in attracting university students, service men and women, stenographers and clerks, business people, domestic workers and visitors to Philadelphia. There are many groups with many purposes. There is a place for you in one or more of them, whether you are young or old, men or women, boys or girls, professional people or home makers.

The post-war committee under the leadership of Mr. Edward S. Morris has given considerable thought to this program and the Rector believes that we are taking a great step forward. May God bless our efforts in the days to come!

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247.....*Dulce Carmen*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 305—Beatitude.....*St. Finbar*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 536.....*Knecht*

THE AUTUMN BAZAAR

given by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hard of Hearing for the support of their good work will be held in the Community House (923 Ludlow Street) on Thursday, October 3rd from 10:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M. Luncheon will be served from 12:00 to 2:00 P. M. Turkey Dinner ($1.25) from 5:30 to 7:30 P. M.

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Opening Prayer:

In the overwhelming sense of Thy goodness, O God, may all our selfish desires and all our petty egotism vanish away. Humble us and forgive us, O God, that we may enter into unity with Thee, and may become in some measure the instruments of Thy peace. Amen.

Bible Reading: Luke 15:1-32

The Sermon:

It is a common mistake to think of Jesus as a visionary and impractical person. Nothing is further from the truth. His teachings are based on the commonest experiences of common men and women. He constantly insisted on the relationship between the practical affairs of his life and the things of the spirit. His illustrations were drawn from the work of the farmer and the fisherman, the experiences of the father, the collecting of taxes, the building of houses and the making of bread.

The Kingdom of God is a kingdom of common sense. When men depart from it they depart from that to which their deeper sanity allies itself. If it were not for the fact that the teachings of Jesus Christ make their appeal to the universal perceptions of men, the Church with its many inadequacies and faults would have failed centuries ago. The preacher may indulge in all kinds of extravagances concerning theology and reforms; he may be as dull as dishwater, or he may perform antics in which he rivals the circus clown. Yet always there is a sound core of inevitable common sense to the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is that which holds men and women to the Church, whatever may be the outward vicissitudes of organized religion.

The Kingdom of God is as commonplace as bread and it is as mysterious as bread. No man knows how the sun and soil mingle to produce a bushel of wheat. No man knows how yeast in a measure of dough leavens the lump. Yet every man is wise enough to use it, even though he cannot explain everything about it. So is the Kingdom of God. Like everything else that is subject to the ordinary common sense of man, it is full of mystery and yet instantly available to man's use whenever he needs it and recognizes his need for it.

Closing Prayer:

Kind Father, make our world a better place by making each of us a better person. Begin with me. Help me to grow more trusting, loving, helpful. Make me more honest, kind, and brave. Teach me to share all common burdens and responsibilities and to perform my every task in joy. Correct me, discipline me, develop me. Increase in me a Christlike stature, that through me Thy Kingdom may take deeper root and flourish on the earth. Amen.

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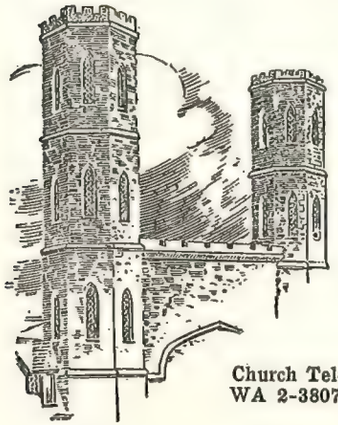
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JUBILATE DEO—Page 15.....*Mozart*
ANTHEM—God's peace is peace eternal.....*Grieg*

God's peace is peace eternal,
Here discords all our joys displace;
We wage a war infernal,
And gentle mercy finds no place.
Life is our time of trial now,
Before the Judge we all must bow.
God merciful and kind will shield us
And from evil set us free;
He knoweth when to sin we yield us,
The path we follow recklessly.
He will the poorest soul release,
Who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

SERMON—"Living One Day At a Time".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 305.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 379.....*Elliott*

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Mr. Edward S. Morris, Superintendent, has issued a call for the opening of the Church School this Sunday morning, at 9: 50 o'clock.

The United Thank Offering for the past three years, was presented at a great service in Convention Hall and amounted to $1,631,576—the largest offering ever given for this purpose. Mrs. Tinsley, our Parish U.T.O. Treasurer, was one of the ushers at this service who helped present the huge offering. The women of our Diocese gave $106,543.71.

GENERAL CONVENTION

As we go to press on Mondays it is too early to say very much as to the important happenings of the General Convention of our Church meeting here in Philadelphia. After getting off to a most thrilling start by breaking all precedents in seating for the first time a woman delegate in the House of Deputies, Mrs. Randolph H. Dyer of Missouri, and electing for the first time a layman to be the President of the House of Deputies, the Hon. Justice Owen J. Roberts, the Convention then bogged down and the two controversial issues, the marriage canon and organic unity with the Presbyterians were side-stepped with crippling amendments and unrealistic decisions. These decisions must be accepted by both the House of Bishops and House of Deputies by concurrent vote. At the time of writing the marriage canon was discussed and voted on by the House of Bishops only and the matter of unity with the Presbyterians by the Deputies. However, it looks as if both Houses will concur on the decisions thus made in each of these legislative bodies.

At the moment, the rector feels that the action of our Church in practically closing the door in the face of the Presbyterian-Episcopal approaches to unity, our Church will from now on turn in upon itself in an unfortunate isolationism and be swept aside in the stronger religious currents that are unmistakeably in evidence in the ecumenical movement of our day. If we cannot heal the wounds of the body of Christ in at least two small communions in our own land, how can we with sincerity and effectiveness take our full part in the great currents of world-wide dimensions. You and I must atone for this lack of vision by going out of our way at any cost to our personal comfort and private opinions to work co-operatively with other Christian bodies in our city as never before. We need most a new sense of the authority of Jesus, with a complete commitment to Him; a movement out of the churches and on to the establishment of the Kingdom of God: the rule of Christian principle over every area of life; a strategy of unity through which, like soldiers marching to the front, we hail each other as comrades and keep contact with each other.

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HYMN 226 .....*Love Divine*
SERMON .....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
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AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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Almighty God, Whose glory fills the world; let the whole earth keep silence before Thy majesty, that we may reverently worship the beauty of Thy holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John W. Suter*)

Bible Reading: I Corinthians 10: 11-13 ("that ye may be able").

The Sermon:

One of the glories of the Christian faith is the way that God saw Jesus through. In Gethsemane Jesus had prayed to find out what God wanted Him to do; and God led Him to a Cross, and apparent failure. But, on Easter Day, God's purpose became clear. Only through the Cross could God reveal His full love to mankind. Only through the victory of Easter could God show the sure triumph of trust in Him. In our day, one of our greatest needs is childlike, unwavering trust in God and His promises.

There is a story of a father and two children who went swimming at Atlantic City late in the autumn. The water was very chilly, and no one else was in swimming, and the children were both small—Mary was nine and George was seven. But they had learned to swim almost as soon as they had learned to walk, and they were little water-dogs. After a good swim, they all began to feel cold, and started for the shore. But they discovered that a strong off-shore current had set in, and they were not making any progress towards the beach. So the father swam over to Mary, and said, "Mary, I am going to swim ashore with George, and then I'll come back for you. You must paddle enough to keep yourself afloat; turn over on your back and float if you get tired; and I'll be back. You are a good swimmer, Mary, and you can do it." Then the father took George in tow, and got him in to the beach. He took time for a few long breaths, and then dove in and fought his way back through the breakers to where he had left Mary. But she was nowhere to be seen. He swam frantically about looking for her, but there was no tousled head to be seen. Finally, he swam ashore, and asked for help. Soon there were twenty boats looking for her as the dusk fell—looking for a small bobbing head among the waves. Finally, after two hours, as they had begun to lose hope, they found Mary, a mile and a half off-shore, just keeping afloat. A great strong man leaned over the little girl and said, "Mary, I couldn't have done that—how *did* you do it?" She opened her eyes and answered quietly, "My father told me that I could, so I *knew* I could."

Closing Prayer: "Our Father," and the following prayer:

Fortify us, O God, with the courage which comest only from Thee; that in the midst of all our perils and perplexities we may find that peace which only Thou canst give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR CHOIR

Under date of September 12, the rector received the following letter.

MY DEAR DR. PRICE:

My son and I recently attended services in your church (Sunday, September 8th), in honor of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew members in connection with their 49th annual convention.

We wish to express our admiration for your beautiful church and trust you will extend to the organist and the choir our deep appreciation of their magnificent rendition of the very fine vocal program and organ support. You have an organist and choir to be proud of. As an old choir singer myself I can truly say I never heard a finer, more musicianly rendition of the service by voices so uniformly of high quality. Please accept our congratulations and appreciation and extend to the ladies and gentlemen of the choir and the splendid organist our thanks and say we will long remember, among other music the beautiful and perfectly sung "Lord's Prayer".

Again thanking you for our kindness to us, I am,

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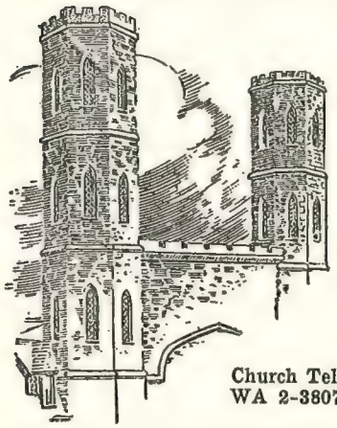
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"I will sing my Maker's praises".....*Karg-Elert*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 531.....*Boyd*

VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*

PSALM 77—Page 433

FIRST LESSON—I Samuel 24: 1-22

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*

SECOND LESSON—St. Matthew 5: 17-26

BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*

CREED AND PRAYERS

ANTHEM—God is With Us.....*Kastalsky*

God is with us! O ye nations understand; submit yourselves for God is with us!

Give ear, all ye of far countries; gird yourselves, and ye shall come to naught; speak the word and it shall not stand.

Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid; sanctify the Lord of hosts Himself, and let Him be your fear.

He shall be for a sanctuary; I will wait upon the Lord and I will look for Him; behold I, and the children whom the Lord hath given me.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

SERMON.....The Rt. Rev. J. I. Blair Larned, D.D., LL.D.

OFFERTORY HYMN 501.....*Somervell*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 113.....*Gadsby*

The Altar Flowers are given by Mrs. Lewis F. Hahn in memory of Peter Williams.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Larned, who comes to us from his stimulating experiences in Europe where he is supervising the work of our European churches. Bishop Larned has been working sympathetically and effectively with the representatives at Geneva of the World Council of Churches in the great over-all program of rehabilitation.

The General Convention has made it possible for the Rector to meet many of the graduates and some of his classmates of the Cambridge Theological School at the Alumni Dinner held at the Philadelphia Country Club on Friday evening.

The Senior Bishop of our Church, the Rt. Rev. William Hall Moreland, D.D. (retired), of Sacramento, is the guest of the Burd School during the Convention.

FESTIVAL SERVICE

in Honor of
Florence Nightingale
And All Nurses

Auspices, St. Barnabas' Guild for Nurses

7:30 P. M.

The Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE—O how happy, ye whose souls.....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 290.....*Smart*
OPENING SENTENCES and VERSICLE
PSALM 146—Prayer Book, Page 522
THE LESSON—St. Luke 10: 23-27
ANTHEM—Souls of the Righteous.....*T. Tertius Noble*

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh,
O holy hope of immortality
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God
To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die,
They are at peace, O fairest liberty,
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

On earth as children chastened by Love's rod,
As gold in furnace tried, so now on high
They shine like stars, a golden galaxy.
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Standing)—Prayer Book, Page 29
THE VERSICLES AND COLLECTS—Prayer Book, Pages 30, 31
PRAYER OF THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS FOR NURSES:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who calledst Thy holy Apostle Barnabas to follow the steps of Thy Blessed Son in ministering to the sick and suffering; grant to us the same spirit of consolation, that by gentleness and love, in faithfulness and patience, we serve Thy afflicted children. Support us in our work; endue us with wisdom and skill; give us sympathy for one another; deliver us in temptation; and at last bring us to Thy rest and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....The Rev. John G. Martin, S.T.D.,
National Chaplain of the Guild of St. Barnabas

CREED AND PRAYERS

SOPRANO SOLO—These are They.....*Gaul*

These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, are they before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His Temple. And they shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever.

SERMON.....The Rt. Rev. Theodore R. Ludlow, D.D., LL.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 295.....*Barnby*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 50.....*Hopkins*

Groups Which Have Been Invited to Participate in This Service

SCHOOLS OF NURSING

Episcopal Hospital
Frankford Hospital
Germantown Dispensary
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Hospital of the University of Penna.
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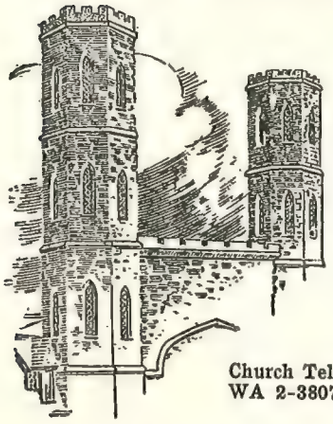
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11:00 A. M.—BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW,
49th NATIONAL CONVENTION SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE—Largo.....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205.....*Dykes*
PSALM 48—Page 399
FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 6:1-8
HYMN 201 .....*Dyer*
SECOND LESSON—John 1:35-42
HYMN 226 .....*Le Jeune*
CREED AND PRAYERS
ANTHEM—The King's Highway.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
SERMON.....THE REV. CLARENCE W. BRICKMAN
National Chaplain, The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
OFFERTORY HYMN 268
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 530

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sarah E. C. Thackara.

We extend a hearty welcome to the delegates of the 49th Annual Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew who are worshipping today in our church. We are privileged to hear the National Chaplain of the Brotherhood, the Rev. Clarence W. Brickman, who is to preach at the 11 o'clock service.

This afternoon at 3:30 P. M. at Convention Hall, 34th Street below Spruce, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have a Mass Meeting when the speakers will be the Rt. Rev. and Most Hon. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mr. John Foster Dulles, author and statesman. There is no ticket required for admission and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

GENERAL CONVENTION

Philadelphia, September 10-20
Opening Service, September 10, 10:30 A. M.
Convention Hall, Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, S.T.D., Preacher
U. T. O. Service, September 11, 8:00 A. M., Convention Hall.

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We will have a daily celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. from September 10 to 20 for the convenience of the delegates to the General Convention.

The National Diocesan Press, an association of editors of the Episcopal Church, will hold its annual meeting in St. Stephen's Community House, Monday afternoon, September 9.

The Episcopal Evangelical Fellowship will have a Corporate Communion at 7:30 A. M., September 13, followed by a breakfast in the Community House and an annual meeting for the election of national officers. The Rt. Rev. Joseph Emrich, D.D., Bishop Coadjutor of Michigan will celebrate Communion.

The Episcopal Pacifists' Fellowship will have a Corporate Communion and Breakfast at St. Stephen's on September 12 and September 17 when The Rt. Rev. William A. Lawrence, D.D., Bishop of Western Massachusetts will be the celebrant.

On Sunday, September 15, at 11 o'clock, the Rt. Rev. J. I. Blair Larned, D.D., Bishop of the European Churches will be our guest preacher.

A Memorial Service in honor of Florence Nightingale and all nurses will be held in St. Stephen's at 7:30 P. M., September 15 under the auspices of the Guild of Saint Barnabas for Nurses. The Rt. Rev. Theodore Ludlow, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Newark will be the preacher. Graduate and Student Nurses from some fourteen city hospitals will be present. Come to this inspiring service!

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSION HYMN 526.....*Watermouth*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 20
PSALM 71—Page 425
HYMN 19 .....*Seymour*
CREED—Page 80
HYMN 316 .....*St. Agnes*
SERMON—"The Divine Prometheus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 436.....*Hesperus*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 510.....*Materna*

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our Country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, we are in Thy Presence. Help us to keep our thoughts on Thee, that we may hear Thee speaking in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 15:1-20

The Sermon:

In the guest room where I slept once, I found this "Fisherman's Prayer"—

"Lord, suffer me to catch a fish so big that even I
In telling of it afterwards, shall have no need to lie!"

That humorous prayer is a good example of the silly way we often pray. We ask God to fix the outside of life—to make the fish bigger, to make our friends more thoughtful, to take away our troubles. But God does not say "Yes" to such prayers. No matter how big He made the fish, the liar would still lie about its size. What God waits for is our prayer that He will make us more truthful, more loving, more self-forgetful.

The great Phillips Brooks once wrote, "Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks." God does say "Yes" to the person who prays for help in overcoming self-pity, in conquering an unworthy habit. He makes our strength equal to the worst nightmare that can stand in our way. He always stands by the willing bearer of burdens; the person who though scared, still meets life breast-forward. In the strange, tumultuous day in which we live, there is no use in asking Him to ease up our lives; but it is well worth while to ask Him to stiffen our nerve, to enlarge our hearts.

He does not always give us the answer which our prayer expects. As Colonel Fitzhugh said, "He asked for strength that He might achieve; he was made weak that he might obey. He asked for health that he might do greater things; he was given infirmity that he might do better things. He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise. He asked for power that he might have praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God. He has received nothing that he asked for, all that he hoped for . . . His prayer is answered."

I once knew a Portuguese sea captain who was at his best in a storm. He had learned that any landlubber could go fair-weather sailing on a soft June day, but that it took a real man to ride out a heavy northeaster. I remember his describing a typhoon in the Gulf of Mexico—he said, "Those that knew how to pray, prayed. Those that didn't, learned." The prayer of the true Christian, like the prayer of a sea captain, is for wisdom and strength to meet the worse gales that life can fling at us; to be able to ride out the storm in safety, and to bear our loved ones through the storms to more peaceful days.

Closing Prayer:

Sanctify, O Lord, both our coming in and our going forth; and grant that as we leave Thy worship, we may not leave Thy Presence; but be Thou ever near unto us, and keep us near unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The National Youth Convention invites all young people to a Mass Meeting, Saturday, September 14th in the Irvine Auditorium, 34th and Spruce Streets, at 8:30 P. M. The speaker: The Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy, Bishop of Hawaii. Informal Dance, 9:30-12:00, in the Christian Association, 3601 Locust Street. Free tickets given at Mass Meeting. Charles Gresh Orchestra. THE RECTOR.

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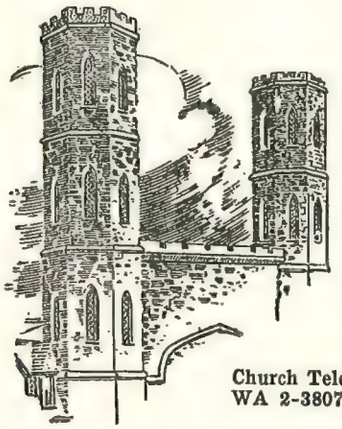
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 37 ..... *Barnby*
KYRIE ..... *Tours*
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Praise God in His Holiness
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SERMON—"What Is Your Business?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 255 ..... *Croft*
AMERICA—The Presentation of Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN 334 ..... *Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 207

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSION HYMN 42 ..... *John Dykes*
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HYMN 502
SERMON—"The Man Without the Hoe" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 497
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 247 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

CAPE MAY OUTING

We are happy to learn that over forty of our Hard of Hearing Members will spend a week's vacation at the Girls' Friendly Society, Holiday House, Cape May, N. J., beginning September 4th. This outing was arranged through the Rev. Mr. Meckling and the Hard of Hearing Woman's Auxiliary.

GENERAL CONVENTION

As most of our people know, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet this year in Philadelphia, September 10 to September 20. It has been sixty years since the General Convention last met in our city, although some of the most important General Conventions in the history of the Church were held in Philadelphia.

The opening service will be held at Convention Hall on Tuesday, September 10th, at 10:30 A. M. The Archbishop of Canterbury will appear in the procession. Our Presiding Bishop will make the address. Admission tickets may be secured from the rector, or by phoning to the church office.

The inspiring United Thank Offering Service will be held on Wednesday at 8 A. M. when thirty-two missionary Bishops will assist in the Communion Service, and the women will present their generous offering which has been accumulating since last General Convention.

On Sunday, September 15, at 11 o'clock, the Rt. Rev. J. I. Blair Larned, D.D., Bishop of the European Churches will be the guest preacher at St. Stephen's. In the evening, the Rt. Rev. Theodore Ludlow, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Newark will be the preacher at a special service for the Guild of Saint Barnabas for Nurses.

A number of our National Church organizations will have Communion Breakfasts at St. Stephen's.

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O Christ, Thou lover of men's lives, who wast the friend of simple people, and dids't live and teach in the homes of working men, reveal Thyself in power to the toiling multitudes around us, who need Thee; give them the spirit of hope, simplicity, and gladness, that in Thee they may find the life that is life indeed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Ecclesiasticus 38:25-34

The Sermon:

With Labor Day in mind, I should like to have you think with me about a recipe for happiness which I believe is valid for these days in which we live. Neither wealth nor fame nor power can satisfy the hunger of the soul.

Here is the recipe for happiness. First, work, which provides a healthy outlet for energies that unreleased would ferment into sour morbidness. Work is the expression of the passion for creation. The work may be in the high and lofty places of the earth or in the humble posts. As long as it is honestly done, it fulfills its purpose. It is only a childlike view that would separate professional from menial and manual work.

Second, imagination: to see the humblest task in its larger implications, as a contribution to humanity. It is imagination which exalts the most menial task into an achievement and imparts a sense of worthwhileness to work. Every worker I have found wants with all his heart to believe that if he did not do his job the world would begin to run down. Of course, he is pretty nearly right. One cause of strikes is that, for instance, the garbage gatherers may find it a good way to remind us after all, their job is an extremely important one in the whole scheme of life in our cities.

Third, love: love of people, love of nature, love of life. Love is the poultice that takes the sting out of irritation. How else could the mother bear the wearing strain of ceaseless cares? Love calls for an immense amount of patience. Its end may be in tragedy; it frequently is. It may be purchased at the cost of a broken heart; if so, it is worth the price. I have seen love clad in rags, with blackened eyes in the police court. I have been infuriated by it. I have said in my anger, "You fool!" But on sober second thought I pause and wonder if this is not something like the love of God. Without love there can be no real happiness.

Fourth, faith: Faith in life and in the world, that is not a hectic thing tossed about in the arms of chance, but is a thing guided by an intelligent force that makes events come out right in the end; faith in human nature that it possesses elements of goodness, truth and beauty, which can be brought out by the homeopathic method of treating it with truth and goodness and beauty.

Closing Prayer:

O heavenly Father, Thou who alone canst satisfy the hunger of the soul, by the flame of Thy love reclaim us into life and immortality. Burn ever on the altar of our hearts, O God of life and light. In work, imagination, love and faith, may we commit our ways unto Thee. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The final ingathering of the United Thank Offering of the women of St. Stephen's Church will be received this Sunday. On Wednesday morning, September 11th at Convention Hall the total offering of all the women throughout the church will be presented at a most inspiring service. Thirty-two missionary Bishops will assist at the service of Holy Communion and the total offerings of the past three years amounting to over a million dollars will be presented. It is most important, therefore, that our parish offering be included in the final figures. Please mail your blue envelope to the church office, if you are unable to come to church.

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The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold its 49th Annual Convention with headquarters at the Ben Franklin Hotel, September 6 to 8. Delegates will attend the 11 o'clock service at St. Stephen's with a special preacher. Some of the leaders and speakers are: The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Jones of West Texas; Bishop Hart and others.

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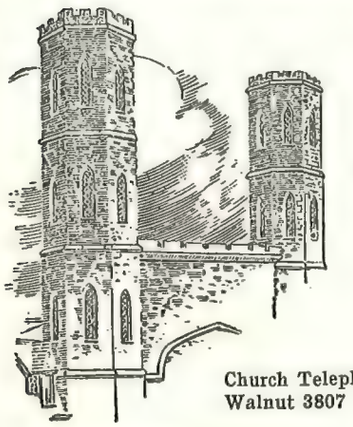
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VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 145—Page 520
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—From Thy love as a Father ..... *Gounod*

From Thy love as a Father, O Lord, teach us to gather
That life will conquer death.
They who seek things eternal
Shall rise to light supernal
On wings of lowly faith.

SERMON—More Zest for Life ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 117 ..... *Douglas*
AMERICA—The Presentation of colors.
RECESSIONAL HYMN 537 ..... *Messiter*

The Altar flowers are given by the Mothers' Meeting in memory of Blanche MacIntyre Harper.

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 ..... *Watermoutle*
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PSALM 147—Page 522
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28 ..... *Tours*
CREED—Page 20
HYMN 493 ..... *Maryton*
SERMON—The Man Who Was Different ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 223 ..... *Martyn*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 492 ..... *Festal Song*

"Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee." St. Mark 5:19

If the services and ministrations of this church mean anything to you, they are likely to be of value to others. But how can others know about St. Stephen's if you don't tell them?

If your prayers have been answered here, if your burdens have been lightened, tell others about it: if you have received any inspiration, any guidance along life's way, tell others about it: if the preachers here have helped you, if your fellow-worshippers have cheered you, tell others about it.

We are all missionaries together. God's Word to you is dead if it stops with you; your prayers are answered in vain if you fold them up for your own use alone: the inspiration of this Church is lost if it does not touch others just as it has gripped you. Remember the words of Christ to a man, "Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee."

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BAPTISMS

"Signed with the sign of the Cross"

June 2—Linda Jean Wenrich
16—Richard Roberts

MARRAIGES

"To love and to cherish till death us do part"

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Let the prayers of Thy children, O Lord, come up to the ears of Thy mercy; and that we may obtain what we ask, make us ever to ask what pleaseth Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Leonine Sacramentary, 440 A. D.)*

Bible Sermon:

Robert Louis Stevenson, Christian gentleman and memorable writer, once wrote:

"For still the Lord is Lord of might;
In deeds, in *deeds* He takes delight . . .
He marks the smiler of the streets,
The singer upon garden seats;
He sees the climber in the rocks;
To Him the shepherd folds his flocks . . .
Those He approves that ply the trade,
That rock the child, that wed the maid;
That with weak virtues, weaker hands,
Sow gladness on the peopled lands,
And still with laughter, song and shout,
Spin the great wheel of earth about."

In other words, God is interested in people who pour out their lives in living deeds, in helpful acts. "Inasmuch as ye have DONE it . . ." is His measuring-stick of our value. In our day He is interested in those who choose to have wheatless days, that starving folk in far lands may have grain for flour; in those who send canned goods, that children may live. God is not deceived—He pays little attention to our fair speeches; He judges us with fairness and mercy, by our actions.

Stevenson himself did more than write beautiful and Christian thoughts—he lived them himself. Once he paid a visit to the leper colony at Molokai, in the Pacific Ocean, where a heroic Roman Catholic priest had given up his life for the lepers, finally catching the dread disease himself. Stevenson was warned that he must wear gloves, so that he would not catch leprosy; so he took some along. But he would not wear them when he got there, lest he make the lepers unhappy, reminding them of their sickness. He even shook hands with some of them, risking his own health. When his wife asked him, "What will you do if you catch leprosy?" "Do?" he replied. Why, you and I would spend the rest of our lives in Molokai, and become humble followers of Father Damien." There is the spirit of the Cross, of the Christ—and you and I will qualify as followers of Jesus only if our faith shows itself in Christlike *deeds!*

Closing Prayer:

Our Father, may the world not mold us today, but may we be so strong in Thy Spirit as to help to mold the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—*(J. H. Jowett)*

Ninety some dollars has been received toward the purchase of a bred heifer to be sent to Europe by St. Stephen's. We need fifty more dollars! Have you a share in this project?

There are two opportunities for those desiring to place flowers on the Altar in memory of some special occasion (August 4th and the 18th.) Please notify the Church office if you wish to take advantage of either of these days.

This is the last issue of the Bulletin until September 1st. During July and August the Rector will take his vacation. Sunday services at 9 A. M., 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., and Wednesday and Friday noonday services will be in charge of the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling.

LAST ISSUE

Again we come to the end of a year of publication. In a way this time of year is always one of relief, because the well runs dry after producing forty-four issues, and the Editor welcomes a rest. (Perhaps the readers do also.) Yet it is with regret that we suspend publication because it seems to be a signal to some that the Church is getting ready for a summer sleep. The Church must not sleep in these strenuous times. It must ever be on the alert to speak God's word and to do his work. Summer is a time for relaxation and recreation, but it is not a time for complete abolition of religion.

We did very well at St. Stephen's Church last summer. May we not do as well this year?

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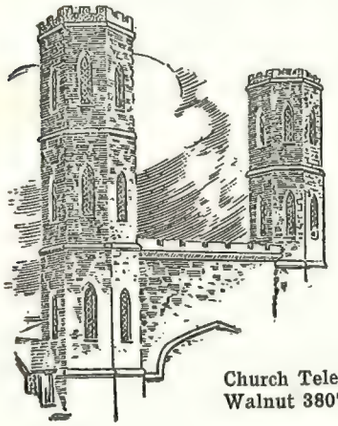
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ANTHEM—Soprano Solo .....*Rogers*

Great peace have they which love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them. I have longed for Thy Salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my delight. Let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, and let Thy judgment help me.

I have gone astray like a lost sheep, Seek Thy Servant, for I do not forget Thy Commandments.

SERMON—Risk Something.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 224.....*Hullah*
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HYMN 489 .....*Boylston*
SERMON—Life's Second Best.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 354.....*Buckland*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 226.....*Love Divine*

St. Stephen's Church has sustained a great loss in the passing of Mr. Kenneth White who has served as assistant organist for twenty years. Mr. White played the organ at the noonday services with rare skill and devotion. May the memory of his life and the assurance of his continued comradeship be a source of inspiration and courage to all who knew him.

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Bible Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22

The Sermon:

Jesus' enemies were constantly trying to trap Him, to "get Him in wrong" with the people. One day they thought up what seemed a smart question. They would ask Him if he considered it right to pay tribute-money to the Roman government. If He answered, "No", He would be in trouble with the Roman authorities. If He answered "Yes", He would anger the people, who hated Rome. Licking their lips in hungry delight, they asked their question, and swiftly He answered, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's". In other words, they must decide what they owed to the government, what they owed to God. His enemies asked few questions after that!

The power of the early Christians came from the fact that they put God first. They believed that they owed everything to God, and little to the politicians. Deep in their hearts the early Christians were citizens of heaven, and paid their tribute to the Ruler of heaven and earth. They took little part in the affairs of the government, for it was not Christian. (No government is really Christian.) Those first Christians stood together in their loyalty to Christ; and they were always willing to go the limit in helping one another. A second-century minister counselled his people, "Whenever funds are needed, club together, all of you:" and that is what they did.

Then came the time when the Christian Church conquered the Roman Empire, and governed the Roman world. It became necessary to be a Christian. Any one who was not a Christian communicant could not own an acre of land or receive a legacy; could not even enter a church or a law court. It no longer meant much to profess the Christian faith, for Christianity was compulsory. However, four hundred years ago the Protestant Reformation drove a wedge between Church and State and compulsory Christianity ended. Once more it meant something to call oneself a Christian!

As I think of those who truly witness for Christ in our day, I see that they are the folk who pay large tribute to God. They play some part as citizens of a nation; but God comes first. Deep in their hearts, they believe that all the great treasures have come to us from God. In spending their time, their strength, their money, God comes first. So their lives shine clearly out of the throng of dim, lukewarm folk, because they are filled with the power of God their King. Freely they have decided that God comes first; that the only hope of the world is the peace of God. Day by day they serve Him, and their pure loyalty to Him shows the way of life to us.

Closing Prayer:

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who seek the shelter of Thy protection, being defended from all evils, may serve Thee in peace and quietness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD

One of the most significant and encourage incidents in the life of the Church during the past year failed to receive the attention it merited. The Convention of the Church of England was in session. A resolution had been introduced calling for a substantial reduction in the amount contributed by this Church to the British Council of Churches. A speaker, supporting the resolution, had advocated withdrawal from the Council and had received a measure of applause. At this critical moment when the co-operative structure of the English Christian community was imperiled, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, rose to his feet. He reminded the Convention that he was also President of the British Council of Churches. "And", said he, "If this resolution is passed, I will have to consider seriously which of these two offices I shall be able to continue."

The resolution was withdrawn with unanimous consent.

It was undoubtedly a shock to narrow-minded and unco-operative churchmen, to realize that the highest ranking leader of their church could consider another Christian responsibility as more important. The action of the Convention as a whole, however, was a triumph for Christian brotherhood. Such triumphs are all too rare.

There is one geometric, or is it arithmetic axiom which is realized by comparatively few leaders and members of churches. That is the axiom which states that "the whole is greater than any of its parts."

By and large, across the world today and in almost every community, co-operative Christianity—that which represents the whole Christian community—is dependent for support, in terms of energy and means, upon the crumbs which fall from the tables of parish churches and denominations.

Thanks to God then for the voice of the Archbishop, reminding, first his own Convention and then all of us, that the whole Christian community is of first importance.

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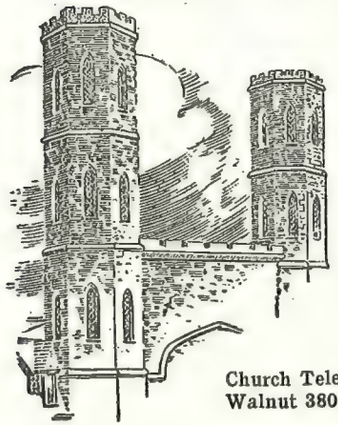
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 207.....*Cobb*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 81—Page 442
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Glory to the Trinity".....*Rachmaninoff*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and to ages of ages. Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, who are immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become incarnate of the Holy Mother of God, the blessed and ever virgin Mary. Changeless Essence, lo, Thou wast made very Man, and crucified; Thou the God man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.

SERMON—"It's a Beautiful Doctrine".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 205.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 209.....*Giardini*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 205.....*Nicaea*
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PSALM 84—Page 445
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28.....*Tours*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 211 .....*Olivet*
SERMON—"Living a Thousand Lives".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 209.....*Moscow*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 208..... *St. Athanatius*

Hearty congratulations to David German, our Crucifer, who was graduated from Brown Preparatory School last week.

We, of St. Stephen's are anxious to buy a heifer to send to Europe to assist in the Material Aid Program. Books of coupons are now in the Church Office. Coupons cost 10c each, and books $5.00 each, are available. $150 will pay for an heifer and transportation. Please do your part.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday-workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the Light of the world, Shine into our hearts and so fill us with Thy radiance that we shall appear unto all men as the children of light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: John 14: 1-6

The Sermon:

Some time ago a reader of Home Prayers wrote me to the effect that Home Prayers should be more "Churchly" (more Episcopal, he meant), so we wrote back that this ministry-by-mail aimed to be as broad as the New Testament and as wide as the mercy of God. Many branches of the family of God make use of Home Prayers; and I rejoice in that fact.

For God did not put His vast Truth into one little neat bundle, for a single philosopher, or a single nation, or a single church to find. God's truth is mighty, and different men and different faiths find bits of it, to share with the rest of the world. There are as many different ways of knowing God as there are of writing songs. Kipling once wrote, "There are nine-and-sixty ways of constructing tribal lays, and every single one of them is right." So there is rightness in every way of knowing and worshipping God, provided that it is whole-hearted and honest.

Too often men have thought of "The Way" as some pet theological idea, forgetting that Jesus said, very simply, *"I am the Way"*. There are some creeds that seem queer to me, but I have seen saints grow out of those creeds because they made it their first business to follow their Master faithfully, with sincerity. There are creeds that are glorious to me, but they cannot make saints out of people who are half-hearted in their devotion to Christ. Don't mistake me—I'm not saying, for a moment, that our creeds are unimportant. I *am* saying that the first business of a Christian is to live in the footsteps of Jesus. When He pictured Judgment Day, God was not sorting people out by their creeds, but by what they had done, and by what they had *not* done. (Read Matthew 25: 31-46.) Apply that to ourselves, today—and see that God is not bothering greatly as to which doctrine you profess, but whether you are sacrificing something to feed and clothe the miserable, starving, shivering multitudes of this suffering world.

A shrewd old British farmer was being cross-examined by the vicar as to his religious beliefs. The vicar had heard that the farmer was a Baptist, and was insisting that the Church of England was a surer road to salvation. After listening to the vicar for some time, the old countryman remarked: "From my farm to the town, there are three roads: the straight one down the valley, the old coach-road around the hill, and the main road running along the park wall. When I get my wheat to the mill, they don't say to me, 'Hullo, John, which road did you come by'? but 'What's your wheat like today?'" That is what God will ask us one of these days, I fear. We'd best get busy with the main business of following Jesus, and raising the right kind of wheat!

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who art Love; Grant to Thy children to bear one another's burdens in honest good will, that Thy peace which passeth understanding may keep our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST'S HEALING POWER NOW

One of our great human problems is that of sickness and suffering. On the basis of my experience in being called upon to deal with a multitude of cases of every manner and kind of sickness, I offer it as my judgment that if America needs any one thing today, it desperately needs the cooling balm and the healing grace of Jesus Christ. We need to have our nerves quieted if our bodies and minds are to be healed and if health is to characterize our life today.

Many are finding in religious faith today a power to help the sick. Jesus Christ frequently referred to Himself as a physician and often in the New Testament we are told "He healed many". Here is a Man through whom the tides of the Infinite were flowing, and the people were conscious of that power. The Bible tells us that when He had finished speaking, the crowd rushed upon Him and "sought to touch Him, and there went power out of Him and healed them all."

Is it not possible that the same healing power is available today no less than in the long ago, to those who completely put their lives, mind, soul and body under the influence of Jesus Christ? Is He not called with great merit the Great Physician? If this power is still operative and we see no reason for assuming that it is not—it would mean that any man today who completely opens himself to the influence of Christ would clear a channel within himself through which this divine power might flow.

Bishop Brent, in his fine sensitiveness to spiritual values, said, "He who waves away the healing power of Christ as belonging only to early New Testament times is not preaching the whole Gospel. God is not the last resort in sickness, He is the first."

What we need to realize is that not our physical but our spiritual nature is the dominant part of us. It is the monarch that holds sway over the rest of us.

Psychological healing, as it were, goes half way. Spiritual healing goes the whole way and all the way. And it goes hand in hand with all true science. Spiritual healing through prayer is based on as immutable laws of the universe, as is electricity or the radio or airplane.

But we should never overlook the fact that the chief end of religion is that we may know God, from Whom all health and healing come.

Frequently the question is asked of those who believe in and practice spiritual healing, does it really work? Do you actually heal people?

Physical healing is frequently manifested through such spiritual ministration. Successes have been notable and of many types. My experience in our Thursday Healing Services has more than convinced me of the astonishing reality of divine healing. There have been too many who have received healing at our altar to leave any doubt in my mind. I believe in this healing power with my whole heart. I have seen it work and can humbly say that God has allowed me to share in bringing this miracle of health to others. God wants us to be well and happy. That is the way He planned life. If our faith and trust are pure, our love uncontaminated, our prayer constant and without taint of selfishness, our Father is eager to heal us of our diseases.

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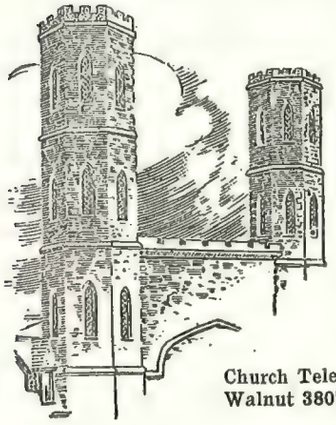
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 197.....*Webbe*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 46—Page 397
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Grieve not the Holy Spirit".....*Tertius Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—
"What the Holy Spirit saith unto the Churches in Philadelphia"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 199.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 256.....*Mann*

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MATERIAL AID—The Rector has turned over to Bishop Hart 547 coupons or $82.05 for the Mayor's Emergency Food Collection.

Using this Philadelphia Emergency Food Plan as a pattern, the Bishop has authorized coupon books (50 to a book at 10c. each) for the purpose of continuing aid. By this method two special projects may be supported by everyone. One project will be to send bred-heifers to Italy. $150 pays for both heifer and transportation. The other will be for the purchase of food at wholesale prices. Coupon books including both these projects are now available.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Thursday Healing Services have now been in operation four years, and God has blessed this healing ministry wonderfully. He has blessed it for the healing of our spirits, first and foremost and then for the healing of our minds and bodies.

Man is something more than body and mind. He is a tripartite being—body, mind and spirit—and the spiritual factor can be no more left out than the physical or the mental. Our neglect of the power of the mind as a healing agent is being remedied, but we have not made much progress in understanding and applying our spiritual energies in the art of healing—in spite of the fact that "it is the spirit that giveth life". We cannot say that it is the body that gives life, or that the mind gives life. This being so, it is all the more remarkable that the spiritual element should be left out as an agent of healing.

Spiritual healing gives life. It pours energy and vitality into the body, flowing through the brain cells, the nerve tracts, the blood stream, gland and muscle tissue, and all the physical organs and functions. The spiritual ways and means by which the beneficient and healing forces are transmitted to the body are faith, prayer, meditation, affirmation of truth and communion.

It is probably true to say that no sickness or disease is simple or straightforward. There is the personal factor always, to a greater or less degree. What we are in ourselves either complicates or aggravates illness, setting up resistance (negative vibrations, or hindering receptivity; whereas harmony and active faith in God are a highway of bliss. "Get right with God" is an axiom of spiritual healing.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 199.....*St. Cuthbert*
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PSALM 48—Page 399
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28.....*Tours*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 200.....*St. Agnes*
SERMON—"Beggar's Gold" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 380.....*Nova Vita*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 201.....*Mendon*

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Bible Reading: John 15:1-8

The Sermon:

A noted philosopher once said that he had made three visits to the United States and that the third visit had finally convinced him that we worship Speed above all things. Even in the nineteenth century Whittier wrote, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways" and he was thinking of feverish strivings, of strain and stress for quick results. Even back in those days of horse-and-buggy, we were too much in a hurry.

Jesus taught His followers that the vital things of life cannot be hurried—the really important things like the development of character, the making of men. He put it this way: "I am the Vine; ye are the branches. He that abideth in Me, the same bringeth forth much fruit." A branch has to ABIDE, has to stay joined to the main stalk of the vine, if it is to bear grapes for the harvest. And a man must keep closely joined to God in daily living if his life is to be fruitful and of real use in the world. You cannot hurry a branch. It takes its time, month after month, year after year, drawing from the vine the life-sap that gives it its strength and usefulness.

Men have made life quicker in unimportant ways. When they went from New York to Chicago by stage coach, it took a week of steady driving, day and night. Today they can make the same trip by plane in less than five hours. But there is no real progress there, for the new speed serves to make the gangster more efficient in crime, just as it hastens the doctor on his way to save lives. The really vital matter is the growing of the right kind of men; and, to grow a true man, he must abide in something greater and finer than himself until he begins to draw something of that greatness and fineness into his own nature. Furthermore, so much of our haste is aimless and silly—a crossing-tender once remarked, "People will run under my gate in front of an advancing engine at the risk of their lives; and then stop on the other side to watch the train go by!" Solid, mature folk learn to watch the train go by from the near side of the track.

The farmer knows that you cannot hurry living, growing things. Jesus lived close to the soil, and He was not in a hurry, even though He had the greatest task in all history. He spent thirty years in preparing for a ministry of three short years; and, as a result, those short years changed the world forever after. Does it seem to you that your life is very slow, very unimportant? If you are abiding in God, if your day-by-day living stems from Him, then be confident that your life is bearing fruit that is precious to God and precious to the world of men about you.

Closing Prayer:

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray Thee to Thy Presence, where we may be still and know that Thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

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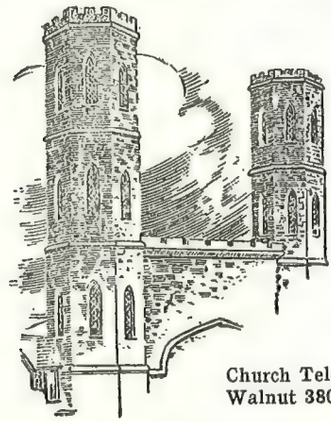
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ORGAN PRELUDE—In Deep Woods.....*Edward MacDowell*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 193.....*Wesley*
KYRIE .....*Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—O Lord Most Holy.....*Cesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord, most mighty
O loving Father, Thee would be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour,
Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us, hear us in mercy
Show us Thy favor
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee

THE SERMON—"Outwitting our Troubles".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 326.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 321 (Verses 1, 2 and 3).....*Gower*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—Page 84.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 51.....*Sicilian Folksong*

The Altar flowers are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 190.....*Diademata*
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HYMN 199 .....*St. Cuthbert*
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SERMON—"Lace Your Shoes".....THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE
OFFERTORY HYMN 192.....*Coronation*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 534.....*Lancashire*

Episcopal Day for the Church School Picnic is June 8th. Everyone is welcome to attend this annual boat ride to River View Beach. The boat leaves Chestnut Street Pier at 9:00 A. M. Tickets are 70 cents for adults, and 40 cents for children under twelve (other than members of the Church School) please notify the Church Office if you are able to go, and how many tickets you require.

The Rector participated in a Memorial Day Service of the All Marine Post of the American Legion on the Parkway in the morning and again in Cedar Hill Cemetery in the afternoon with the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He will address the Gold Star Mothers at their Convention in Hotel Philadelphian on Tuesday evening.

The Children's Country Week Association has allotted a number of places for St. Stephen's Church, to mothers and children who will spend some time during the summer at the Association camps. If you are making a contribution to this worthy object, will you please state in your letter that you would like it to appear as coming through St. Stephen's. All such contributions improve our standing with the Country Week Association and often enable us to send more mothers and children away for a summer vacation.

Material Aid

Generous gifts have come to the rector during the past weeks for the purchase of red and green coupons for the Emergency Food Collection. These coupons will be delivered to the Bishop's Office, Monday, June third, so that he may report the results to the Mayor's Committee.

We are still interested in receiving clothing for shipment to Europe.

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Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of the saints, grant unto us the same faith and power of love that as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit from their examples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Gothic Missal*)

Bible Reading: Philippians 3:8-11

The Sermon:

Memorial Day brings back to our minds the faces of young men who never grew old, young men who gave their lives that we might be safe. And with those memories there start old wonderings about life and death.

Back in the days when old England was still pagan, the able missionary Paulinus came to English Northumbria, hoping to get a hearing for the Christian faith. The wise men of the country gathered, and listened to his opening remarks, then one of them said: "The life of man on earth seems to me like the swift flight of a sparrow through the hall where you sit at supper in winter; while the fire blazes on the hearth and the hall is warmed, but the wintry storms are raging abroad. The sparrow, flying in at one door and immediately out at another, is safe from the wintry tempest whilst he is within; but after a very short space of warmth, he vanishes out of your sight, passing into the wintry cold of the unknown again. So this life of man appears for a little while, but what is to follow, or what went before, we know not. If therefore, this new doctrine tells us something more certain it seems justly to be followed."

So Paulius told them the story he had come so far to tell, and they were convinced of that Deathless Life that dwelt among men and gave to them the power to overcome all life's enemies, even death itself.

No man has ever been convinced by argument of the truth of immortality. Your doubting friend will never be convinced by the most careful proofs you can give him from Scripture and the Church Fathers. But he may be convinced by something deathless he sees in you; by a bit of the love of God that shines out of your patience with him for instance. As I think of some of the men whom I knew, who gave their lives that others might live, it is their courage, their willingness to spend their lives for their loved ones, their quiet and unwavering devotion to their duty, that deepens my confidence that they live on in realms I cannot see. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life"—and there is a true touch of Calvary, of Jesus, in their characters; something that cannot die. St. Paul, in writing his friends the Philippians, spoke of "the power of His Resurrection" which gives us faith in the life beyond.

A Canadian soldier saw his buddy killed before his eyes by a shell. The buddy was a man of high courage, of daring in the face of danger, of deep religious faith and singular lack of hate toward the enemy. When some one tried to sympathize with the Canadian for his loss, he replied: "It will take more than that to stop him! He will carry on somewhere!"

Closing Prayer:

O Lord, Who dost promise a crown of life to them that love Thee, give us grace that we, loving Thee, may endure temptation and finish our course with joy. Amen.
(*Christina G. Rossetti*)

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BAPTISMS

"Signed with the sign of the Cross"
May 19—Alphonse Emile Kullmann

MARRIAGES

"To love and to cherish till death us do part"
May 3—Charles H. Dym and Jill B. Hackett
4—William P. Hudgins and Blanche R. Erwood
6—Bobbie C. Capps and Martha R. Agasar

BURIALS

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service"
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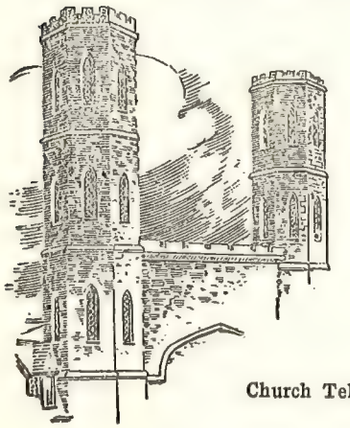
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ORGAN PRELUDE—
Chorale Improvisation on "O Quanta Qualia".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 430.....*Warren*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM, Part of the 119th—Page 497
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*
ANTHEM—"There is a Land Beyond the Setting Sun".....*Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for every sorrow-laden one.
Where death is dead and endless life begun.

There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for every hero battle-worn;
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

CREED AND PRAYERS
ANTHEM—"O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be"....*William H. Harris*
(Words from Hymn 544)
SERMON—O Valiant Hearts.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 441 (tune 136).....*Hemy*
THE DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Massing of the Colors
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
CLOSING PRAYER
TAPS (all kneeling) BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105.....*Heyne*

The Altar Flowers are given by Mrs. Margaret Dougherty in memory of her mother Tabitha Frass and by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter and Unit No. Four.

Patriotic Societies participating in this Service:
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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 441.....*Whitehead*
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SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY SOLO.....MISS MARY MILLHAM
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 248.....*Langran*

MEMORIAL DAY

Once a year, by a beautiful custom, we are called upon to remember the dead, particularly those who died heroically. It is Memorial Day.

Belief in life is the deepest and best of all beliefs. The scorn or misprisal of life is the most damnable of all heresies.

But there is one thing larger than the phase of life which we call physical existence. It is that belief in eternal spiritual life which is best symbolized by the Ideal.

No man deliberately would die for mere creature comforts, the so called luxuries and all the shining prizes of fortune and fame, no matter how much the cynics say we worship them. But for ideals we will die—which proves the ultimate superiority of the spiritual, the ideal, over the material.

Those who fling their lives away for a mighty cause, represent the best in us. To honor them is to honor ourselves.

On Memorial Day we will best honor those who died that war might cease to be if we dedicate ourselves to the high task of making that ideal real—thus actually achieving that unity of the world which is the undying dream of humanity.

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O Lord, Who seest that all hearts are empty except Thou fill them, and all desires balked except they crave after Thee; give us light and grace to seek and find Thee, that we may be Thine and Thou mayest be ours forever. Amen.
(*Christina G. Rossetti*)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

The Sermon:

Israel was deeply discouraged; felt hemmed in by oppressors and difficulties. Her dreams for a wider life and influence had faded into thin air. Then Isaiah came, and to disheartened Israel he proclaimed the vision of the Coming One. God was to come to little Israel, and the wide horizons would open up before their eyes once more. So, "the people that walked in darkness saw a great light."

How many people find themselves in the same spot as old Israel. Life has kicked them around and knocked them down. Cherished hopes have faded out of sight. The flavor goes out of life, and it tastes like unsalted oatmeal. (I made the cereal at home one morning, and forgot the salt; so I know!) Life looks dull and dark ahead. And then something happens. It may begin with a song over the radio, or a Morning Watch sermon. It may be a faithful friend who visits us. Or it may be simply that we remember how Dad and Mother once faced disaster at home, and won through. However it starts, there comes into our black thoughts the beginning of a great Light. We remember that God has an extraordinary way of flooding dark rooms with light. So we let Him into our problem, and the walls of gloom melt before His penetrating Light, and once more we look to far horizons and living hopes; once more we *live!*

Sometimes this miracle takes place within the little Israel where we now live—it may be a sick room. God proceeds to heal the invalid body, but more important He heals the invalid soul, and gives it power to range afar into beauty and memory and friendship and faith. A young woman in our Home Prayers congregation found herself crippled with arthritis, unable to walk, apparently imprisoned in a very small world. But she let the great Light shine in the darkness of her heart, and as spring came on, she wrote these lines:

"Teach me Thy patience, Lord, when soft winds call
With faint, sweet perfumes of the new-born Spring;
When from its ordered place my heart leaps up
Recalling woodland paths where wild birds sing,

"The glad, clear music of a rippling brook,
Set free at last from winter's ice and snow,
Where flowers rare beneath brown leaves awake
And swelling buds set maple trees aglow.

"Teach me to cherish, Lord, through all the years,
These memories that give to life its bloom;
And let no bitterness make me forget
That beauty lives within a quiet room."

Closing Prayer:

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*William Bright*)

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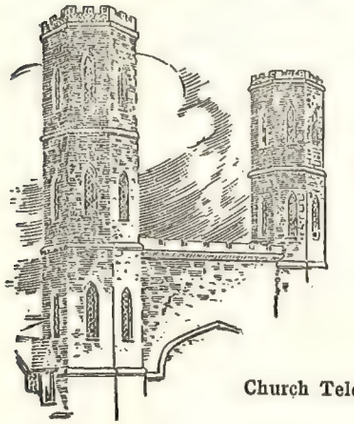
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 492.....*Walter*
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PSALM 97—Page 460
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*Marks*
OFFERTORY HYMN 213.....*Martin Luther*
SERMON—The Discouraged .....THE RECTOR
EPISODE FROM "THE ELIJAH".....*Mendelssohn*

Elijah: Though stricken, they have not grieved. Tarry here, my servant. The Lord be with thee. I journey hence to the wilderness.

**Aria:* It is enough; O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer now let me die, for my days are but vanity! I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts! for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets—slain them with the sword: and I, even I, only am left; and they seek my life to take it away.

Recitative: See, now he sleepeth beneath a juniper tree in the wilderness; but the angels of the Lord encamp round about all them that fear Him.

Trio: The Angels. Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved; thy Keeper will never slumber.

Chorus: He watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 116 .....*Gauntlett*

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* Bass Soloist, MR. DUANE CROSSLEY.

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526.....*Watermouth*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 20
PSALMS 129 and 130—Page 506
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28 .....*Tours*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 493 .....*Maryton*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 492.....*Festal Song*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 445 .....*St. Anne*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May Fete of the Episcopal Hospital will be held on Tuesday, May 21st, at Front Street and Lehigh Avenue from 11:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. Platter luncheon 12:00-2:00 P. M., Afternoon Tea 4:00-6:00 P. M. Snack Bar all day. Booths, music and tours through the hospital.

The Convention Committee on Housing and Hospitality makes an earnest appeal for accomodations for approximately one thousand delegates and visitors, who cannot be taken care of by the Philadelphia Hotel Association. The only likely and available source are the homes of parishioners located within reasonably convenient traveling distance of the Convention meeting places at the University of Pennsylvania. The Convention runs from September 10 to 20.

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Opening Prayer:

Fortify us, O God, with the courage which cometh only from Thee; that in the midst of all our perils and perplexities we may find that peace which only Thou canst give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(J. W. Suter, Jr.)*

Bible Reading: Revelations 21:21-27

The Sermon:

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls." "Every gate a pearl!" Every entrance into the heavenly life is through a pearl! What is a pearl? A wound is made in a shell. A grain of sand, perhaps, gets imbedded in the wound. Then all the resources of repair are rushed to the place where the breach has been made. When the breach has been closed, and the process of repair is complete, a pearl is found closing the wound. The break calls forth unsuspected resources of the shell, and a beauty appears that is not otherwise brought out. A pearl is a healed wound. No wound, no pearl.

Misfortune, in our lives, can be transformed into blessings, hurts changed into pearls of precious value. Even a grievous handicap may become a life-saving power. Do you remember the story of Nydia, the blind flower girl in "The Last Days of Pompeii?" Nydia had not become bitter about her blindness; nor had she sulked and sat at home. She had gone about the business of living, and earned a living as best she could. Then came the awful day of the eruption of Vesuvius, with the doomed city as dark as midnight beneath a thick pall of smoke and falling ashes; the terror-stricken inhabitants rush blindly to and fro, and lose themselves in the awful blackness. But Nydia does not get lost; because of her cross of blindness she has learned to find her way by touch and hearing and now she can go straight to rescue the life of the one she loves best. "Every gate a pearl!" Every misfortune, every failure, every loss, may be so transformed. God has the power to transform all "misfortunes" into godsends. So Jesus transformed the Cross from a criminal's badge of shame into the sign of the love of God. Often it takes a wound to transform a denying Peter into a fearless rock of a man. "No wound, no pearl!"—out of life's buffetings may come our richest rewards.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always go before and follow after us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

RECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE FUND

We have a very nice letter of appreciation from the Rev. Charles W. Shreiner, Chairman of the Diocesan Field Department, with reference to our contributions to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund.

Dr. Shreiner says: "As Chairman of the Field Department, I am especially appreciative of what the people of your Parish have done toward raising the Reconstruction and Advance Fund."

At last report there had been received in the Diocese $541,000, or $41,000 more than the goal. Of this amount, St. Stephen's contributed $6,302.92. The National Church has now raised $7,000,000.

EMERGENCY FOOD COLLECTION

The second horseman is riding. A tide of famine is rising in the world. The hungry eyes of humanity are focused on America. The hopes of hundreds of millions—for life and for happiness—depend upon us.

The hopes of our own children are inseparably bound up with the hopes of the world, whether we recognize that fact or not. If our children are not to be plunged into a war of annihiliation, we must build the structure of peace. But peace can scarcely be built amidst a humanity desperate with starvation. The America of our children will be the most hated nation in human history unless we, today, out of our abundance, send all that we literally can to the starving world.

A concerted movement to buy the SHARE THE FOOD 15 cent coupons (which is unique in Philadelphia and now hailed nationally as the most practical method for such a Drive)—through the dates May 12 to May 31 inclusive, will be a large factor in the success of Philadelphia's effort.

If everybody cares enough,
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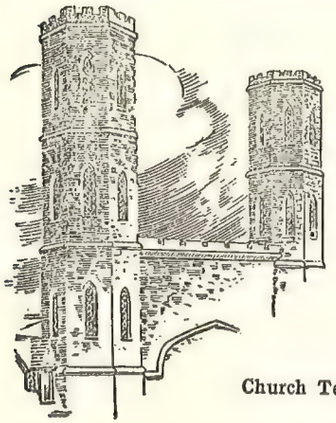
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 509.....*Martin*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 62—Page 413
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Source of That Power".....*Edward Shippen Barnes*

Source of that pow'r, which made her strong
For labors hard and vigils long,
To succor right and thwart the wrong,
I need Thee now, my Mother's God.

Goal of her faith, which wavered naught
Through hardships borne and battles fought,
Grateful for what her faith has wrought,
I seek Thee now, my Mother's God.

Author of light, which made her face
A shining miracle of grace,
For light in my own time and place,
I pray Thee now, my Mother's God.

Fountain of love, with which o'er-flowed
Her life, each deed in love bestowed,
For that great love, my joy and goad,
I thank Thee now, my Mother's God.

—*Arthur L. Rice.*

SERMON—The Day of All Good Women.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN (sung to the tune of 232).....*St. Peter*

O God we thank Thee for the gifts
That come from Thee alone
And chiefly for that mother love,
Which is so like Thine own;

We pray that Thou wilt greatly bless
Our mothers on this day
With treasures from the heavenly store
That cannot pass away.

That love that shields our infancy,
The love that guides our youth,
That shows the wonders of Thy love
The glories of Thy truth.

We pray that sons and daughters all
May ever loyal be,
And may our mothers' prayers fulfill
By truly serving Thee. Amen.

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 517.....*Pleyel*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464.....*Aurelia*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 20
PSALM 123, 124—Page 503
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28.....*Tours*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 20.....*Hursley*
SERMON.....*THE REV. PACKARD OKIE
OFFERTORY HYMN 223.....*Martyn*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 248.....*Langran*

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A MOTHER'S WORLD

This is not only Mothers' Day but a Mother's *World,*
What would we ever have been without a mother's faith and prayers?

We are noticeably silent today in our arguments against the equality of women. They have proved their equality *plus.* What we are most interested in is the *quality* of women—not *equality.* That's the reason we turn to *Motherhood.* We have found that no civilization can rise higher than its womanhood.

In very large part, womanhood has entered nearly every walk of life for the sake of a New Ideal. She had realized that she has a special contribution to make. She sees things differently. A man usually asks: "How much will it cost?" "How much will it make?" A woman steeled in centuries of sacrifice breathes: "How will it effect my home?—my children?"

The *Ideal of Motherhood* will ever remain the highest ideal of womanhood. Nothing can ever replace this as her most cherished vocation. It is with this ideal in mind that woman has gone forth into every realm. Wherever she has gone life has been enriched and ennobled.

Is it not the extension of this ideal of Motherhood into all of life that will redeem our modern society? In no better way can we understand the *Universal Brotherhood* of the human family than in terms of the home in which the ideals of Motherhood hold sway.

Yes, this is a woman's world—a Mother's World. We honor all womanhood today as the Home, impersonated in a Mother, goes forth to conquer the world for the Kingdom of Christ.

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O Lord of all good life, we pray Thee to purify our lives. Help us each day to know more of Thee, and by power of Thy Spirit use us to show forth Thyself to other men. Make us humble, brave and loving; make us ready for adventure. We do not ask that Thou will keep us safe; but keep us ever loyal to the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.—(*H. L. Sheppard*)

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

The Sermon:

"Let your light so shine before men"—what do these words bring to your mind? I suspect that your hand almost reaches for your purse as you think of the offering in church! Yet those words of Jesus, used so often as an offertory sentence, were not meant by Him to refer to the occasional act of giving money. They were meant to picture the constant giving of ourselves to God, so that His light, His love, would shine through us, and make others see God.

After all, our own saints, whom we remember especially at Eastertide, were simply folk through whom God had a chance to shine. Over and over again they forgot what they might get out of life for themselves, and simply gave themselves to take care of the needs of people around them. They kept giving themselves away to folk who needed them; kept giving themselves to God's purposes. They let their light shine —though of course, it was His light, not theirs, that shone so gloriously through their lives.

Late one Sunday afternoon, a traveller came to a little village in the Alps, just as dusk was falling. He asked what time the evening service would be held in the little village church, and found that it would be about an hour. So he went in to sit quietly and pray. As he looked about him, he was surprised to find there were no lamps or lighting fixtures at all, and dusk was coming on fast. Soon people began to arrive—and each worshipper carried a candlestick that held a lighted candle; and the congregation kept coming in until the church was ablaze with light. He learned that the man who had given that church to the village had also provided the candlesticks and candles for all the people; and asked the village to promise that there should be no other light in the church.

That wise giver wanted the people to remember, vividly that they came to church to *give out* their praise and gratitude, to give the joy of their presence in God's House, and not to get something for themselves. He helped them to remember Jesus' bidding —that the greatest opportunity in life is to let a little of the brightness of God catch fire in our hearts, and burn for others in the honest love we have for them.

Closing Prayer:

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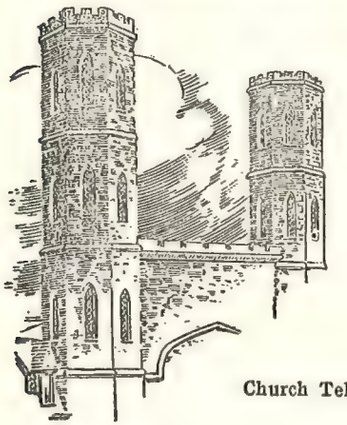
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ORGAN PRELUDE—In Paradisum.....*Henry Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 112.....*Filby*
KYRIE—Page 70 .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo from "The Messiah".....*Handel*

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

SERMON: Facing Difficulties.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 117.....*Douglas*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS—Page 77 .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 334.....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—Page 84.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 542.....*Storer*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 355.....*Sicilian Mariner*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 27—Page 371
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28.....*Tours*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 356.....*St. Elizabeth*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY SOLO—"In Heavenly Love Abiding".....*Kinder*
MRS. KATHRYN NYCE
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 226.....*Love Divine*

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We gratefully acknowledge the bulletin subscriptions of Miss Amelia Bealmear, Mrs. James Carrigan, Miss M. Steinway and Miss Lavinia T. Davison.

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HOLY BAPTISM

"Signed with the sign of the Cross"

April 2—Grace Iola George Gorbey
28—Carol Joan Aust

HOLY MATRIMONY

"To love and to cherish till death do us part"

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CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"They go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service"

April 3—Mabel J. Fisher
8—Helen Landell

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April 7—Mrs. William Dickhart
14—Palm Sunday. Palms given by the Mothers' Meeting
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O God of hope, fill us, we beseech Thee with all joy and peace in believing that we may ever abound in hope by the power of Thy Holy Spirit and show forth our thankfulness to Thee in trustful and courageous lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 18:1-6

The Sermon:

In all deeply and thoroughly Christian lives, there is a child-likeness which reminds one of the teaching of Jesus. It is the wisdom of childhood to trust some "big person" completely, with all their heart. And childlike followers of Jesus trust God like that, and teach others that same quiet, utter faith in the Everlasting Father.

There is a story of the great doctor, Sir William Osler, and a little girl named Janet, which bears witness of the contagious power of such childlike faith. Janet was dying, and the great doctor wanted her to come to death quiet and unafraid. He used to come to see her twice a day during the last month of her life. When he came, he played the part of a friendly hobgoblin, and Janet was the fairy godmother.

"One cold November day" the story runs, "when the end was near, he mysteriously brought out from his inside pocket a beautiful red rose, carefully wrapped in paper, and told her how he had watched this last rose of summer growing in his garden, and how the rose had called out to him that she wanted to go along to see his fairy godmother. That evening there was a fairy tea-party at the table by the bed—Sir William talking to the rose, to his little lassie and to her mother; and the little girl came to understand that neither fairies nor people could always have the color of a red rose in their cheeks, or stay as long as they wanted in one place, but that they would be very happy in another home, and must not let the people they left behind them feel unhappy about it, nor be unhappy themselves." So, through such a simple story as Jesus used to tell, the great doctor let God guide him to take away from a little girl's heart all fear of death. So, in like manner, that childlike spirit in us can face the fog of death with quiet confidence; and that faith in us can bring peace and steadiness into the lives of those about us.

Closing Prayer:

O God, who alone canst uphold the minds of men, without whose beauty and goodness our souls are unfed, without whose truthfulness our reasons wither; consecrate our lives to Thy will, giving us such purity of heart, such depth of faith, such steadfastness of purpose, that, in Thy good time, we may come to think Thine own thoughts after Thee; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.—(*Henry S. Nash*)

CHRISTIAN SPAIN?

Several weeks ago a strange statement appeared in the New York *Times*. Paid for as an advertisement by the Missouri Knights of Columbus, it bore the bold heading "SHALL WE HELP THE COMMUNISTS TO CRUCIFY CHRISTIAN SPAIN?"

The gist of the article was an attack on our State Department as a tool of Russia, as over against Spain, which was built up to be "the last outpost of Christian civilization in Europe".

It ended with a tear-off to be posted on a postcard and sent to President Truman, calling upon him to "make it clear" that we do not intend to help any other powers in their attempt to subjugate Christian Spain.

Christian Spain! What are our Roman Catholic brothers thinking of in defiling the name Christian by attaching it to the bloody tryanny that is Franco Spain?

In the same week in which the above mentioned article appeared, I read in a book called "Wind in the Olive Trees", and written by a former chief of Propaganda Analysis of the American Embassy in Spain: "It was the custom established in 1937 . . . to shoot a certain number of 'Reds' (Nearly all political prisoners were 'Reds') on every anniversary of the uprising. This particular custom . . . had been extended in every city and town throughout Spain where political prisoners were being held, to include . . . the many official religious holidays, of which Christmas, Corpus Christi and Easter were only a few."

And again I read: "Under Paco (Franco), Spain, had again become Catholic Spain; and Protestants . . . were persecuted relentlessly. I heard of numerous instances of brutal intolerance and persecution practices against Protestant ministers and congregations by the police at the behest of Catholic authorities."

Christian Spain? As Christian as the Inquisition, this ally of Hitler and Mussolini.

Perhaps Christians will want to write Mr. Truman that they disagree with the Missouri K. of C.

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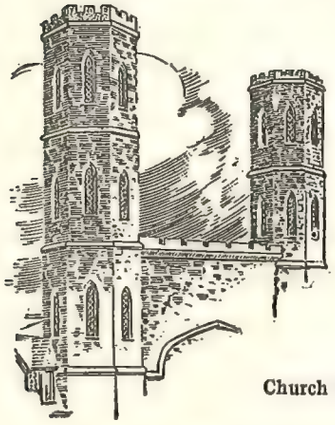
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 171.....*Haydn*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 132—Page 508
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS—Page 10.....*King Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—Morn of Beauty .....*Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness;
Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of peace and light
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, sing alleluia!

The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning,
The earth awakes with victory as her strain,
Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning,
For Christ the Lord is risen again!
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SERMON—Dreams Come True.....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 482 .....*Calkin*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 193

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Big Sale at the Country Store! The Mothers' Meeting will have a "Farmer Brown's Store" on May 2, to which everyone is invited to come and buy. "Farmer Brown sells everything", is the slogan. You may donate, if you cannot come....

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 515.....*Beulah*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 2—Page 345
HYMN 175 .....*Monkland*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 173 .....*Victory*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 170.....*St. Kevin*
CLOSING PRAYERS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 172 .....*Worgan*

ANNUAL MEETING

The rector is anxious to make a gala occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting this year. This should be one of the outstanding events of the year. Eighty-five of our service men and women have returned to civilian life. Sixteen still remain in service. On Tuesday, May 14 we plan to have a Parish Dinner when we shall invite these young men and women to be our guests. Following the Dinner we shall have the election to the Vestry followed by the Parish Meeting. We hope to make this an occasion both light and serious, instructive and gay. We look for a wide representation of the newcomers to our Parish; a greater proportion of men, and of course, representatives of every organization in the Parish. Tickets must be secured in advance. A home cooked dinner is yours for one dollar! Plan to join us.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Spring presentation of the United Thank Offering for our Church will take place at the service on Sunday, April 28th at 11:00 A. M. At that time we will place our blue envelopes on the offering plate.

This will be the final offering before the Triennium at the time of the General Convention, and we would like to have the offering from St. Stephen's as large or larger than ever before. The goal for the Diocese of Pennsylvania for the Triennium is $100,000. We have $71,000 toward this goal. Our own Church offering is $896.55 so far.

The Diocesan Spring Presentation Service will be held in St. Stephen's Church at 10:30 A. M. on Thursday, May 2nd. Bishop Hart will be the celebrant, and Chaplain George Wickersham, U. S. M. C., recently returned from Japan, will be the speaker.

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Lord and Master, who didst so perfectly fulfill the will of the Father: I yield my will to Thee, that it may be united with Thy most holy Will, and I surrender myself and all that I have to Thee, praying that Thy perfect plan may be worked out in every detail of my life. Amen.

Bible Reading: Numbers 16:36—end; Hebrews VII.

The Sermon:

"And he stood between the dead and the living and the plague was stayed."

The people had murmured against Moses and Aaron, and thousands of them were slain; and Aaron became intercessor. He "put on incense, and made atonement for the people" and the destruction ceased. What a position of power Aaron had—to stand between the dead and the living, and to stop the awful plague!

We are still within the Octave of Easter, with our thoughts fixed upon the Risen Lord, who ever liveth to make intercession, Who by His death hath destroyed death, and opened to all the gate of everlasting life. Truly, then, the Son of Man may be said "stand between the dead and the living." By His resurrection power He has stayed the hand of death, so that death is no longer destruction; and there are now no "dead" for those who "live and believe in Him shall never die."

Let us, then, regard death in its true aspect, for we can measure and limit its power. It cannot destroy, though for a time it can take away. It can separate us from those we love; but it cannot "stand between" us and them, so as to separate us eternally. The Risen Lord Himself stands between, and He has the keys of death and of Hades; and none can perish everlastingly.

Think also, how often He has stood between us and disaster, failure and sickness! How much indeed do we owe to the fact that He Who loves us gives proof of His love by ever living to make intercession—to plead before the Father for our happiness and peace, for our preservation of soul and body.

Closing Prayer:

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus, that by Thy death Thou hast destroyed death; that osoever believeth on Thee shall never die. We thank Thee, that by the power of iy Resurrection, we shall one day be united with our dear ones in the Heavenly Home. Into Thy Hands, most loving Saviour, we commend the spirits of all whom we love who are now with Thee in Paradise, beseeching Thee to grant them everlasting light and peace. Amen.

THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE

A little over a year ago all of America and most of the world was concentrating its attention on the Battle of the Bulge where the Germans seemed to have seriously bent back the American lines. What might have been a military disaster was by American courage and resource turned into victory.

All of America today ought to have its eyes on the battle of the bulge in our American economy—the world has a vast concern in this struggle, too.

During the war, thanks to price-and-wage control, inflation was held within limits; but with the coming of peace the thrust against the lines of protection became menacing. They were driven back here and there. The end is not yet—as those who know Washington constantly testify. It is predicted that John L. Lewis is about to make a heavy assault on one section of the line, while the National Association of Manufacturers and other groups that want price control abolished are storming another section.

The latter group, in making the plea that competition is the best regulator, forgets the law of supply and demand and seems to take the threat of inflation lightly. Certainly, luxury items might well be left to competitive price establishment, but when it comes to necessities it seems obvious that ceilings must be held until supply begins to approximate demand.

It is agreed that conditions exist which would produce a disastrous inflation if the lines of protection should be collapsed.

Should a widespread inflation arise, the financial foundation would be swept out from under all charities and churches. The great campaign for relief and reconstruction would be frustrated—and more serious still would be the effect upon the homes, the families and the individual man and woman of America.

The Church has a stake in the fight that Chester Bowles is making. He may be wrong as to details here and there, but certainly is deserving of the gratitude and the support of every man of goodwill.

CHANGE OF TIME

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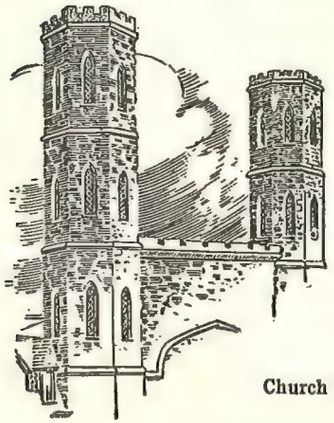
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143.....*Teschner*
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PSALM 24—Page 368
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The March to Calvary" from the "Crucifixion".....*Stainer*
SERMON—"He Went Forward on the Way to Jerusalem".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 152.....*Stainer*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 145.....*Dykes*

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MARRIAGES

"They whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

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BURIALS

"May light perpetual shine upon them."

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O God, Who knowest what we need; give us Thy Holy Spirit to teach us to ask for, and grace to employ Thy gifts in Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*John W. Suter*)

Bible Reading: Matthew 16: 21-25

The Sermon:

There came a day when Jesus began to startle and grieve His disciples. He began to say, "The Son of Man must suffer." He told them that He had turned His face toward Jerusalem, that Jerusalem for Him meant suffering and a shameful death; and then victory afterwards. The disciples were shocked and could not grasp why He *must* go to Jerusalem; why it was necessary for Him to suffer.

Even today men do not understand this clearly but we have learned one great fact—that God has so ordered this world that the road to victory lies through suffering. He who would win a victory must be willing to suffer for it, just as she who would be a mother must be willing to endure the travail pains. Willingness to endure pain and sacrifice is the price of victorious living. We must be willing to suffer for others if we want to help them. That is the way God has ordered life.

A woman wrote to a friend shortly after the death of her husband: "A few years ago I thought seriously of suing for a divorce. George was frittering his life and mine away. My family and friends all told me that I had stood all and more than any woman could be expected to stand; and that I should leave him while I was still young and could make a life for myself. But, thank God, I decided to wait. I kept on repeating to myself my marriage vows. ' . . . in joy or sorrow, in sickness and in health, for better or for worse.' A year later he fell sick. It was a long, long siege. I began to realize that many things I had thought were carelessness and shortcomings had been due to his physical condition; and we were brought closer together than ever before even in our early married life."

Because that wife was willing to endure suffering for her husband's sake, she was able to let God into the ruined marriage, and to bring it to its close with honor and victory.

There comes a day in the life of every sincere Christian when he must turn his face towards his Jerusalem; when he must be willing to suffer deeply if he is to be a true father, a faithful friend, a life-saver among men. When that day comes to you, remember the resurrection-power of the Christian faith. Remember that, if you let God into your willingness to suffer, beyond the pain lies victory, beyond every Calvary, the glory of Easter.

Closing Prayer:

Open, O Christ, the eyes of our faith, that, reaching forth into those things that are before we may follow the high calling of God, as seeing Him who is invisible; through the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen.—(*John W. Suter*)

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THE GIFT OF LIGHT

The gift of light promised to those who sit in darkness needs to be carried to the blind in Philadelphia. In this city there are over four thousand blind persons, many of whom are Protestants. To help them, the rector suggests:

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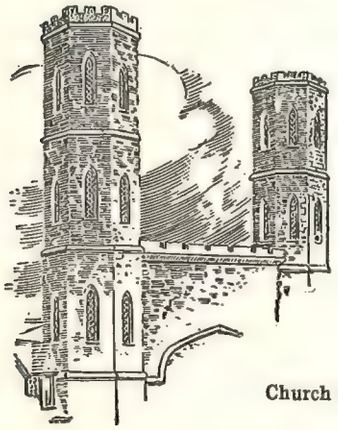
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Adagio ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 149 ..... *St. Christopher*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—Worship ..... *Shaw*

O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was "doing good";
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
Of wild war's music o'er the earth shall cease;
Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
And in its ashes plant the tree of peace!

SERMON—"Four Things You Must Have" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 255 ..... *Croft*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 339 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 127 ..... *Hopkins*

The Memorial flowers are given by Mrs. William H. Dickhart, Jr.

The Rector preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kensington last Wednesday and will preach at St. John the Baptist, Germantown, on Sunday night.

CONSTRUCTIVE UNDERSTANDING

The other day I read a letter from a G. I. who is waiting, as he says, "for the end of his sentence". Inasmuch as he has nothing to do but watch the days go by, he has plenty of time to think and his thoughts are not pleasant ones. The Government, he feels, is engaged in taking time from both ends of his life; from this end, by keeping him in idleness in the army when he is eager to be on with a long course of education; from the other end by its inept bungling of our whole relationship with Russia and the consequent threat of atomic war.

After that bungling, Mr. Vandenberg's suggestion and Mr. Byrnes' "tough" speech, which, incidentally, must have been written in a great hurry, seem to bring us to a point of decision.

Granted that Russia is not acting like a dove of peace, what about ourselves? Consider these facts: The Government is pressing for peacetime military conscription, a repudiation of one of America's historic convictions.

We are continuing to manufacture atomic bombs. Who knows in what quantity and quality?

We are about to conduct a spectacular demonstration of those bombs near enough to the Asiatic side of the Pacific for the Eastern world to see.

The Army and Navy are fighting against the McMahon Committee's recommendations, and in the interest of military control of atomic energy; and Congress can't make up its mind in spite of the practically unanimous testimony of the scientists.

We are talking about annexing the islands of the Pacific right up to the Asiatic continent as *a security measure,* The Atlantic Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

We have just opened up a great military airfield in Saudi Arabia.

We seem to be engaged with Britain in trying to prevent Russia's access to the Mediterranean.

We mislaid, for six months, Russia's request for a loan.

And meantime, we are back at the old game of using Communism as a bogie to advance any selfish interest that comes along.

How must all this look from the Rssian viewpoint?

Does not the time demand much more than a tough speech? Surely a direct attempt to develop positive and constructive understanding with Russia is most urgently needed.

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OFFERTORY HYMN 152 ..... *Rathbun*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 149 ..... *St. Christopher*

Our hearty congratulations to Emma Smith, Burd School graduate who has become an X-Ray Technician at Hahneman Hospital.

We gratefully acknowledge the bulletin subscriptions of Miss Louise Costello, Mrs. George P. Green, Miss Kathryn Schrott, and Mr. Robert W. Brown.

Corporal Ruth Anne White, a member of St. Stephen's who is the daughter of our assistant organist, Mr. Kenneth White, has been in the Marine Corps since June, 1943. While at Parris Island, S. C., she has organized a glee club of twenty-five women who have travelled through many cities in the South appearing at many clubs and organizations. All this has been done in Ruth's off duty hours, some of which time is spent as organist at the base where she is at work in the office of public relations. More power to Corporal Ruth Anne White, to whom we extend our congratulations and the hopes for continued success.

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Bible Reading: Matthew 5: 13-16.

The Sermon:

John Kenyon Mackenzie, who for ten years was a talented missionary among the Bulu people of Africa once wrote: "Minla is the little black boy who carries my lantern on my journey through the forest of our neighborhood. He is too small to carry more of my outfit, but he has begged to go with me. 'Even if I cannot carry a real load', he tells me, 'I can carry a lantern, and surely you will be needing one.'

"Sometimes, on the highway the sound has been the sound of so many feet that I have said to Minla, 'Cover the lantern'. And this he does with the skirt of the little cloth he wears about his middle. Then I am able to see the many people who have been following our light; sometimes as many as fifty carriers crowding up behind us, leaning forward under the weight of the loads they are carrying, looking at the white woman and at the black boy who carries the lantern. You will always be followed in the night of the forest if you carry a lantern; the people who walk in that great darkness are glad to follow that light."

And you will always be followed if you carry the Light through the darkness of our life on earth. There is so much of darkness and of mystery in this life; so much that we cannot understand. There are so many difficulties and obstacles hidden in the darkness, over which men stumble when there is no light on the path.

I like to think of many of you, walking humbly and surely along the trail of life, with the Light of the World in your heart. In the searching honesty of Lent you know that your life would be cold and dark without Him, so you depend on Him to kindle you into faithful loving kindness. Perhaps you had not known it—but stop a moment, and be quiet—there are people following you along the trail of life, because of that Light in your heart. "You will always be followed in the night of the forest if you carry a lantern."

Closing Prayers: "Our Father" and the following prayer.

O God, Thou art the help and the refuge of all Thy children. From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. To our weakness Thou art strength. In our darkness Thou art light. To our sorrow Thou art comfort and peace. We cannot declare Thy love. For all Thy goodness we bless and praise Thee. May we ever feel Thy presence, and may we love the things Thou lovest, and serve Thee with the service of our daily lives. Amen.

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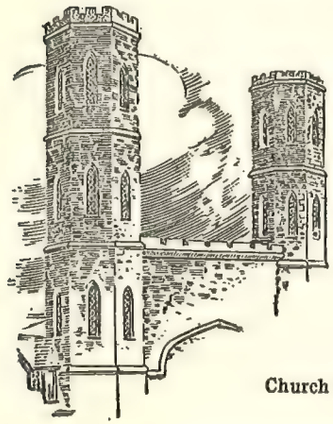
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ANTHEM—"Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law (Soprano Solo) *Rogers*
Great peace have they which love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them. I have longed for Thy salvation, O Lord, and Thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, and let Thy judgments help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Thy servant, for I do not forget Thy commandments.
SERMON—"Your Life is What You Make It".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 305.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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HYMN 324.....*St. Agnes*
SERMON.....THE REV. ALBERT EASTBURN
OFFERTORY HYMN 134.....*St. Flavin*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 116.....*University College*

A great many people are often discouraged with themselves thinking they are "no good". Perhaps they think correctly. But many, many times physical depression—fatigue, ill health and the like—warps good judgment. Here is a good rule to be remembered—never trust your judgment of self, or others, or of things in general when you are "down" physically. Put your judgment aside—wait until you have a sense of physical well-being, of "plus health"—then take it out and see how wrong it was. Dare to count your highest moments, your truest moments.

THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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Bible Reading: John 8: 1-11

The Sermon:

In Africa the old men of the Balu tribe keep track of the seasons by watching for Tolo, the constellation of the Hare. When Tolo rises in the eastern sky, the old men know that it is time to make clearings in the forest, that the woman may plant for harvest before the season of the rain. When the old men tried to pass on to the boys this valuable bit of tribal knowledge, the boys found it very hard to pick out the five stars of Tolo among the countless host of the stars of heaven. So, when dusk falls, a boy's father takes five rose-red coals from the palaver-house fire, and, on the village street, spreads them out in just the design of Tolo in the sky. Then, through the five glowing coals he draws in the dust the picture of Tolo, until the boy sees the Hare right before his eyes. He *sees* him now because he has been drawn for him right in the dust of the village street.

It is recorded only once that Jesus drew in the dust of a village street—in the incident you have just read from the Bible. But all through His short life among men, Jesus was drawing the picture of God in the streets and market-places of His homeland. By His courtesy to the woman who had fallen victim to cruel hypocrites, Jesus pictured the compassion of God towards honest, penitent sinners: and, at the same moment, He pictured the impatience of God toward smug pretenders of religion. Day by day, in His deeds, He drew out before men's eyes, the picture of the Almighty, as He devoted Himself to the needs of all sorts and conditions of men. Men watched Him, and began to see the Face of God. Men joined His company, and began to recognize the Likeness of the Eternal. In that last scene before Pilate, in the Master's majestic silence in the face of the accusations of His enemies, men see the majesty of God. On the Cross, in His last out-reach of love to the Penitent Thief and to His enemies, they see the undying love of God for men.

Do not mistake the meaning of Lent—with all the necessity for disciplining your life, never think that Lent should be spent gazing at your own faults and shortcomings. There is a great purpose for these weeks of renewal—to scan the pages of the New Testament with such care that our eyes will be fixed on Him who clothed God in human flesh. This is the Good News, that in Jesus we can see God, God among men, God in human life as we know it. We need not lose the way, because God has lived among us, because in the life of Jesus Christ, the picture of God has been drawn out for us, "in the dust of the village street."

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all who are trying to live for Thee. Take our minds and think through them; take our lips and speak through them; take our hearts and set them on fire with love for Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTES

We warmly welcome Dean N. R. High Moor of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, who has become beloved of all who have heard him the past two Lenten seasons. Whoever has not availed himself of the chance to hear this deeply spiritual and vitally human Churchman will certainly want to make every effort to do so this week.

On Saturday it will be our privilege to welcome the Rev. Thomas S. Logan, Rector of Calvary Church, Northern Liberties.

On April first, Mr. Carrigan begins his fortieth year as Verger of St. Stephen's Church. Our heartiest congratulations to our good friend!

We have been pleased to see so many old friends among those eighty or so people who come each week to hear Dr. Lamsa's lecture on the Bible. And we take great pleasure in greeting the many new friends whose enthusiasm equals our own. If you have not yet dropped in for the six o'clock supper or for the seven-thirty discussion entitled "Highlights on the Bible", you are very welcome. Dr. Lamsa is untiringly generous with his time, and welcomes your questions after the lecture.

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If you like to sing, there is a need for you in the volunteer choir for Evensong on Sundays. You need not be a "solo" singer by any means. Rehearsals are held before the evening service. Please give your name to Mr. Meckling, who will give you a hearty welcome!

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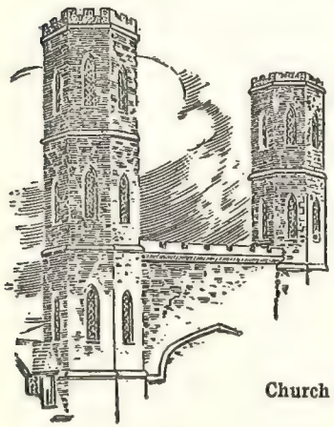
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247.....*Dulce Carmen*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 137—Page 513
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"By the Waters of Babylon".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered thee, O Sion. As for our harps, we hanged them up upon the trees that are therein, for they that led us away captive required of us a song. "Sing us one of the songs of Sion."

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget Thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I remember thee not, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.

Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem, how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground. O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery, yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.

THE SERMON—"Singing the Lord's Song".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 223.....*Marsh*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539.....*Bambridge*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464.....*Aurelia*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 119:73-104—Page 494
HYMN 120 .....*Rest*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 132 .....*St. Hilda*
SERMON.....THE REV. WILLIAM D. DUNPHY, PH.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 152.....*Rathbun*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 .....*Lancashire*

Last June 24th we heard our choir sing Dr. Matthews' new motet "By the Waters of Babylon" for the first time. Since then Dr. Matthews has orchestrated the music which was recently performed by full orchestra and is presently to be sung by the chorus of the Philadelphia Music Club at the Pennsylvania Federation of Music Club's twenty-eighth annual convention to be held here in May.

With the world in its state of unrest and Displaced Persons in Europe still a weighty problem yet to be solved, and the situation in Palestine becoming daily more hazardous for the Jews, this anthem, the words of which are taken from Psalm 137, is a beautiful and pertinent reminder that our prayers are needed for the Children of Israel throughout the world.

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Opening Prayer:

Be Thou Thyself, O Lord, the Sanctifier and the Shepherd of Thy people, that we, who are strengthened by Thy help, may in our daily life walk with Thee, and in all quietness of spirit serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Roman Breviary 1099 A. D.)

Bible Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Sermon:

We are beginning to look ahead to a dark hill called Calvary. It is well that we remember that there were *three* crosses on that hill. There were three men that suffered and died. To each there came this same pain, the same lonely and torturous dying—but they met their lonely hour in their own way. And their ways were very different.

The first thief had let himself be hardened and embittered by his terrible experience. According to the stern Roman justice, he was receiving "only the due rewards of his deeds" but he never thought of that, and struck out against it with flaming words of cursing and rebellion. To the innocent Master, dying beside him, he shouted, "If you are the Messiah, save yourself and us!" He was just thinking of his own skin. Where men think thusly, suffering hardens them.

The second thief took his fate quite differently. He admitted the justice of his own punishment; but he had the grace to look with seeing eyes at the Man dying beside him, Who was innocent. His heart and mind had room to think of another's pain, the injustice to another, even in his own last hour. He rebuked his fellow-thief: "This man hath done nothing amiss" and to Jesus he said, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." Even as you and I, the Penitent Thief was still thinking of himself; yet, in his agony, he gave thought to Him Who hung beside him, and caught a glimpse of His kingly love and majesty. When men suffer thus, their suffering softens and refines them.

There is also suffering that redeems—and on the central Cross one sees that mighty suffering, Jesus was not bemoaning His fate; not denouncing His enemies; not hurling words of hot anger. He accepted His Cross, and from it, prayed for His enemies, reached out a saving hand to the Penitent Thief, reached out a son's hands to His Father. He was there to show the love of God to men, and He used His Cross for that great purpose.

Most of us have some sort of cross, some kind of deep and inward suffering. And we are free, not to escape that cross, but to make it into one kind or another. Will yours, through self-pity, become the cross that hardens; or will it be the cross that softens and refines, or even, through the grace of God, be the cross that redeems? God leaves you free to make that choice.

Closing Prayers: "Our Father" and the following prayer:

Lord, we pray Thee not for tranquillity, nor that our tribulations may cease. We pray for Thy Spirit and Thy love, that Thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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We would also like to express our appreciation of gifts sent in for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund by Mrs. Charles E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. James Merchant, Mrs. F. M. Beddows, Miss R. G. Wilson and Mrs. Frederick Schmid, Sr.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Carrigan who celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on Wednesday, March 20th.

If you have not made your Red Cross contribution to the National Fund as yet, you may give it to Mrs. James H. Mearns through St. Stephen's Church. Last year we gave the Red Cross about four hundred dollars.

We are looking forward with pleasure to having the Rev. Clarence Brickman, National Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew as our guest speaker Monday through Friday, March 25-29, and to our Saturday preacher, the Rev. Philemon F. Sturges, Jr., Rector of St. Martin in the Fields.

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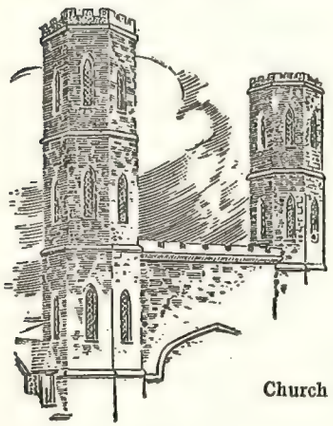
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PSALM 86—Page 447
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BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—The Trees and the Master ..... *Protheroe*
SERMON—"St. Patrick" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 525 (verses 1, 2, 6 and 7) ..... *St. Patrick's Breastplate*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 125 ..... *Cologne*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 ..... *Watermouth*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 119: 33-72—Page 492
HYMN 147 ..... *Penitence*
CREED—Page 30
HYMN 305 ..... *Beatitude*
SERMON—"The Cure for the World's Ills" ..... THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 135 ..... *Federal Street*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 149 ..... *St. Christopher*

THAT MEN MAY LIVE

An issue involving tremendous moral testing confronts us in the days immediately ahead. One wishes that every pulpit in the land would sound the challenge and would rally the moral strength of America to articulate action.

President Truman has voiced the best that is America in his promise of meat rationing if it is necessary in order to prevent the starvation of millions of people among the allied and liberated nations. No sooner had he spoken, however, than the angry voices of selfishness rose to challenge and to disagree—pleading in justification that "this is so sudden."

It is not "sudden" to anyone who has had enough human concern to observe continuously the reports on human conditions around the world. We have had our interval of plenty while men and women and children starved. Which of us cannot deprive ourselves of much that we eat—yes, and without any real sacrifice?

The opportunity for us to come to humanity's rescue should be reason enough for us gladly to accept rationing; but if we must have reasons that drive down to selfish motivation, they exist.

It must be obvious that if we continue to indulge in our unprecedented plenty and let the nations starve, we will gain and will merit the hatred and disdain of the rest of the world. America is not big enough or strong enough to be able to live in a friendless world.

If America is to measure up to the moral testing, it will be because the voices of unselfishness speak in greater volume than do the snarls of selfishness. That speaking must be done to our elected representatives in Washington—to the members of Congress who will register our decision in terms of action. We may be sure they will be subjected to tremendous pressure by those who love themselves. Let those who love God and man ask Congress to ration us—to organize our national sacrifice—that men may live.

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Bible Reading: St. Luke 12: 41-48

The Sermon:

There was once an idea that Lent should be a season of punishing oneself in the sight of others. But the "sacrifices" were largely petty ones, like giving up candy or smoking. Many years ago Robert Herrick protested against this false and superficial idea of Lent:

Is this a Fast to keep the Larder lean and clean
From fat of veals and sheep?
Is it to quit the dish of flesh and still to fill
The platter high with fish?
Is it to fast an hour, or ragged go, or show
A downcast look, and a sour?
No: 'tis a Fast to dole thy sheaf of wheat and meat
Unto the hungry soul.
It is to fast from strife, from old debate and hate,
To purify thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent; to starve thy sin not bin,
And that's to keep thy Lent.

In other words, Lent is a season for a change in *us*, especially in the use of our possessions and powers. Our "fasting" is to "swear off" from quarrelsome ways, sharp thoughts, judging others, and to throw our strength into kindness, into healing and encouragement.

Lent for us in America could well be devoted to training ourselves to a new sense of stewardship. We rich Americans use most of our possessions for our own comfort, which is quite proper for pagans, but not for Christians. Christ taught us that all we have came from the hand of the good God, and is intrusted to us to use for Him. We are stewards, trustees, agents of God Almighty, and we must answer to Him for all we have. With most of us, six weeks of sincere self-training in true stewardship would make a noticeable and shining change.

Fritz Kreisler, the great violinist, has this Christian sense of stewardship. He says, "I was born with music in my system. It was a gift of God. I never look upon money I earn as my own. It is public money. It is only a fund intrusted to me for proper disbursement. I am constantly endeavoring to reduce my needs to the minimum. I feel morally guilty in ordering a costly meal, for it deprives some one else of a slice of bread; some child, perhaps of a bottle of milk. In all these years of my so-called success in music my wife and I have not built a house for ourselves. Between it and us stand all the homeless of the world."

O Americans, stewards of the vastest wealth the world has ever seen, look to the keeping of Lent; "for unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required."

Closing Prayers: "Our Father" and the following:

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commit ourselves this day. Give unto each one of us a watchful, a humble and a loving spirit, that we may seek in all things to do Thy will, to the honor and glory of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Galasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D. adapted)

NOTES

Dr. Lama's Friday evening Bible Class is well attended. However there is still room for those of you who cannot afford to miss the interesting experience of hearing the Lord's Prayer in the language our Lord used when He walked among men.

Make a reservation for supper at six, and be in ample time to secure a seat near the front of the auditorium of the Community House.

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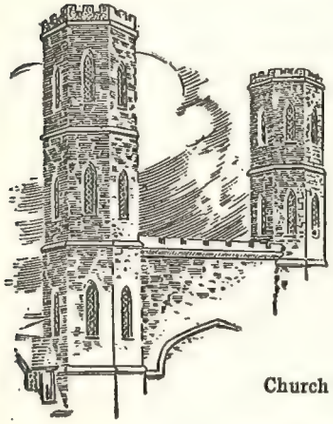
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ORGAN PRELUDE: Sicliano—from Sonate for Flute and Clavier.....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 499.....*Fink*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 51—Page 403
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God".....*T. Teritus Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"The Great Commandment".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 326.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539.....*Bambridge*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123.....*Buckland*
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HYMN 134.....*St. Flavian*
SERMON.....THE REV. JOHN E. HILL
OFFERTORY HYMN 136.....*St. Finbar*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 132.....*St. Hilda*

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The Rector will preach at the Holy Communion Memorial Chapel on Sunday evening.

We are privileged to have the Rev. Dr. Michael Coleman to conduct and preach at our noon-day services from Monday through Friday, March 11-15. During the Blitz of London he and his staff of All Hallow's, near the Tower of London, went from shelter to shelter ministering to men and women and children huddled together through the nights of horror. He was at the dockside of the Thames serving with the defense workers as the bombs came down.

Dr. Coleman is now serving the Church in Canada as preacher and missioner, making as many trips as he can into the United States to answer the many calls extended to him to conduct teaching missions.

Not since the days of G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, following the first Great War has the Church had so eloquent a preacher and prophet.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Leonard Rasmusson, rector of the Church of the Atonement who will preach at the noonday service on Saturday, March 16th. Mr. Rasmusson was a classmate of your Rector at the Cambridge Theological School.

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Opening Prayer:

The eternal God is our dwelling place and underneath are the everlasting arms. Amen.

Bible Reading: Psalm 91

The Sermon:

There appeared in a recent "Congressional Record" a story which suggests that "whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." A nineteen-year-old G. I. who had been awarded a medal for bringing in a large group of Japanese prisoners, singlehanded, tells his own story: "I want someone to know that I don't deserve that medal. It happened this way: I was captured by the Japanese, with five of my pals; we were marched along through the jungle with bayonets in our backs. I had to see my comrades one by one killed and mutilated. I said the Twenty-Third Psalm. I said the Lord's Prayer. Die I must, but I determined not to let my captors see my fear. Trembling from head to foot, marching in mud up to my ankles, with a bayonet sticking in my back, I began to whistle the way I used to when I was a small boy and had to go through a dark street. So I whistled, 'We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His Will to make known; The wicked oppressing cease then from distressing, Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.'

"Suddenly I became aware that someone had joined me in my whistling—it was my Japanese captor! He too, was whistling the hymn. Soon I felt his gun fall back into place. He walked beside me then and suddenly I jumped when, in perfect English, he said to me, 'I never cease to wonder at the magnificence of Christian hymns' and a few minutes talk revealed that the Japanese soldier had learned English in a mission school kindergarten to which I had contributed my pennies in my Sunday School days. The Japanese boy spoke of war and how the Japanese Christians hated it; we both agreed on the power of Christianity and what could happen if people really dared to live it; and then we began to talk of our families and our homes. Finally, at the suggestion of the Japanese, we knelt in the mud and prayed for suffering humanity around the world, and for 'His peace that passeth understanding' among all men on earth.

"When we arose, he asked if I would take him back as a prisoner to the American headquarters. He said that it was the only way that he could live up to his Christianity, and thus help Japan to become a Christian nation; and on the way he found in various fox-holes other Japanese Christians and they too joined me. I shall never forget the hope and joy that came into their eyes as my Japanese friend unfolded to them, one by one, how we found each other, and why and where they were being taken. All the way back we talked of the Christian religion. When we neared camp, by mutual agreement they put on poker faces and somber looks, and I, gun in hand, marched them into camp. After the war is over, they will spend their lives keeping alive and spreading an ever-growing Christian community in Japan. So you see I don't deserve a medal for the most wonderful experience of my life."

It would seem that the "defense of the Most High" might well be the strongest national defense of all. It sounds as if it might be worth while for the people of the earth to try that defense at last!

Closing Prayer:

O God, the Might of those that put their trust in Thee, grant that we may be more than conquerors over all things that make war upon our souls, that at the last we may enter into the perfect peace of Thy Presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Roman Breviary)

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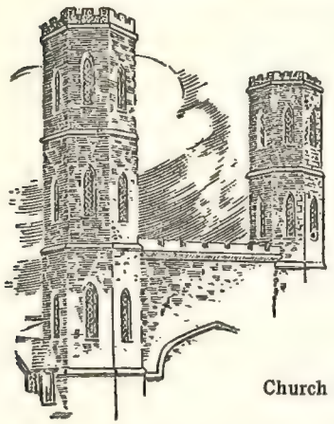
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 494 ..... *Gardiner*
KYRIE ..... *Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour of the World" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and passion hath redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

SERMON—"The Sin of Pride" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 306 ..... *Weber*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 324(verses 1, 4 and 5) ..... *Dykes*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—Page 84 ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 121 ..... *Stainer*

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The Rector will preach on Ash Wednesday at St. Peter's Church, Germantown, at 8:00 P. M.

Philadelphia's week for the Blind begins Monday, March 4th in the Gimbel Auditorium. The opening day is Episcopal Day. Luncheon will be served each day for fifty cents. Mrs. Carrie Buehler, 308 Berkley Road, Merion, Pa., will be glad to receive contributions of money from any of our parishioners.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315 ..... *Buckland*
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PSALM 111, 112—Page 482
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HYMN 200 ..... *St. Agnes*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 227 ..... *St. Finbar*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 226 ..... *Love Divine*

LENT NOW CALLS US

Ash Wednesday is at hand. Another Lenten Season is about to begin. The Road to Easter lies before us again. How shall we order our going these days?

With the laying aside of many of our social activities for a while, we have more time to give to the real things of life. There will be more hours for meditation and prayer. There will better opportunity for self-examination. There will be greater tendency both to count our blessings and to recognize our failures in disciplineship to Jesus Christ.

Lent has in it untold possibilities for spiritual enrichment. The fact that it leads up to Easter constantly reminds us of the great hope that illumines our hearts on that glorious day. It also challenges us to better preparation for the day itself.

Our churches ought to be full on Easter Day. But they also ought to be full on every other Lord's Day. If we do not worship every Sunday, will we be able to receive the blessing which Jesus Christ holds before us on the anniversary of His victory over the grave?

No one can solve our Lenten problem but ourself. And it is a most serious problem. Shall we not seek guidance in God's House? Were the tears we shed when loved ones went home to God only of passing significance? Do we really intend to try to meet them in our Father's House not built with hands?

What a glorious day Easter will be for us if we approach it with spiritual treasures gathered through the days now before us!

HIGH LIGHTS FOR THE WEEK

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Bible Reading: Psalm 116.

The Sermon: "I Will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving."

Lent always brings to us the suggestion of sacrifice; and for too many it is a suggestion and nothing more. Those of us who give it serious consideration are likely to conceive of sacrifice as some kind of deprivation. It is true that sacrifice means an offering, and an offering is worth nothing to God if it is something without value to him who presents it. Relinquishing what we love and desire for ourselves is the measure of any worthwhile sacrifice.

Behind the primary conception of sacrifice there was always the thought of propitiating an angry God. You will find that idea in the Old Testament. It would be strange indeed if this rude people had not brought with them out of their heathen beginnings some such notions as this; but you will note with interest and profit that as they come into a fuller appreciation of the great gift which was theirs, they came to deem sacrifice as something vastly more than propitiation; it indicated love and devotion and the changed heart. So sacrifice to be spiritually profitable must always be productive of some kind of joy. I do not think it too much to say that sacrifice in its finest manifestation must always be not so much giving as the return of a gift; consequently separated from any feeling of deprivation or loss. When you have come to think of sacrifice in this light, you will not need that I should long dwell on the beautiful significance of our text.

My brother, our rarest offering to God is the sacrifice of the thankful heart. We will give our money to the poor or to the Church without making much fuss about it. There are many people who give abundantly of their time to all sorts of religious and philanthropic ends and do it willingly enough who have never thought of the sacrifice of the thankful heart as being the most precious thing they could offer in the sight of God. The most of us are willing enough to present the complaining and ungrateful heart. What I am suggesting is that we make an effort this Lent to "come into His presence with a song." The offering of a thankful heart will not be a cheap gift; for some of us it will cost much. It will mean the confession of our sins; the acknowledgment of our weaknesses; the realization of our unworthiness—for the thankful heart will be a cleansed heart,—the symbol of a life set right with God.

Closing Prayer:

O God our Father, we offer Thee this day the thankful heart. Deliver us from indolence and weakness; teach us to look away from ourselves to the hopes and needs of others; and grant us power so to use the gifts Thou hast bestowed on us as to brighten and ennoble the life of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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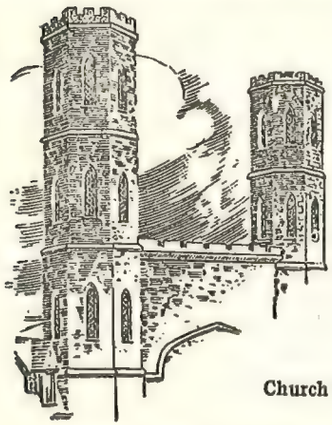
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pastorale" ..... *Jules Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 530..... *Sullivan*
VENITE—Page 9..... *Chant*
PSALM 116—Page 486
TE DEUM LAUDAMUS—Page 10..... *King Hall*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Rise Up, O Men of God"..... *T. Tertius Noble*

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! His kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of man, rise up, O men of God!

THE SERMON—"The Real Problem of the World Today"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 501..... *Somervell*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 534..... *Smart*

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315..... *St. Thomas*
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HYMN 494 ..... *Gardiner*
SERMON..... THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 493..... *Maryton*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 116..... *University*

It is the custom in St. Stephen's Church for the congregation to rise for the hymns and canticles at the first note of the organ prelude; to join heartily in reading the Psalms, making responses and saying the Amens, and to join with the minister in repeating the Collect for the day, which for Sexagesima Sunday is to be found on page 120.

We acknowledge with gratitude the following bulletin subscriptions: Lt. Mildred W. Brown, Mrs. Albert Cardwell, Mrs. Edward J. Cook, Miss M. E. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Linton, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Mrs. Anna Mitchell, Mr. E. D. Newkirk, Jr., Mrs. Annie K. Robinson, Mrs. William Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seltzer, Mrs. Milton Sinclair, Mrs. David Stephens, Miss Mary E. Shoemaker, Miss Margaret Tappen, Miss Laura Wilde, Miss Florence R. Wilder, Mrs. Frank Wolf.

George M. Lamsa, noted author and lecturer, a native Assyrian, will conduct a series of Bible lectures in the Community House every Friday night at 7: 30 o'clock beginning March 1 and every Friday to April 26 inclusive, excepting Good Friday. Supper will be served at a moderate price at 6: 00 P. M. for the convenience of those in town.

Dr. Lamsa is no stranger to many of our people who listened with great profit to a series of lectures which he gave in the Church three years ago. Here, again, is a unique opportunity to hear from one who speaks the language of Jesus and the Apostles and who has helped many thousands to a better understanding of the greatest of all books.

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Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 15: 11-32

The Sermon:

One of the reasons that the Bible reaches us where we live is that, in its pages, we find living pictures of ourselves and of God.

We find *ourselves* in the Bible; and God speaks to *us.* When God says to Adam, "Where art thou?" we recognize ourselves in Adam, ourselves who have done wrong and want to hide from God. When God asks Elijah, "What doest thou here?" we see ourselves in Elijah, ourselves trying to run away from our responsibilities. When Jesus on the Cross says to the penitent thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise", *we* are the penitent thief, facing our sins honestly, and finding God forgiving us and welcoming us into that new peace of heart which is paradise indeed! When Jesus lifts the lame man to his feet, we see Him lifting our lame spirits into new vigor and new usefulness. For the Bible is filled with people like us; and we learn, in reading its pages, to see that as God speaks to them, He is speaking directly to our own hearts.

We find *living pictures of God* in the Bible. We need pictures of God, for we are like children, learning best through a picture-book. In God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses in Sinai, we see the God who is righteous. In God pictured by the prophet Amos, we see the God Who is just and fair, condemning the rich who grow fat while poor men starve to death. In Hosea's story, we see the God of infinite compassion, opening the door for the return of the unfaithful spouse, just as He opens the door for us unfaithful ones. And in the parable you have just read, which is best called "The Parable of the Loving Father" you see, underlined, that same God of compassion, who waits and waits, until we come home to Him. Most clearly of all, we see God pictured in Jesus Christ, Who lived the life of God on earth, Who showed us what God is like; Who died on the Cross that men might never forget the unconquerable love of God.

Yes, the Bible is God's picture-book for His children of earth, where great truths are clothed in simple stories that any human child can understand. Through the eager reading of the Bible, cover the walls of your mind and heart with those pictures. Stand before them each day. Then you will live indeed!

Closing Prayers: "Our Father" and the following prayer:

Incline, O Lord, Thy merciful ears, and illuminate the darkness of our hearts by the light of Thy visitations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confirmation Candidates who will make their first Communion at the nine o'clock service this morning are: Catherine Charlotte and John Joseph Sader, George H. Waitt, Jr., Barbara Elaine Marsh, Gladys Erma Farmer, Miss Gertrude Genevieve McClellan, George Hepner MacGoldrick, Thomas Ent Keller, Mrs. Jean Smith Slatcher, Mr. Charles Gregory Slatcher, Miss Marion Slatcher.

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

Material Aid to Europe. The Episcopal Church is joining with a majority of churches in the World Council of Churches, in a co-operative venture in sending material aid (clothing, shoes, canned goods, seeds, vitamins, iron pills, soap, candle stubs) to our sister churches in liberated countries abroad. Our collection around Christmas proved most satisfactory. This is a continuing program, however, and the need is desperate. Bring your contributions to the Church office and we will send them to Europe.

The members of the Wednesday Night Club, under the leadership of Mr. John George are doing a fine job in entertaining the Service Men in the Community House. All the young people of the parish are welcome to join in this program. Bring a friend. Every Wednesday from 7: 00 to 11: 00 P. M.

With deep gratitude we acknowledge the following gifts to the Reconstruction and Advance Fund: Edward J. Cook, Jr., Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, Miss Emma L. Mink, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Schmid, Jr., and Mrs. Emily B. Campbell.

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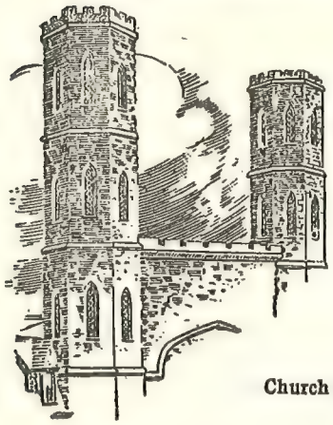
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 113.....*Boyd*
CREED and PRAYERS
HYMN 380 (verses 1, 2).....*Peace*
THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION—Page 296 in the Prayer Book
HYMN 380 (verses 3, 4).....*Peace*
ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet".....*J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel, Lord be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel, Lord be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee, Lord be near us;
In Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms; Lord be near us
In Thine everlasting arms, Hold and cheer us;
Bind our souls with bonds of faith, Lord be near us;
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SERMON.....THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 525 (verses 1, 2, 6, 7).....*St. Patrick's Breastplate*
COLLECTS and BLESSING
RECESSIONAL HYMN 379 *Elliott*

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SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFERTORY HYMN 117.....*St. Dunstan's*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 536.....*Knecht*

OUR INDUSTRIAL LIFE

Whatever the facts may be, even the most cursory investigation will indicate that the rank and file of labor are convinced that there is a concerted determination on the part of management to break the power of organized labor. Again, whatever the present facts may be, there is abundant evidence in the history of industrial relations to warrant the assumption.

If that were the sole issue and if all management were of one nature and labor leadership of one nature, it would be easy to formulate a Christian attitude. But the variants of attitude and personality on both sides are so great that the task of formulating fair judgments is hopelessly beyond the reach of the private citizen. On the one side there are the Girdlers and the Averys and there are the Fords and the Kaisers with a wide dispersion in between. On the other side there are the Petrillos and the Quills and there are the Murrays and the Dubinskis, again, with a wide dispersion in between.

The President has wisely said that both management and labor have too great power. When either one or the other, or both, in their struggle, can paralyze essential aspects of the life of the nation at a time when the world needs everything that America can supply in the way of materials and intelligent concern, then there is no question that too much power is at large without proper social control.

Centuries ago Jesus voiced the moral axiom that "a house divided against itself cannot stand". At this moment American industry is demonstrating its truth.

Obviously the time has come to recognize the basic fault in our economic structure. All contacts between management and labor are but armed truces because the house of industry is cleft in twain. The paradox lies in the fact that whole-hearted co-operation would profit management, would profit labor and would profit the general public, whereas conflict is devastating for all.

But whole-hearted co-operation must be more than a sentiment—it should be clothed with flesh and incorporated into structure. There is no way in political life save democracy. Can there be any other way in industrial life?

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Bible Reading: Romans 12.

The Sermon:

"Be not wise in your own conceits."

Everybody respects a man of conviction. Everybody admires perseverance as a virtue. But nobody likes conceited stubborness. Possessors of that trait are often likened to a donkey.

Sometimes it is difficult for us to distinguish between conviction, which is a sign of maturity, and conceitedness, which is a sign of inexperience and immaturity. I refer to our own opinion of our own ideas. Somewhere during my years of formal schooling I picked up this jingle:

"The Freshman knows not; and knows that he knows not.
The Sophomore knows not; and knows not that he knows not.
The Junior knows; and knows that he knows.
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The longer a thinking person lives, the more strong and sure become certain convictions. But at the same time the thinker develops a tolerance for the opinion of others. He does not force his ideas upon another, but rather seeks to win others to his way of thinking.

In the early days of the modern period of Christian Missions, the missionaries used to treat their prospects as if all their past heathen ideas were untrue, and contained no religious truth. Fortunately, Missions have come of age, missionaries now retain whatever is true, or not actually unchristian, in the past religion of those whom they seek to convert.

The only way for any of us to gain respect for our convictions is to avoid stating them bluntly as if we knew the absolute truth, and our opponents were absolutely mistaken. The wise man tries to understand his opponent's point of view. Having then found common ground with them he is able to present his own ideas with some hope that they will be understood and respected.

Closing Prayer:

We thank Thee, O God, that we may turn to Thee in perfect confidence and trust in all affairs of life. We thank Thee that Thou hast called us to become co-workers with Thee in bringing about the reign of Thy will in this world. We pray that we may have the clearness of vision, the strength of purpose, and the courage of our convictions to follow the voice of conscience and to do what is right. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Mary L. Reed. St. Stephen's Church is proud that there are four generations of the Reed family in its membership.

We extend a warm welcome to our suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D., who visits us to administer the rite of Confirmation. He will also preach the sermon.

The visit of a bishop is an important event in the life of any parish or community. The bishops are our chief pastors, they are set apart and ordained to be our "Fathers in God". They see the Church and its affairs in a wider angle than most of us can. Thus they have a message to give from a point of view to which we all need to go for the enrichment of our religious life, and to increase the effectiveness of our witness and service. In particular Bishop Remington is beloved here, as he is throughout the Diocese and the nation, and he will receive a warm greeting.

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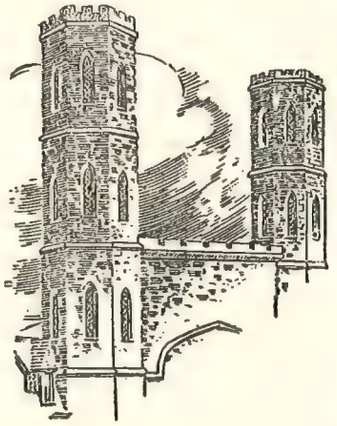
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ANTHEM—"In Humble Faith and Holy Love".....*Garrett*

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To God our Father raise the voice Invisible, immortal King!
In our Redeemer's strength rejoice And to the sacred Spirit sing. Amen.

SERMON—Faith and Your Health.....THE RECTOR
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The Altar flowers are given by Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in memory of Mrs. Louise V. Sausser and by Mrs. Helen Shimp in memory of Mrs. Alice A. Fowler.

Every day at three minutes to twelve, Bishop Remington leads a brief period of prayer and intercession in the Bishop's Chapel at the Church House. It is hoped that this opportunity for corporate prayer will be observed by more and more people as time goes on.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE SCHOOL

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 534.....*Lancashire*

The Christmas Basket Committee expresses its sincere thanks for the generous gifts to which *no name* was attached. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness which helped to make Christmas happy for many people who otherwise would have been sadly deprived of holiday cheer.

Welcome to St. Stephen's. We are happy to announce that the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling will be a full time member of our Church Staff on February 1st. Mr. Meckling will minister to the Hard of Hearing congregation and he will be the Director of the Community House Program with his office in that building. Mr. Meckling is a native Philadelphian. He was graduated from Brown Preparatory School, Swarthmore College; Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Divinity School.

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THE RECONSTRUCTION AND ADVANCE FUND

This fund at the present time has received $5,875.00 from sixty-four families. This is a splendid result and our total will undoubtedly go over our goal of $6,000. But we would like to hear from the many other families to whom the appeal has gone. It matters not how small the gift is, only that we may all be represented in this thank offering for a righteous victory and the return of peace. How better can we express our gratitude than in sharing in the rebuilding of what the war has destroyed, and in sending forth the good news of God's love throughout the world.

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Teach us, O heavenly Father, the love with which Thou hast loved us. Fashion us after Thine own example of love. Shed abroad the love of God and man in our hearts, for Thy Name's sake. Amen.—*(Henry Alford, 1810 A. D.; adapted)*

Bible Reading: Luke 10: 30-37

The Sermon:

Looking on the map, you might think that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho was only thirty miles, a short way. But it is really much longer than that—it reaches clear around the world, and it runs down all the ages into our own day. It is Everyman's Road, on which each shows his way of life. "A certain man" going down over this old road, encountered three different kinds of people.

First there were the highway robbers. Their philosophy was "What's yours is mine—hands up!" And they fell upon the man, beat him up and took all that he had. We know that philosophy—the extremists in the Management-Labor field, the Farm Bloc and all the Pressure Groups in the Nation's Capitol in their zeal to get what they want regardless, exemplify the philosophy, "What's yours is mine—hands up!" That philosophy always leaves some one behind, bleeding and hurt, on the ancient road of life.

Second came the Levite and the Priest—very respectable, and very selfish. Their philosophy was, "What's mine is mine—what's yours is none of my business." Their time was their own, so they would not stop to care for the injured man. The Priest argued with himself, "It was his own fault—he had no business carrying valuable property over this road infested with bandits. I'll not get mixed up in this business." So he passed by. The Levite at least "came and looked upon him". But he, too, argued that it was no affair of his and went along on his own errand. Millions follow this easy way—they keep "out of trouble" by keeping themselves out of the troubles of others. They are polite and cool; and in great haste to take care of themselves.

Lastly there came the Samaritan. He saw the fallen man, and said to himself: "I'm the only man in sight to do anything about this. It's up to me." And he tore off strips from his own clothes, and bound up the wounds; poured a little oil on the bandages to make them soft and some wine, which he knew was good for wounds (although he had never heard of an "antiseptic".) He set the man on his own beast, and got him to a wayside inn; and saved his life.

Thus Jesus gives us three of the philosophies of those who travel the road of life. The danger to many Church people is that their philosophy smells too much of the Priest and the Levite. But our Master looks to us to be Samaritans, and as we come upon those in trouble, quietly to say to ourselves, "It's up to me!"

Closing Prayer:

Grant O Lord, that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; and of Thy mercy keep us faithful unto the end; for Christ's sake. Amen. (John Hunter, 1892 A. D.)

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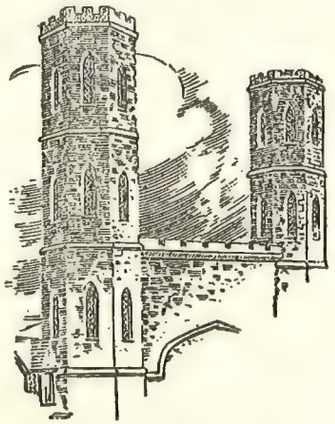
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ANTHEM—"God Is With Us".....*Kastalsky*

God is with us! O ye nations understand; submit yourselves for God is with us!

Give ear, all ye of far countries, gird yourselves, and ye shall come to naught; speak the word and it shall not stand.

Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid; sanctify the Lord God of hosts, Himself, and let Him be your fear.

He shall be for a sanctuary; I will wait upon the Lord and I will look for Him; behold I, and the children whom the Lord hath given me.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

THE SERMON—"Let Us Rise Up and Build".....THE RECOTR

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AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 249.....*Longran*

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THE WAR'S DESOLATION

War leaves wide-spread havoc and desolation in its wake. Returning service men give eye witness account of the destruction brought to peoples and non-military buildings by modern warfare. Likewise, testimony is freely given to the dauntless courage and faith of many. It takes a stout heart and boundless faith to stand amid the ruins of one's life work among native peoples and resolve to carry on. Our Missionaries have seen their buildings blasted by bomb-bursts. But the work of the Church must go forward in spite of the destruction of churches and cathedrals.

This Sunday we shall take our general Parish offering for the Reconstruction and Advance Fund, bringing to a culmination the information we have been giving for the past four months by special pamphlets mailed to our families, explaining the purposes of this Fund. To summarize briefly: The Fund has a three-fold purpose, first to rebuild ruined mission properties, especially in the Philippines and in China; secondly to start an advance movement in the general missionary work of the Church particularly in Latin America, Liberia and among the Negro people of the United States of America, thirdly, to help the starving people in Europe.

The Episcopal Church aims to secure five million dollars; the Diocese of Pennsylvania has accepted as its share one-tenth, or five hundred thousand; St. Stephen's Church has been given as its quota six thousand dollars. On Sunday, January 20, we ask every family in the Parish to make a generous contribution towards this Fund that it may represent an all-inclusive gift of all the people of our Parish as a thank offering for a righteous victory in the war; for the safety of ninety-three of the ninety-five who went from our Parish into the Armed Forces; and affectionate and grateful memory of the sacrifices of the two who did not return.

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Bible Reading: Acts 3: 1-11

The Sermon:

Often it happens that people ask something of us—and we do not have it. The lame man, begging alms at the gate of the Temple called Beautiful, asked Peter for money; and Peter did not have it.

He was thoughtful for a moment. It was plain that he did not have what the man wanted. But still he began to ask himself, "What have I that *could* help this man? I can't do what he asks, but can I do *something?* Swiftly God's spirit in Peter's heart showed him that he had something far more precious than what the man had asked; not a coin or two to drop in a beggar's outstretched hand, but the power that would release him from begging at all! So he bade the man, "In the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And the amazed man suddenly found himself walking on sound ankles; able to work and support himself.

So many people, when they cannot do what a person asks of them, shrug their shoulders sorrowfully and do nothing. That is too lazy a way out of the situation. For God has endowed every living person with precious gifts with which he can help others, if he is willing. Your's may not be five-talent gifts (and, again, they *may* be!) but, consecrated to aid those about you, they can bring great joy and comfort, your bounden duty is to use the talents God gave you; use with all your faithfulness and strength.

Once Dwight L. Moody was preaching to a great crowd. He was thinking more of his burning message than of the literary form of it. A fussy-minded man, after the service, said to Mr. Moody, "You spoke with great eloquence tonight, but—I hope you will not mind my mentioning it—I noticed that you mispronounced four words and made five mistakes in grammar." Mr. Moody smiled quietly, and replied, "I don't doubt it for a moment. My early education was both scanty and faulty. But I am using all the grammar I know in the service of Christ—how is it with you? He was saying in different words, "Such as I have I give . . ."

How is it with you?

Closing Prayers. "Our Father" and the following prayer:

Lord, sanctify us wholly, that our whole spirit, soul and body may become Thy temple. Oh, do Thou dwell in us, and be our God, and we will be Thy servants, through Jesus Christ. Amen.—*(Bishop Ken, 1637 A. D.)*

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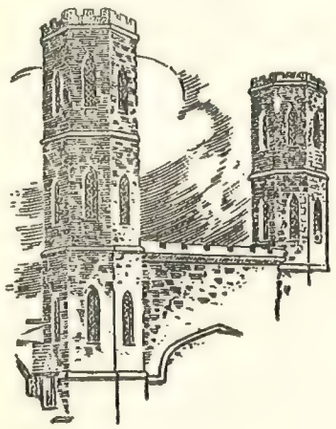
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Through the dark the dreamers came
Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame
Of a star, Via, via, De profundis via.

But the way did not seem shadowy or long
It was brightened by a dream and a song.
Gloria, In excelsis gloria.

It was worth the journeying to the weary end
For they found their dream a King and a Friend
Maxima, Gloria Die Maxima.

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"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

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20—Manuel Orsey Winfrey and Margaret Weta Martin

December 7—Robert C. Smith and Elizabeth C. Mearns
8—Farris F. Lindsey and Roselthia J. Towne
26—Paul W. Matthews and Marie Cullen
26—George M. Price, Jr. and Furnessia M. Montieth
29—Harold W. Hall and Eleanor Torsincasa

BURIALS

"The golden sun is sinking in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia.

November 24—Mary Page Grammer
26—Roland S. Morris
28—Irene Evelyn Wilder

December 4—Florence Henderson Burk
5—Henry C. Dahl

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING . . . SHUT THAT DOOR!

Elijah once told a very distracted and anxious woman to go home and shut the door upon herself. Shrewd reader of human nature! He recognized that there would be something psychological in such an act. States of mind are induced by physical acts quite as often as physical acts are prompted by states of mind. William James always insisted, you know, that we didn't run because we felt afraid, we felt afraid because we ran. Even when Pilate went through the ritual of washing his hands with soap and water it gave his conscience a cleaner feeling too.

We will soon go through the annual ritual of shutting a door. At midnight on Monday night, when the clock strikes twelve and the tooting of whistles and the clanging of bells announce the end of the old year, there will be people all over the land who will feel that they are actually closing some kind of door. And they are—the door of the old year. But the question is, how many of them really shut the doors of their minds on time?

There are some mental doors closed when we close the door of the old year. One of them is the Door of Worry Over Things Undone. What a common experience it is to be plagued by a haunting sense that we have probably left something undone which we ought to have attended to especially when the rush is over and the door is closed. And how many things undone we can recall when the door of the year is shut if we let our minds go out and dwell on them—the letters we didn't write, the little thoughtful services we might have rendered, the duties we left unperformed, the friendships we neglected, the good intentions we failed to carry out. They range all the way from unsent birthday greetings to seized opportunities. It is too late now. Shut that door. There are still chances and ways for atonement in the New Year.

Another is the Door of Regret over what was wrongly done. It is related of old Doctor Samuel Johnson that in the last years of his life he could be seen once a year standing bareheaded at a certain spot in the market place, sometimes in the pelting rain, as he patiently observed the anniversary of the day and place where in his boyhood, he had slashed his father with a bad-tempered tongue. If one should keep the door of his mind ajar he could peek out on any number of regretted sins and follies —quick-tempered thrusts which drew blood, the bit of meanness which was so uncalled for, that unjust suspicion, and that ill-founded judgment. Any one of us could spend a great many unhappy moments this side of the door of the old year regretting what was wrongly done. And perhaps as a penance we deserve to. Nevertheless, SHUT that door.

Still another door of our minds which ought to be closed is the Door of Brooding Over Past Injuries, real or fancied. There are some people who sing a perpetual hymn of resentment adding new stanzas to it from time to time. I was acquainted with a woman, whether now in the flesh I know not, who used to say with a flash of her dark eyes. "I am like an Indian I never forget an injury." And she didn't either. What a thing to boast about! Why be like an Indian instead of like a Christian? Still there are folk who next July will be brooding over the slights and injuries of last July. The door of the year 1945 will be closed but the door of 1945's feelings will still be open. In heaven's name, let us shut THAT door!

Once more there is the Door of Sorrows, the hardest of all doors to shut. One would not say, "Shut the door of sacred memory upon thee." That would not be right. But the door of a rankling grief is different. St. Paul put it very wisely and very beautifully when he said, "Grieve not as those who have no hope". The glory of tomorrow is its hope. The joy of a new year is the light in its coming days. Gently shut the door on these bitter painful memories that recede with the past year and open the door ahead with thanksgiving that God is God, and Love is Love, and Life is stronger than all its sorrows.

It is behind the closed door that we are most likely, when we turn, to find ourselves facing Christ. "When the doors were shut—Jesus came and stood in the midst." It is behind a closed door that the woman discovered that Power which mysteriously multiplied the oil until it filled all the empty capacities into which she poured it.

A Blessed New Year. But first—be sure to shut that door!

—Repeated by request.

The annual appeal for subscriptions to our Church Bulletin has been mailed out to our members this week. We hope there will be a generous response as the cost of printing has increased almost 50%. Since we began the practice of mailing these weekly leaflets our list has increased from 180 to 600.

The rector will preach at the Church of the Epiphany, Sherwood on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th at 8 P. M. He preached at the Leamy Home on December 30th.

LITANY FOR ALL MOTHERS

From slowness of heart to comprehend what is divine in the depth and constancy of a Mother's love:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the unreality of superficial sentiment, from commercial exploitation, and from all lip service to Motherhood while we neglect the weightier matters of justice and mercy and love:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By our remembrance of the Mother of our Lord standing by the cross of her well-beloved Son;

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to open our ears that we may hear the Saviour's word from the cross, Behold thy Mother;

We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us grace from this hour, with the swift obedience of beloved disciples, to take unto our own those widowed, bereft, hard-pressed in life.

We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to touch our hearts that we may behold our Mother in every woman; in women who toil in the factories and on the farms, in office and shop and home; in women of alien race and foreign clime, in women of every creed and color and condition;

We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to lay upon our conscience the unequal lot of the Mothers of the poor, the underprivileged, and the unemployed;

We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to excite our pity for all Mothers robbed of their beloved sons by war;

We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

That it may please Thee to kindle within us divine discontent with any social order which tolerates war, or poverty, or any preventable suffering among the Mothers of the world;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to hasten the coming of the divine society, when every Mother shall be secure, encompassed by loving provision for all her need;

We beseech Thee to hear us; good Lord.

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Mother's Day

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

PHILADELPHIA

Rogation Sunday
May 11, 1947

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The order of service is to be found on page 67.
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 175.

9:40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and SERMON by THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Louis Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 570 ..... *Elliott*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 57—Page 409
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Source of that power, which made her strong" .. *Edward Shippen Barnes*

Source of that pow'r, which made her strong For labors hard and vigils long, To suffer right and thwart the wrong, I need Thee, now, my mother's God.

Goal of her faith which wavered naught Through hardships borne and battles fought, Grateful for what her faith has wrought, I seek Thee now, my mother's God.

Author of light, which made her face A shining miracle of grace, For light in my own time and place, I pray Thee now my mother's God.

Fountain of love with which o'erflowed Her life, each deed in love bestowed, For that great love, my joy and goad, I thank Thee now my mother's God.

—Arthur L. Rice.

SERMON—"A Mother's World" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 504 ..... *Rhosymedre*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 514 ..... *Westridge*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDES—"Evensong" ..... *Charles Pearce*
Chorale Prelude on "Dundee" ..... *T. T. Noble*
"Cantilene" ..... *E. S. Hosmer*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 584 ..... *Materna*
OPENING SENTENCES—Page 21
PSALM 132—Page 508
HYMN 172 ..... *Merrial*
CREED and PRAYERS—Page 29
HYMN 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*
SERMON
OFFERTORY HYMN 276 ..... *Nun Danket*
DOXOLOGY—America
COLLECTS and PRAYERS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 566 ..... *Galilee*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" ..... *Buxtehude*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Margaret Dougherty in memory of her mother, Tabitha Frass, and by Mr. Clarence T. Garrett.

PARISH MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, at 6:00 P. M. A supper for all the Parish will be served. In the belief that all should enjoy the fellowship of this supper, a caterer has been secured to serve a meal for no more than one dollar a plate. Reservations must be made in advance.

Organization leaders should see that secretaries' and treasurers' reports (brief) are made to the meeting and that copies in writing are available to print in the annual booklet.

Besides the election to the Vestry, important matters are to be discussed. One purpose of this meeting is to show how wide-spread is the influence of the church and what numbers it benefits.

The Vestry will meet briefly on Monday, May 19th in order to organize under the Church Constitution.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, the Creator of all good things, make conscious to the torch-bearers of life—the mothers of the race—Thine infinite interest and care for them; fold them in the everlasting arms of Thy love.

Thou didst struggle with them as they climbed the steps of motherhood, through its travail of mind, body and soul. May their compensation be a clearer vision and a guiding wisdom, a love returned and understood, and the ultimate satisfaction of knowing that they have lifted those entrusted to their care up into helpful harmony with Thy Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Judges 5.

The Sermon:

"The mother of Sisera looked out from a window and cried through the lattice 'Why is his chariot so long in coming?'"

In world literature there is no finer portrayal of the spirit of the mother than this lyric. She was a pagan woman but the instincts of the maternal heart rise above any limitation of race or religion. The mother of Sisera stands at the window waiting the return of her warrior son. The shadows gather. The sun sinks in the western sky. Still she is there. Intently she listens for his chariot wheels. Impatiently she cries "Why is his chariot so long in coming?" She pictures his distant camp and the division of the spoils. The richest things are for her boy!

The scene gathers up a mother's pride, ambition, confidence. It never once occurs to her than her son might fall.

Is not this the epic of mothers? She is always believing, trusting, hoping, dreaming the best things for her child. In gayer mood and in graver moments no one understands the lad as the mother does.

We are noticeably silent today in our arguments against the equality of women. They have proved their equality *plus*. What we are most interested in is the *quality* of women—not the *equality*. There is the reason we turn to *Motherhood*. We have found that no civilization can rise higher than its womanhood.

In a very large part womanhood has entered nearly every walk of life for the sake of a *New Ideal*. She has realized that she has a special contribution to make. She sees things differently. A man usually asks: "How much will it cost?" "How much will it make?" A woman steeled in centuries of sacrifices breathes: "How will it affect my home?—my children?"

The *Ideal* of Motherhood will ever remain the highest ideal of womanhood. Nothing can ever replace this as her most cherished vocation. It is with this ideal in mind that woman has gone forth into every realm. Wherever she has gone life has been enriched and ennobled.

Is it not the extension of this ideal of Motherhood into all of life that will redeem our modern society? In no better way can we understand the *Universal Brotherhood* of the human family than in terms of the home in which the ideals of Motherhood holds sway.

Yes, this is a woman's world—a Mother's World! We honor all womanhood today as the Home, impersonated in a Mother, goes forth to conquer the world for the Kingdom of Christ.

Closing Prayer:

We thank Thee, Lord, for Christian homes, proud or humble, rich or poor, where men and women, boys and girls, may work and play and live in joyous comradeship; where unbreakable ties bind into a single unit the separate members, so that each is made strong in the strength of others. We ask it in Thy Name. Amen.

We wish to thank Mrs. Jane Dell, Mrs. Mae Gilbert, and Mrs. Gerald B. Street for their subscriptions to the 1947 Church Bulletin.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th

10:45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews will sing the Christmas Music.

The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25th

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

11:00 A. M.

Morning Prayer, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "CHRISTMAS OFFERING". Will you use it for an offering to Him?

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St. Stephen's Church

Christmas = = = = = = 1947

Christmas Eve — 10:45 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
and Holy Communion
10:45 P. M.

The Choir, under the Direction of
DR. MATTHEWS
will sing the Christmas Carols and Music

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude:
"Come Saviour of the Gentiles".....*J. S. Bach*
SOPRANO SOLO—
"O Lovely Voices of the Sky".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
Soloist, MISS FLORENCE MANNING
PROCESSIONAL CAROL 30—"The First Noel".....*Traditional*
KYRIE .....*T. Tertius Noble*
COLLECT, EPISTLE and GOSPEL—Page 98
CAROL—"Christmas Day" (Old English).....*Gustav Holst*
SERMON—"The Christmas Atmosphere".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL 21—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"...*American*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*T. Tertius Noble*
CAROL 33 (In Place of Communion Hymn)—
"O'er Bethlehem Plains".....*Danish**
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION
POSTLUDIUM CAROL—"Holy Night" (Kneeling)
RECESSIONAL HYMN 27—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"..*German*

**Arr. by H. Alexander Matthews*

Christmas Day — 11:00 A.M.

MORNING PRAYER and CAROL SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chimes and Improvisations on Familiar Carols
HYMN 12.....*Adeste Fideles*
MORNING PRAYER—Page 3
VENITE—Page 9 (Chant).....*Rimbault*
PSALM 19—Page 363
FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 9:2-7
HYMN 27 .....*Mendelssohn*
SECOND LESSON—St. Luke 2:1-20
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 (Chant).....*Novello*
CREED and PRAYERS—Page 15
HYMN 33.....*Holy Night*
SERMON—"The Christmas Story".....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 21.....*St. Louis*
CLOSING PRAYER
HYMN 19 .....*Carol*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Halleluia Chorus".....*Handel*

Christmas, 1947

HOME-COMING

A wise poet has sung the praises of Christmas "for the coming home to share in the Christmas joys!" For Christmas is, above all else, a home-coming day. By car, by train, by plane, people are speeding homeward—to gather around the family hearth this joyful season.

Deep in the heart of all of us, there is a greater home-coming at Christmas-tide. At midnight the church is thronged, and men and women who have not "been home" for many a moon kneel before the altar of God. Something draws them there that night that is stronger than all other desires—the mighty love of God drawing them back where they truly belong.

On Christmas Eve we stumbling human folk know our littleness—small children in a vast world where there is too much darkness for our liking. Deep down in us we feel our need of Him; we crave the comfort of His strong, protecting love. We come back to find that He loves us everlastingly, in spite of all that we are, and are not. On our knees, with empty hands stretched out for His feeding, we are filled with strength once more. We are home, where we are loved by Him Who is wise and great. A star of hope shines across the night, and we know that all things are possible to every soul that walks humbly and faithfully, guided by His wisdom.

May your Christmas-tide be joyful and prayerful!

Sincerely your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE.

The Church Staff—the Rector, Mr. Meckling, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary, the Verger and the Community House Sexton—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their *best Christmas wishes.*

A Christmas Prayer

O Almighty God, Who by the birth of Thy holy Child, Jesus hast given us a great Light to dawn upon our darkness; grant, we pray Thee, that in His light we may see light to the end of our days; and bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all men, that so the likeness of Thy Son may be formed in us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—(*Professor Knight, 19th century; adapted*)

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9:00 A. M.—Holy Communion
9:40 A. M.—Church School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon

WEEKDAY SERVICES 12: 30-12: 55

Wednesdays
Noonday Service with Address
Holy Communion on the Last Wednesday in the Month

Thursdays
Healing Service with Sermon and the Laying-on-of-Hands

Fridays
Holy Communion

THE VESTRY

Meets Second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
DR. HERBERT OLD, Rector's Warden
I. SMITH RASPIN, ESQ., Accounting Warden
DAVID L. GERMAN, ESQ., Clerk of Vestry
EDWARD SHIPPEN MORRIS, ESQ., Treasurer of the Burd School

DEAN EMORY R. JOHNSON — MR. HARRY J. HAUGER — MR. J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG
MR. WILLIAM H. HOLLAR, JR. — EDWIN S. HEINS, ESQ. — MR. J. B. MEARNS
MR. CHARLES K. HAY — MR. JAMES OTIS LYMAN

THE CHOIR

SOPRANOS—Margaret Keiser, *soloist;* Janice Bushnell, Dorothy Campbell, Phyllis Matthews, Christine Mosler, Mary Jane Lunding, Margaret Nichols.

ALTOS—Vera Coen, Kathryne Irene Freed, Winifred Douglass, Irene T. Staton.

TENORS—Albert E. Clarke, Theodore Boyd, Walter Breyer, David Titlow.

BASSES—Donald W. Belcher, Frank Grimm, Jr., William McLeod, Robert Staton, Jr.

Organist—DR. H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS, Telephone, RI 6-0810
Presser Building
Assistant Organist, Mrs. Samuel N. Hughes
Organist and Choirmaster for the Hard of Hearing, Mr. Norman C. Coombs
Librarian, Miss May Falkingham
Bell Ringers, Mr. Robert Staton, Jr. (Sundays)
Mr. Donald W. Belcher, Assistant
Mr. George H. Streaker (Weekdays)

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone number, WA 2-3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Church School meets at 9:40 a.m. The Church School Teachers meet for discussion the fourth Monday of each month. Time and place announced.

The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet at follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6 p.m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 p.m.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays; supper at 6 p.m.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a.m.
The Wednesday Night Club: Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting, Third Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Class on Personal Religion: Every Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p.m.
St. Stephen's Service Club: Sunday, 8:30 P. M.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Principal—Miss Florence L. Davies. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years; kept until at least eighteen. Educated and professionally equipped gratis.

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A PILGRIMAGE

For those who wish to know something about the history and interesting details of the Church, Mr. I. Smith Raspin will conduct a pilgrimage after the morning service. Those who wish to join the group are asked to meet in the front pews.

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the earpiece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service in the church endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear, anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview. Veterans are especially welcome.

Trinity Sunday
June 1, 1947

REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D.
Rector

H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS, MUS.D.
Organist and Choirmaster

MR. GEORGE H. STREAKER
Lay Reader

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Community House, 923 Ludlow St., THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING, Director

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The order of service is to be found on page 67.
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 186.

9:40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and SERMON by THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chant de May"....*Jongen*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 274....*Jeffery*
KYRIE ELEISON....*Stainer*
ANTHEM—"I am Alpha and Omega"....*Stainer*
OFFERTORY HYMN 266....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS....*Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 208....*Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 599....*Vigeles et Sancti*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDES—Grand Choeur....*R. L. Bedell*
Communion....*H. A. Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 519....*Ton-y-Botel*
PSALM 97—Page 460
MAGNIFICAT in A Minor....*Campbell*
HYMN 126 (4 stanzas)....*Sine Nomine, 1st Tune*
SERMON....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
ANTHEM—Behold, Now Praise the Lord....*Titcomb*
SOLO—Recessional....*DeKoven*
MR. JOHN MORRELL, *Baritone*
OFFERING—Doxology
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
KNEELING HYMN 512 (two stanzas)....*Melita*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433....*Langran*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—Sortie....*Leon LeCocq*

The Altar flowers today are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker.

EDITORIAL

First, some facts!

1. The Philippine constitution, as originally adopted, required that 60 per cent of each corporate business must be owned by Filipinos.

2. In 1946 Congress passed the Tydings War Damage Act, granting $620,000,000 for rehabilitation work in the Philippines, *but with the proviso that the Philippines should grant to United States citizens equal rights in "exploitation".* Yes, that very word was used.

3. On March 11, 1947 the Filipinos voted to amend their constitution as Washington wanted.

The Consequence of the facts!

Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin has just arrived home from a tour of the East in behalf of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. He visited the Philippines.

Dr. Coffin reports that the prestige of the United States, once so high in the Philippines, has sunk very low and is still going down.

When he asked informed Filipinos the reason, he was told that it was because of our "capitalistic exploitation" of the islands.

When Dr. Coffin asked what was meant by our capitalistic exploitation, he was shown the stipulation of the Tydings Act. Obviously, having been called upon to amend their constitution in order to get the benefits of the Act, all Filipinos know of the proviso insisting on American equality in "exploitation."

Obviously, also, very few Americans knew of the crude and shocking condition which was attached to the rehabilitation grant. (The grant alone would not have been charity since the use of the Philippines was essential to our strategy against Japan and at the time the damage was done the Philippines were under American sovereignty.)

But the facts are out now and surely the moral indignation of the people of the United States will demand the repeal of that vicious proviso.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, give us grace to contend always for what is true and right, and to be ready, if need be, to suffer for it. Give us not over to fearfulness of soul, but lift us into that love which casteth out fear, so that we may glorify and enjoy Thee now and for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Presbyterian "Book of Common Worship" 1946.*)

Bible Reading: Matthew 26:47-56

The Sermon:

Back in April there were two notable events: Some American planes made a demonstration of strength over the Greek guerilla armies, and a Korean lad won the Boston Marathon race.

Our American planes flew over the Greek rebels to show them how powerful the United States air force is, and to warn them that they'd better be good boys, and stop rebelling. (It seems a little strange for a nation which won its freedom by a revolution to be threatening rebels, does it not!) The pity of it is that this kind of "diplomacy" only cuts its own throat in the long run. Waving our fist under the nose of Russia can only make Russia hate us more; can only justify the Russian government in calling us "the American bully". You can't stop Communism, or any other way of life, by means of planes and armies, any more than the Roman Empire could stop Christianity with its well-armed legions. Ideas, faiths, cannot be checked by force of arms. Christianity captured the Roman Empire in two short centuries without ever drawing a sword. As Jesus said, "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." It does not take a long memory to recall how Germany proved the truth of that teaching twice in the past thirty years. God help the United States if we embark seriously on the sword-rattling game of power-politics, which leads only to destruction.

On the other hand, there is a simple and victorious way of drawing nations together into peace tand friendship. Out in Korea, where our American soldiers are still on guard duty, communism and democracy are struggling, each seeking to win the loyalty of those people, some of our G. I.'s noticed a Korean lad, a long-distance runner, and were so impressed by his speed and stamina that they told him that he should go across the world to compete in the famous Boston Marathon run. When they found that he did not have enough money for the trip, they dug down deep in their pockets, and collected the necessary amount. So he went; and he won the race in world's record time. No one can calculate the sum of friendship those G. I.'s won for our nation by this simple act of friendship. But one can guess what the little Korean runner thinks of the United States, and what his countrymen are thinking, as a result of the generosity of our boys. Such practical "diplomacy", which is simply the application of Jesus' teaching, builds for peace and friendship across the world.

On Memorial Day, we recall the costly sacrifices of past generations, out of love for their country; that their children might live in peace. Today it is clear that the way of peace does not run along the primrose path of power-politics, it runs along the way that Jesus trod, the way of quiet determined, honest friendship for all men.

Closing Prayer:

The very God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Members of the Philadelphia Light Opera Workshop will sing the Music Program of the Evening Prayer Memorial Day Service, Sunday, June 1st, at 7:30 P. M. (Members of St. Stephen's Church who would like to sing in the Philadelphia Light Opera Workshop are welcome. Contact the Rev. Mr. Meckling, or Mr. Edward James Snyder, Director.)

The Church School Picnic is Saturday, June 7th. Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Boat Ride to Riverside Beach. The boat leaves Chestnut Street Pier at 9:00 A. M. Tickets are 70 cents for adults, and 40 cents for children under twelve (other than members of the Church School). Please notify the Church Office if you are able to go, and how many tickets you require.

Mr. Edward J. Cooke, Jr., is to be graduated from the University of Pennsylvania June 7th, and hopes to enter Law School in the fall. Our hearty congratulation.

The Young People's Club has made a gift of five dollars and the Woman's Auxiliary has made a gift of fifty dollars to the World Relief Fund, and the Girls' Friendly has made an additional gift of one hundred dollars to this fund. Many thanks!

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 111....*Webbe*
VENITE—Page 9....*Chant*
PSALM 119: V, VI, VII—Page 492
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11....*Gaul*
JUBILATE—Page 15....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"God is a Spirit"....*Sterndale Bennett*
God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.
SERMON—"Playing with Fire"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 368....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 108....*Pleyel*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Veni Creator"....*Mulet*
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ORGAN POSTLUDE....*Attwood*

The flowers on the Altar are presented by Dr. and Mrs. Emery Johnson.

We wish to thank Mrs. Lawrence P. Thayer and Mr. Raymond Winters for their subscriptions to the 1947 Church Bulletin.

One hundred and eighteen people attended the Annual Parish Dinner and Meeting. It was the best ever! Miss Marion Headman who has served as secretary of the duplex-envelope system for the past twenty-five years was presented with a lovely pocketbook filled with silver. Mr. James Carrigan who has served the church so faithfully for forty years as verger was presented with a check for three hundred and fifty dollars from the members of the congregation. The account of the proceedings will appear in print shortly in the Annual Booklet.

WORLD RELIEF

The truck which is to carry material aid from this area to the World Relief Center at New Windsor, Md., leaves on Monday, May 26th. Any clothing, household linens, etc., for the needy peoples of Europe and Asia which our people would like to contribute at this time should be sent to the Parish House promptly.

The Young People's Club of St. Stephen's Church is giving a Strawberry Festival in the Community House of the Church on Saturday evening, May 24th at 8:30. The entertainment will be Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera "Trial by Jury," presented by the Philadelphia Light Opera Workshop. There will also be dancing and refreshments. All are most welcome to attend this Strawberry Festival and the charge is small, sixty-five cents.

MAY FETE

On Wednesday, May 28th, the May Fete Committee of the Episcopal Hospital will again hold that enjoyable annual affair on the grounds of the Hospital, (Front and Lehigh Avenue). Gay Booths will be ready for visitors at 11:00 A. M. Luncheon will be served, a snack bar all day, tea, music, tours of the Hospital, and supper will, we hope, attract many loyal Episcopalians and their friends.

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Opening Prayer:

O God, Who knowest what we need, give us Thy Holy Spirit to teach us what to ask for, and grace to employ Thy gifts in Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31

The Sermon:

The life of the great novelist, Walter Scott, was like a three-act play. First, the youthful days when poetry poured from his pen like song from the throat of a bird—he was the darling of the gods, and no prize seemed beyond his grasp. In those days he mounted up on wings as an eagle. Then came the middle years, when he built up fame and fortune by writing one great novel after another. He worked while others slept, drawing on resources that seemed inexhaustible. In those middle years he ran swiftly, and was not weary. Then came the dark hour when suddenly he found himself facing a debt of over half a million dollars, through the failure of the publishing business he owned. He could have slipped out from under this staggering burden by going into bankruptcy, and settled with his creditors for a small part of the debt. But Scott was of finer fibre than that, and he declared, "If I live and retain my health, no man shall lose a penny by me." So, at the age of fifty-five, he plunged passionately into working to pay off this debt of honor. Day after day, month after month, he worked and worked. Now he no longer mounted up on wings as an eagle, nor ran without weariness; but he *did* walk, and not faint. He wrecked his health with his terrific work; but, in the end, every penny of the debt was repaid.

The prophet promised that those that wait upon the Lord will always renew their strength; always find the power needed to carry out God's purposes. And it is a golden experience, after falling flat on our faces, to call upon God, and feel the returning rush of new vigor, and soar back into life and work and achievement. It is exhiliarating, also, when the chariot-wheels of our lives have been driving heavily, to turn to our Creator, and have him pour new vitality into our spirits, and find ourselves miraculously speeding onward again. But, often in the wisdom of God, it is not our privilege to experience either of these two glorious renewals. Instead, we find ourselves renewed only to the point where we can work on quietly, usefully, without thrills, and without glory, and achieve the task God gave us to do. We are pedestrians on the road of life; but pedestrians on God's business!

Some of the noblest lives I know are God's pedestrians. It takes greater character, tougher fibre of soul, closer walking with God, to walk and not faint. For that very reason I believe that, if you walk onward with quiet courage, without fainting or quitting, you give special joy to the heart of God. And, if you keep at it, you will find that serenity which is the "peace that passeth all understanding."

Closing Prayer:

O Loving Spirit, by Whose gift alone we can worthily serve our Maker: Mercifully grant that Thy power and wisdom may in all things uphold and guide our hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Signed with the sign of the Cross"

April 20—Gayle Susan Davis
Robert Drew Miller
May 18—Peter Michael Bleakley
25—Deanna Woodill
25—Lynn Joanne Connelly

MARRIAGES

"To love and to cherish till death us do part"

March 29—Jesse Raymond Haines
Burnadette Marie Bradley
May 3—James Whedbee
Marie Warrington

BURIALS

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service"

May 10—Agnes H. MacAlister
10—Elizabeth Bowen Clayton
15—Sarah A. Metz

NEW COMMUNICANTS

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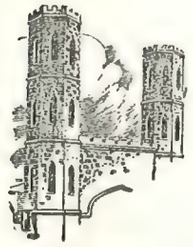
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104....*Monk*
VENITE—Page 9....*Chant*
PSALM 91—Page 454
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Unfold ye portals"....*Charles Gounod*

"Unfold, ye portals everlasting, With welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, Back to the heavenly mansions hasting For lo, the King comes nigh. But Who is He the King of Glory? He Who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty. But Who is He, the King of Glory? Of hosts He is the Lord of angels and of powers. The King of Glory is the King of the saints.

SERMON—"Using Our Failures"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 352....*Elvey*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356....*Monk*

The Lenten Offering of the Church Schools will be presented at a great service to be held on the grounds of the Episcopal Academy, Sunday afternoon at 4:00 P. M. Our offering this year is $200.00.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—
"Evening Prayer"....*Frederick Keats*
"I will Sing the Saviour's Praises"....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 352....*Diademata*
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PSALMS 46, 47—Page 397
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DOXOLOGY—America
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 105....*Coronde*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Trumpet Tune"....*Purcell*

EDITORIAL

It is tragic that the current debate about labor legislation is, with rare exception, being conducted without the presence of or apparent concern for the one who should be Exhibit Number One—the average individual working man.

In the struggle for power between top labor and management this average worker has been and is being kicked around rather consistently.

It is at this point that religion must be greatly concerned, for a primary purpose of religion is to bring about a society in which to each individual is accorded that dignity of personality due him as a child of God. It is safe to say that where management conscientiously applies this fundamental religious concept it has industrial harmony and peace—witness among others the notable record of the Standard Oil of New Jersey. Where it fails to do this—it develops a John L. Lewis.

But the time has come when this individual worker needs protection not merely from the abuses of management. In all too many instances labor leadership has treated the worker as a mere pawn in the struggle for power and privilege. In some instances labor leadership has been as dictatorial and cruel as the most unjust management that is recorded in American industrial history. It is doubtful if any employer has been more abusive of power than, for instance, the leadership of the International Longshoremen's Association.

If we must have labor legislation, and it is assumed that some is needed, our legislation should begin by establishing a Bill of Rights for the average individual worker. Only on such a foundation can we build for industrial peace and prosperity.

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Bible Reading: Matthew 16:13-18

The Sermon:

In the old days when Greece was made up of many little states, the King of Sparta was visited by an ambassador from one of the other states. The King showed him around the city with pride. "It's a fine city", the visitor said, with a question mark in his voice, "but I am surprised that Sparta has no city walls." "Tomorrow morning I'll show you the walls of Sparta," the King replied with a quiet smile. The next day dawned, and the King took his visitor out on the palace terrace, from which they could look down to the plain below, where ten thousand men were at work. "There," said the King, "are the walls of Sparta. Ten thousand men, and every one of them a brick!" (That, by the way, is the origin of the friendly expression of praise, when some one says, "He's a brick!")

In the days when Jesus walked among men, and spoke so often about the Kingdom of God, even His own disciples were puzzled because He never spoke of armed soldiers and fortifications. To them a kingdom meant a stronghold, protected by the ancient implements of war. But Jesus knew that the only enduring strength lies in the invisible forces of character trained by God. A mighty Maginot Line becomes tissue paper when the morale of its defenders is undermined. So, in His wisdom, Jesus discarded the old and shaky defenses, and put His whole confidence into the building of people whose lives would be castles occupied by the Spirit of God. Thus defended, He knew that they could meet life's most shattering blows with victory. Look out across the world today, and see the chaos caused by frightened statesmen who measure strength by an atomic bomb. They have no defense against the enemy, Fear. Jesus was wiser than they.

We do not know whether the frightened statesmen are leading our world towards a catastrophe beyond our imaginations. But one thing we do know. That there is just one course open to us as Christians. Each of us is one brick, one stone in the wall of our country; one brick in the Kingdom of God. If each builds that brick strong with the peaceful wisdom of God, then he is doing his best to strengthen that Kingdom of God which, again and again through history, has survived the decay and fall of great nations and empires. When Jesus looked ahead and planned for the upbuilding of His Kingdom, He looked at Peter (the average man, at God's service) and said, "Upon this Rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So to your building, Peter!

Closing Prayer:

O Jesus Christ, Who has made us living members of Thy Church; keep us steadfast in faith, obedient to Thy voice, and constant in prayer; that we may have power and strength to fight manfully under Thy banner, and obtain the victory; to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.—*(John W. Suter.)*

The Annual Burd Day is May 24th. You are cordially invited to the School at 4226 Baltimore Avenue at 4:00 o'clock. There will be a play presented by the girls and diplomas presented to the graduates.

Suddenly, the home-call came to Agnes MacAllister on May 7th. God has taken her to labor with Him in the spacious fields of eternity. May God bless her and keep her evermore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowen Clayton, wife of a former Verger of St. Stephen's, passed away in her 93rd year in Washington, D. C. Service was conducted by the rector in the church on May 10th. Mrs. Clayton was an active member of the Woman's Auxiliary and served with distinction for many years as the chairman of the Negro Committee. May she rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

WORLD RELIEF

We have received $890.70 toward our parish goal of $916.00 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. We have every hope and expectation that we will over subscribe our quota by Whit-Sunday, May 25th. The gifts so far have ranged from twenty-five cents to three hundred dollars. So far, so good! Whatever gift you may be able to make will be gratefully received. Hunger cannot wait.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 558 .....*Gauntlett*
KYRIE .....*Stainer*
ANTHEM: "Ye who have spent the silent night".....*George Dyson*

Ye who have spent the silent night
In sleep and quiet rest,
And joy to see the light
That riseth in the east;

And as this gloomy night did last
But a little space;
As heavenly day
Doth show his pleasant face,

Now lift your hearts, your voices raise,
Your morning tribute bring,
And pay a grateful song of praise
To Heav'n's Almighty King.

So let us hope, when faith and love
Their work on earth have done,
God's blessed face to see above
Heav'n's better, brighter Sun.

SERMON: "All Gone To Pieces?" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 415 .....*Marsh*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 (verses 1, 2 and 3).....*St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 .....*Monk*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 270 .....*St. Athanasius*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 321 .....*Margaret*
DOXOLOGY—AMERICA
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 304 .....*Beecher*

The flowers on the Altar today have been presented by Mrs. James F. Armstrong in memory of her husband; also in memory of Mr. Clarence S. Slatcher, given by his family.

The rector's sermon of last Sunday "Hasten the Day", has been chosen as the SERMON OF THE WEEK by the *Churchman Magazine* in a national contest on sermons preached by ministers and rabbis on the subject of goodwill and brotherhood. The best sermon of the year will be chosen from the fifty-two weekly sermons and a prize awarded. All the weekly sermons will then be published in book form. The weekly sermons are being delivered by outstanding laymen over Station WOR every Sunday at 9:15 A. M. Mr. Owen J. Roberts will deliver the rector's sermon on Sunday, May 4th. Other prize sermons have been read by Ex-Governor Herbert Lehman, Ex-Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia, Mayor O'Dwyer, Ralph Bellamy, Frederic March, Florence Eldridge and Raymond Massey.

PARISH MEETING

The rector is anxious to have a record attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. A fine home-cooked dinner will be served, there will be the election to the Vestry, and important matters to be discussed. One purpose of this meeting is to show those who help maintain this down-town church by their gifts, attendance, and co-operation, how wide-spread is the influence of the church and what numbers it benefits. Please make no engagements for that night and make it a point to attend. Wednesday, May 14th is the date. The time is 6:00 P. M. and the dinner will cost one dollar. Secure your reservation today.

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O Lord, Who hast taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; grant this for Thine own Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

(Archbishop Cranmer, 1540 A. D.)

Bible Reading: 1 John 4:7-18.

The Sermon:

Those who have studied the strategy of warfare are familiar with the "flank-attack". The idea is that you do not attack the enemy head-on, at his strongest point; but rather approach him from the side. The same strategy is necessary in spiritual warfare. As we saw last week, you do not overcome sin and impurity in others by attacking it directly, but by the spiritual flank-attack of lifting Christ before them. The same indirect strategy is called for if we are to overcome fear in our lives.

The writer of the first epistle of John indicated clearly the victorious flank-attack on fear when he said, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." In other words, if fear of any kind grips you, occupy yourself straightway with the needs of those about you. Don't fight the fear directly; turn away from it, and write a letter to a friend, fix the kitchen door for your wife, bake one of your husband's favorite pies, telephone your neighbor to inquire about her sick child, start making out your order for the seed company so you'll have a fine garden for the family. In other words, train yourself in the honest practice of loving-kindness, and you will defeat fear; for most fear and fretting is worry about yourself, is plain selfishness. When Jesus said, "Thou shalt love", He was laying down the spiritual strategy against fear, and many other evils. If you learn the habit of concern for others, fear will be pushed out of your life. Dr. Link tells this simple story of the conquest of fear, in the words of the young woman who won the victory:

"As a young woman I was troubled with many fears, one of which was the fear of insanity. After my marriage and the birth of our first child, these fears still persisted. However, we soon had another child, and ended up by having six. We never had much money and I had to do all my own work with practically no help. Whenever I started to worry about myself, the baby would cry and I would have to run and look after him. Or the children would quarrel, and I would have to straighten them out. Or I would suddenly remember that it was time to start dinner, or that I must run out and take in the wash before it rained, or that the ironing had to be done. My fears were continually interrupted by the needs of my family, which I had to do something about quickly. Gradually my fears about myself disappeared, and now I look back on them with amusement".

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Closing Prayer:

Now the Lord of peace Himself give us peace always by all means; the Lord direct our hearts unto the love of God; the Lord be with us all for evermore. Amen.

(St. Paul)

THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S FUND

To date we have raised only about $300.00 of the $1,700.00 which is our quota for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. Some parishes in the Diocese have already gone over their quota. I am sure that St. Stephen's Church will not lag behind them. We have until Whitsunday, May 25th, to fulfill our obligation to the suffering peoples—our fellow Christians in Europe and Asia.

The money we raise will be distributed through Christian churches. If a great disaster were to befall us Christians in America, I am sure we would think it strange if Christian people in other countries did not come to our assistance. From the earliest days of Christianity Christians have tried to help their brethren. St. Paul took up a collection in the new churches which he founded to send help to "the saints who were in Jerusalem".

Please give generously to his cause. It is a test of our Christian compassion.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561.....*Gadsby*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALMS 121 and 122—Page 502
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Gaul*
JUBILATE—Page 15.....*Mozart*
ANTHEM—"At Thy feet we humbly kneel".....*J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel,
Lord, be near us.
May we now Thy presence feel,
Lord, be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee,
Lord, be near us;
In Thy mercy hear us;
Keep us free from all alarms,
Lord, be near us;
In Thine everlasting arms,
Hold and cheer us.
Bind our souls with bonds of faith,
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SERMON—"The Open Sesame of Prayer".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 419.....*Burt*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 553.....*Smart*

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDES—Three Verses from the Te Deum.....*arr. by Bonnett*
Grand Choir.....*Jacob Bonset*
Arioso.....*J. S. Bach*
Prelude and Fugue on Bach.....*Bruce Steane*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 349.....*Watermouth*
OPENING SENTENCES—Page 21
PSALMS 123, 124—Page 504
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HYMN 345.....*Dominus Regit Me*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 343.....*Gerentius*
DOXOLOGY—America
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 579.....*Marion*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Chaccone".....*Louis Couperin*

We wish to thank Miss Marion Hart and Miss Ida M. Landenberger for their subscriptions to the 1947 Church Bulletin.

The speaker for our Area Meeting on Christian World Order will be the Hon. Chester E. Merrow (Republican, New Hampshire) who is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The subject—"Aid to Greece?" The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29th, at 8:00 P. M. at St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village, 3914 Locust Street.

CHANGE OF TIME

Daylight Saving begins at 2:00 A. M. Sunday, April 27th. Pay back the borrowed hour on Sunday, September 28th!

The Vestry and their wives were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Heins, Jr. for dinner at the Hotel Barclay, on April 14th, when gifts were presented by the Vestrymen to Dean Johnson who has served on St. Stephen's Vestry for 30 years, Dr. Old for 27 years, Mr. Raspin and Mr. Hollar for 25 years, respectively. Not to be left out, the Rector was the recipient of a beautiful Parker pen and pencil set for his fifth anniversary. The Vestry and their ladies had a most enjoyable evening.

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Bible Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

The Sermon:

One of the commonest mistakes in Christian living is to think that we can help people by saying, "You must *not* do that harmful thing." That does not succeed. But, if we carry in our hearts the true spirit of our Master; if our deeds are channels of His love, His cleanness, His strength, people are drawn away from their sins, toward Him. In that way we can become "the salt of the earth", "the light of the world." A friend has told me this story, which vividly shows us the way:

"A young man entered training as an art student in London. During those years he thought he would draw a portrait of Christ. He was disappointed . . . he tried, and failed and tore it up. He tried again later, but failed to satisfy himself. The World War broke out and his work came to an end. He went to camp and was finally sent to France and to the front. He was billeted in a French chateau in a room with nine other men. When he went to bed the first night, he was distressed to see over the beds of the other men vulgar drawings that were being circulated in those days. He was tempted impetuously to pull them down, but remembered that everyone had a right to put on his wall-space whatever he liked, so he planned rather what he would do with the space over his bed.

"The only spare time he had was at night, and the only drawing material a pencil and a plain post-card. He determined to try again to draw a head of Christ. He worked on his drawing for several nights, with only a candle to give him light, and when it was finished, he nervously pinned it on his wall. He did not know what the other men would say or do when they saw it in the morning.

"In the morning they simply looked at it, said nothing, and went out. In a few days all the other pictures were pulled down by them, and only his drawing remained. He had lifted up the Risen Christ in testimony to those around him."

In your heart you want to lift up the Risen Christ to those about you. Remember that you cannot do it by criticizing the wall-space of their lives. But, if you have the likeness of the Christ living in the wall-space of your life, it will do wonders in the lives of those about you, who will *change themselves* because they find a bit of Him in you!

Closing Prayer:

All through this week, Lord, let me touch the lives of others for good, by the power of Thy quickening Spirit, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(A. S. T. Fisher)*

MATERIAL AID

Now is the time to check for clothing for relief. Find the things your children have outgrown: shoes, snow-suits, baby clothes, coats. Take out the spare blankets you never use, the worn sheets, the unused tablecloths. Separate from your own clothes the things you seldom wear. If you can do without them, give them. In the lands across the sea, none of these things are available and all are needed. St. Stephen's has bags big enough to hold 20 to 30 pounds of clothing, shoes and bedding. No box, no string, no wrapping paper are needed. All you have to do is pull the drawstring top of the bag, tie it, shut and ship it. The address of the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Md. is already stencilled on. Ask for your bag today.

PRAY DAILY

O God, guide and enable Thy people of St. Stephen's Church that they may find ways and means to pledge and pay the total amount needed by the Episcopal Church for its program of material aid for World Relief. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

AN INVITATION TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH

The Young People's Club is having a baked ham supper in the Community House, Wednesday, April 30th, 5:30 to 7:00 P. M.—50c. All young people are welcome. After the Supper at 8:30 there will be the monthly business meeting followed by dancing.

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JUBILATE—Page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence" ..... *Schubert*

Great is Jehovah, the Lord, For Heaven and Earth testify to His great pow'r! 'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, In the torrent's loud thundering roar; Great is Jehovah, the Lord, Mighty is His pow'r! 'Tis heard in the rustling leaves in the forest, Seen in the waving of golden fields, In the loveliest flowers' gaudy array, 'Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven. Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll, and flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash. Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah's pow'r. The Lord God Almighty. Look thou praying to Heav'n, And hope for grace and for mercy.

SERMON—"The Value of Good Habits"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 433..... *Lanfran*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN
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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 339..... *St. Christopher*

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Our quota is $1,700.00. Envelopes have been sent in which to make your offering.

In Europe the aid will be administered by the World Council of Churches; in Asia, through the National Christian Councils.

A group of American soldiers accompanied a shipment of heavy machinery from Okinawa to Burma. Each took along a $10.00 bill knowing that with the fabulous money exchange rates they could buy silk kimona's and other souvenirs while passing through China. So pathetic were the sights along the streets, however, that the boys pooled their money, totaling $680.00, and turned it in to buy food for the people. Returning to their base they were surprised to find a citation waiting for them. It spoke of their generous donation to the food fund and revealed that with their money 30,000 persons were fed for one week.

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A group of girls in a Children's Home in New York City wanted to do something to help in overseas relief and decided to go without their dessert twice a week and send the equivalent of the food they saved to the children overseas. As a result of this self-denial they contributed to Church World Service the sum of $32.00.

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You can't spare any more for overseas relief? Mrs. E's husband, a private in the Army was killed in the Pacific. Shortly thereafter her baby died. Now she has a job and is trying to support an older child and rebuild her life. She sent $21.80 . . . the tithe of her first month's salary, saying she wants a part in helping to make the world a better place in which to live.

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Opening Prayer:

O God, may the grace of courage, gaiety, and the quiet mind, with all such blessedness as belongs to the children of the Father in heaven, be ours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*American Grey Book, adapted.*)

Bible Reading: Romans 8:29-39

The Sermon:

Last Sunday we were thinking together of the invisible world, and its power in the lives of men. I wonder if you have noticed how the faces of men and women, as they grow older, reveal the unseen forces and dreams which they have held most dear.

There are some tragic elderly faces, which, year after year, grow more coarse and hard; others, if you catch them in repose, which show defeat of the soul and disappointment in life; sombre faces, where the light has gone out, as a darkened house with no lighted windows. These are the lives which have companied with self-pity, or counted too heavily on the pleasures of the body, or paid little heed to God. And this inner world within their hearts leaves its mark plainly on the open book of their faces.

And there are, thank God, glorious lives which lived in daily company with the unseen Master, guiding themselves by His promptings, girding themselves with His unshakable faith in the Eternal. So, as the writer of Hebrews put it, their faces and their characters become "conformed to the image of His Son"—something of Him speaks through their talk, lights up their friendships, glows in their smile. *Whatever we keep in our hearts—we become like that.* So take care about the hospitality of your heart—which remembrances you brood over, which hopes and dreams you cherish, for an unknown writer has put it:

"You don't have to tell how you live each day,
You don't have to say if you work or play.
A tried, true barometer serves in the place—
However you live, it will show in your face.
The false, the deceit, that you bear in your heart,
Will not stay inside where it first got its start;
For sinew and blood are thin veils of lace—
What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

"If you've gambled and won in the great game of life,
If you feel you have conquered the sorrow and strife,
If you've played the game fair and you stand on first base,
You don't have to say so; it shows in your face.
If your life is unselfish, and for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you give,
If you live close to God in His infinite grace—
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Closing Prayer:

And now unto Him Who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory through all ages, world without end. Amen.

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The Spring ingathering of the United Thank Offering at St. Stephen's will be Sunday, April 20th. You are asked to bring the contents of your United Thank Offering Blue Box to the 11:00 A. M. service on that Sunday. Every woman of the parish and church should share in this offering of women workers in the mission field at home and abroad.

The Girls' Friendly will have a Card Party in the Community House on April 28 at 8:00 P. M. for the benefit of the Girls' Friendly Church on Wheels which is doing such fine work in the rural sections of Mississippi and Kentucky. Bring your friends. The price of tickets is 35 cents.

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TE DEUM—Page 10.....*T. Tertius Noble*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Christ is arisen".....*Fehrmann*

Christ is arisen!
Tell it from the mountains,
Christ is arisen!
Sound it through the valleys.

Sin now is conquered,
Christ doth atone,
Death now is vanquished,
Victory won!

When to the dark tomb women came sadly
Angels there told them these tidings gladly;
Join we the angels, glad heart and voice,
Christ is arisen, Christians rejoice!

Christ is arisen!
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Jesus hath broken bonds of the grave,
Risen victorious, mighty to save,
Christ is arisen!

SERMON—"The Clue to Life".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 88.....*Gauntlett*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 96.....*Martin*

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Eternal God, the light of the minds that know Thee, the joy of the hearts that love Thee, and the strength of the wills that serve Thee; grant us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee; so to love, that we may full serve Thee, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Amen. (*American Grey Book*)

Bible Reading: St. John 12: 24-25

The Sermon:

There is nothing in the world more commonplace than a seed. The pictures in the seed catalogs, and those on the small envelope in which seeds are commonly vended are far more interesting to most of us than the seeds themselves. A seed takes on importance only when we remember the marvelous powers bottled up in it. If we meditate about a seed it is no longer something to be taken for granted; it becomes a reservoir of energy and of life. It has the power to multiply itself. One seed, carefully tended, can produce hundreds of seeds just like itself.

Human life is also commonplace. When we see a person walking down the street we do not stop and wonder that he is alive. If he were not alive he would not be there. But again, as in the case of a seed, something tremendous is bottled up here. The life that makes a person able to move and to think, also makes it possible for him to love or to hate, to be a saint or a sinner; to live a life that matters or one that is worthless or worse than worthless.

A seed is destined to be put into the ground and lose its life for its posterity. A human life is destined to live not for itself alone but in living service for other lives, as they in their turn are destined to serve it. A life that is not concerned simply with moving its own body about and giving it pleasant sensations, but rather seeks to associate helpfully with other lives, loses its commonplaceness and becomes as wonderful as a seed.

My brother, we have the power to plant seeds. We also have the power to use our lives for the purpose God has assigned to them.

Closing Prayer:

Protect us, O Lord, in all the changes of this mortal life, that we, surely trusting in Thy never-failing love, may accept the issues of life in the glad service of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*American Grey Book*)

$1,000,000.00

There! I knew that would catch your eye!

I wish I could say that all of you would receive that amount if you attended every Sunday from now until Whitsunday. But the Church has little money to give away.

$1,000,000 is what the Episcopal Church, in its General Convention in Philadelphia last September, voted unanimously to raise each year for three years for relief of suffering in the needy countries of the world.

But, you say, we have already given for that purpose through the Reconstruction and Advance Fund. So we have. But not enough. The need is something tremendous. You should see Bishop Sherrill's face (our Presiding Bishop) whenever he recalls the sights he saw on his European trip last year. He is normally a cheerful man, but the recollection of the world's suffering has made lines of suffering on his face which will never be erased.

One of the primary demands upon Christian people is that to which the Good Samaritan responded. Our mandate to raise this money comes from the General Convention, but it came to them from the higher compulsion of the Christian Gospel itself.

Bishop Hart figures that the Diocese of Pennsylvania should raise $100,000. In order that this amount may be raised, each parish has been asked to set as its goal not less than one-third of its accepted proportional share of the missionary budget. Our goal at St. Stephen's is $1,700.00. If everybody gives this will not put a great strain on any of us.

Between now and Whitsunday, I will tell you about the needs in many ways, and you will have an opportunity to see two moving pictures taken in Europe the Summer and Fall of 1946. Special envelopes for your gifts of money will be provided.

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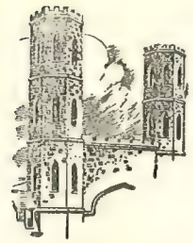
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Gounod
ANTHEM—"The March to Calvary" (From the Crucifixion).....*John Stainer*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SERMON—"Nevertheless" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 65.....*Horsley*
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 64.....*Dykes*

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OFFERTORY—"The Palms" .....*Jean Baptiste Faure*
(MARY MILLHAM)
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
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Let Thy Spirit, O Lord, come into the midst of us, and, washing us with the pure water of repentance, prepare us to be always a living sacrifice unto Thee; Who livest and reignest, ever world without end. Amen.—(*Mozarabic Liturgy, 700 A.D.*)

Bible Reading: St. John 12: 32-36, 44-50

The Sermon:

On the surface of the Altar in most Christian churches are carved five crosses, one in the center and one at each corner, as a reminder of the five wounds of Christ, when He was crucified. But those crosses mean more than that. They are intended to remind us of the hard hearts of human beings, as they wound and crucify the Eternal God down through the ages.

When Jesus told His friends "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me", He knew that there is but one power which no heart can withstand—the power of patient, continuing love. As soon as any person really *knows* his own share in wounding and crucifying Him, and understands His undying love, that person is drawn to Him in penitent and grateful surrender.

As Good Friday comes on, it is urgently necessary, therefore, that each of us look at his own life in the mirror, and see where he is wounding God. It may be, deep in your heart, a grim refusal to forgive some wrong done you one day; or a habit of stern anger and impatience with your children; or a delight in sharp, sarcastic words; or self-pity which makes you blind to the greater sufferings of others, and of God; or a foolish self-content which thinks you can get on rather nicely without God. Each one of these sins is a spear driven into His side; a nail fastening His hands and feet so that He cannot help you. Before we can find the resurrection-power of Easter Day, we must in honesty face our part in His crucifixion, humbly implore His forgiveness, and start fresh.

Robert Haven Schauffler, in his poem "The White Comrade", recalls the lovely legend of Christ coming to care for the wounded on the battlefield. In the poem, the wounded man sees the White Comrade, who comes, gathers him up in his arms, and, taking him away to a quiet place, attends to his wounds. Then suddenly the soldier sees that the White Comrade, too, is wounded—

"Then I saw he was hurt,
Shot through the hands that were joined in prayer.
Then, as the dark drops gathered there
And fell in the dirt,
The wounds of my friend
Seemed to me such as no man might bear....
Then suddenly I was aware
That his feet had been wounded, too,
And, dimming the white of his side,
A dull stain grew.
'You are hurt, White Comrade!' I cried....
'These are old wounds' said he,
'But of late they have troubled me'."

Closing Prayer:

Forgive us, O Christ, for we have sinned; pardon us, for we have trangressed! Amen.—(*Rabbi of Lissa, 16th century; adapted.*)

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan, who celebrated their forty-sixth anniversary on March 20th.

PARISH REGISTER—MARCH

BURIALS

"The sun is sinking gently in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Allelulia"

March 12—Peter H. Brearley, M.D.
March 14—George Sinnamon, M.D.
March 19—Erastus M. Stevenson

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Christ lay in the bonds of death".....*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 556.....*Dykes*

VENITE .....*Chant*

PSALM 111—Page 482

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE.....*O Quanta Qualia*

ANTHEM—"Blessed Jesu" (From Stabat Mater).....*Dvorak*

Blessed Jesu, Fount of mercy
We, Thy faithful in Thy Passion,
All Thy sorrows share with Thee.

SERMON—"The Shadow of Peter".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 407.....*Knecht*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 406.....*Baker*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 339.....*St. Christopher*

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PSALM 119: 145-160—Page 499

NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28.....*J. Barnby*

HYMN 336 .....*Rothburn*

SERMON.....THE REV. J. CLEMENS KOLB, S.T.D.

OFFERTORY SOLO—"The Lord's Prayer"

ELMINA FINCK, *Soloist*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN 584.....*Materna*

The flowers on the Altar today have been presented by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shippen Morris in memory of Roland S. Morris, and by Mrs. William F. Machold in memory of Roland S. Morris.

The Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, will be our guest preacher at the LENTEN NOON-DAY SERVICES, March 24-28, inclusive. Dr. Emerson is a native of Maine. Twenty years ago Detroit was famous for its preachers; Chester Emerson was one of them, and his pulpit in another communion had high prestige. Upon the late Bishop Rogers' invitation, he sought ordination in the Episcopal Church, and became Dean of Cleveland. Dr. Emerson combines profound and mature scholarship with aptness for simple and direct appeal from pulpit to pew.

Requests for Prayers for Recovery of a Sick Person

(*Write your request in space below and mail to Church Office*)

Name.....

Address.....

These requests will be mentioned and intercession made, at the Thursday Healing Service.

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LORD of all power and might, Who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy, keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 26: 36-45

The Sermon:

"Only a few lucky ones escape suffering", Weatherhead points out, and then he adds, "And are they *really* lucky? When I was at school, I heard of boys who, for one reason or another, escaped school. How lucky I thought them. But now I don't think they were lucky. For they had to learn later, when it was harder to learn, or else they suffered a permanent loss." Life is like that—ask some one about years of unforgettable suffering they had, if they wish they had never had that pain. Most people will immediately tell you that they are glad that they passed through those hard years which taught them so much and drew them so much closer to the suffering GOD. On the other hand, take a look at those few "lucky" souls who have had easy lives—mostly they are soft and flabby lives, with little understanding or strong character. They are not much use in the world, because they have missed out in the school of suffering.

Do not mistake me. I am not suggesting that any one of us is going to greet suffering with a cheer! Even Jesus prayed in the Garden, "O my FATHER, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt." He did not desire to step into that dread experience of utter loneliness and trial; but He had the matchless courage to ask His FATHER if there was something great which could be made out of it; something which could come from the Cross and bless mankind. And, because Jesus was willing to suffer for us, you and I look to the Cross as the mark of our worth—it is the sign that GOD was willing to suffer for us. So when you come to the fork in the road, and you have to choose either the painful way or a pleasanter one, remember that you have the privilege of following your Master's leading. You need not be ashamed because you draw back, shuddering, from that dread path, for He did just that in Gethsemane. But from knowing His story, you have learned that you can bless others more richly by being willing to suffer for them than by anything else you can do. So, if you are truly turned to GOD, you will find yourself saying, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt". And you will step forward courageously, with confidence. And, one day, a friend will look back over the years and say to you, "You know, I began to wake up and really live when you went through so much for me."

So, while I wish for you many a deep joy, I do not pray that you will escape the School of Suffering. I do pray that you will go through it in the companionship of the GOD Who can transform your pain into joy and victory, for others, and for yourself!

Closing Prayer:

LORD, we pray Thee that Thou wilt open our eyes to behold the heaven that lies about us, wherein they walk who, being born to the new life, serve Thee with the clearer vision and the greater joy. Amen.

DR. GEORGE SINNAMON

After a long, lingering illness, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to a larger field of service, our friend, Dr. George Sinnamon. While we are sorry for his passing from us, we are also glad that he has been delivered from the body of his suffering, and for his abundant entrance into the better life with GOD. We are glad to claim him as a friend, and are grateful for his goodness and patience under the most trying conditions.

We recall his many acts of kindness, generally unheralded, his noble service to the sick, his unfailing righteousness which sprang from a love for and understanding of his Heavenly Father. He won the respect and held the affection of all who knew him. The battle has been won. George Sinnamon is not dead; he is alive for ever!

The Rector preached at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, March 20th and will preach at St. Jude and Nativity, March 27th. He will give the invocation at the State Council, Daughters of the British Empire, March 24th.

The Annual Corporate Communion and breakfast for the Women of the Diocese will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Walnut at 19th Street, at 8:30 A. M. The breakfast will be in the Parish House, 217 S. 20th Street. The Speaker will be the Rev. Father Joseph of the Order of St. Francis.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Arabesque" ..... *Jules Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 537..... *Giardini*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 81—Page 442
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Marks*
SOPRANO SOLO (In place of Benedictus)—"Come Unto Him"..... *Handel*
Come unto Him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest! Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
ANTHEM—"From Thy love as a Father"..... *Charles Gounod*
From Thy love as a Father, O Lord, teach us to gather
That Life will conquer Death.
They who seek things eternal
Shall rise to light supernal
On wings of lowly faith.
SERMON—"Body and Soul for God".... THE REV. JOHN GAYNER BANKS, D.LITT.
OFFERTORY HYMN 516..... *Stoerl*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 259..... *Diggle*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282..... *Lauda Anima*
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HYMN 449 ..... *Olivet*
SERMON—"The Cure of Fear"..... DR. JOHN GAYNER BANKS
OFFERTORY HYMN 304..... *Beecher*
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CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 259..... *Waltham*

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Bible Reading: St. John 12:23-33

The Sermon:

"Why did GOD let this happen to me?" most of us have asked at some point when we were visited by a dark angel of disappointment or pain or grief. Leslie Weatherhead, beloved English Christian leader, has given us a valuable clue to answering this question.

Weatherhead points out that when a little child is learning to walk, his parents *allow* him to tumble. They do not restrict his adventures to a padded cell, but, under their watchful eyes, they let him tumble and bump himself. They know that he learns more quickly through bumps than he would by being closely protected and guarded. In the same way GOD has ordained our slow schooling from ignorance to knowledge from folly to wisdom, from sin to holiness, that, through both suffering and success we should learn the way of "growing up".

Old-fashioned folk used to believe that GOD *sent* suffering to people as punishment for sin. But Weatherhead does not believe that GOD wills suffering for us; does not believe that the ALMIGHTY sends us painful hours. The parents of the little child who is learning to walk do not *wish him to tumble*—if that is what they wanted, they would push him over. They don't do that—nor does GOD send us pain. But He allows it to come to us, because, so often, the school of pain can teach us wisdom that nothing else seems to teach. Sometimes our pain comes as a result of our own sin and folly, as when bad health comes as the result of burning the candle at both ends. Thus we learn to obey the laws of health. Sometimes our pain comes not through any sin, but because we love some one, and are woven into their lives so much that when they suffer, we suffer also. Thus we are drawn into closer and truer friendship with that person, because we are willing to suffer with them through their dark hour.

The glory of the Christian faith is that it can triumphantly take hold of pain, and make something shining out of it. The mature Christian does not moan, "Why did *this* happen to me?"; but *"What can I do with it?" "What does GOD mean me to make out of it?"* So Jesus looked forward to the Cross, with its terrible suffering of body, and its much more terrible suffering of soul, and said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto ME." He knew that, with His FATHER'S help He could show men GOD'S love for them, by means of the Cross; and so He took hold of the Cross and used it to fill our lives with a new light. Every painful experience that comes to you can be transformed into new strength of character for yourself, new joy and help for others. When your painful hour comes to you, stop and quietly ask, *"What does GOD mean me to learn from this?"* So will you grow steadily through the years; and a large part of your growth will come through the mysterious school of pain.

Closing Prayer:

The GOD of all grace, Who hath called you unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

THANKS

The Rector wishes to express his thanks for all the kind remembrances which have come to him on this his fifth anniversary as Rector of St. Stephen's Church. Especially is he grateful for the splendid faille silk cassock presented to him by the members of the Vestry, the Parish Organizations, Members of the Congregation and others. This was a most timely gift, as the present cassock had been worn threadbare. A beautiful and generous gift! No Rector could have more true, loyal and helpful friendship from the members of the congregation than I have been blessed with during the past five years. I am sure that you all realize how much we hope and pray for your well-being and prosperity. May Christ continue to dwell in your hearts by faith.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. Nathaniel R. High Moor, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh. Dean Moor is well-known to the people of Philadelphia having been a Lenten preacher here for the past fifteen years. Dean Moor has a simple, direct approach to the problems that confront the average man, and is in constant demand as a lecturer and preacher to men.

The preacher on Saturday, March 22 is our good friend, the Rev. Lars R. Backe-Wiig, Associate Rector of the Holy Apostles' and Mediator. Mr. Backe-Wiig has had a fruitful ministry in the missionary field before coming to Philadelphia and is doing splendid work in the Diocese as well as in his own parish.

HEALING MISSION

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. John Gayner Banks, D.Litt., who is to conduct a Healing Mission in St. Stephen's Church Sunday, March 16th, through Thursday, March 20th. He will preach at the 11:00 o'clock and 7:30 P. M. Services on Sunday, and at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. each week-day. Dr. Banks is the Director of the Fellowship of St. Luke (Church Society for the promotion of Divine Healing) with headquarters in San Diego, California. He is the author of several books and the editor of *"Sharing"*, a monthly magazine devoted to Healing and the Spiritual Life.

The purpose of this Mission is to offer to all peoples in the Name of Christ and His Church the healing power of GOD. It complements the best medical advice which each may receive. The power of the Healing Christ has always been latent in the Church. Never have more people been in need of this strength for body, mind and spirit than today.

Everyone is invited to attend these services of Healing and to receive the Laying-on of Hands.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Meditation—Elegy" ..... *Borowski*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 553 ..... *Smart*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 46—Page 397
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Lord, how long wilt Thou forget me?" ..... *Mendelssohn*
SERMON—The Sacredness of Friendship ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 495 ..... *Lowell Mason*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 549 ..... *All Saints New*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 119: 73-88—Page 494
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28 ..... *J. Barnby*
HYMN 556 ..... *St. Andrew of Crete*
SERMON ..... THE REV. E. FELIX KLOMAN, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 435 ..... *Rest*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 422 ..... *Erie*

The flowers on the altar today have been presented by Miss Jane Harper in memory of her mother, Mrs. Daniel R. Harper, and by Mrs. Roswell Williams in memory of her husband.

RECTOR'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

The Rector will celebrate his fifth anniversary as Rector of St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, March 9th. He is asking the people of the Parish to join with him in celebrating that occasion by making it "Family Sunday"; that is, that all the families of the Parish will attend Church at one of the services, preferably the eleven o'clock services, having as many members of the family present as possible and sitting together as families.

He chooses this method of celebration, because of a deep conviction of the fundamental importance of family life. Many influences today tend to weaken family ties; the Church should do everything in her power to strengthen them. The Holy Spirit is the only power in the world today able to resist the disintegrating influences and to stimulate the love and devotion which will unite families for time and eternity.

The Rector hopes that many of the people of the Parish will gather in Church by families that day and make this a memorable and inspiring occasion.

THE RED CROSS is commencing its campaign to secure $2,490,000 in the Philadelphia area. We commend this worthy cause to all our people.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rector of Christ and St. Michael's Church, Germantown, who will preach at the noon-day services, Monday through Saturday. Under his vigorous leadership his church has become one of the strongest in the Diocese. Mr. Aulenbach's greatest pulpit achievement is the success with which he preaches to men, with aptness for simple and direct appeal from pulpit to pew.

The rector will preach in St. Philip's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. on Wednesday night.

NIEMOELLERS TO SPEAK TO PHILADELPHIANS. On Monday, March 10th, a women's meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church 17th and Sansom Streets, *at 2:30 P. M.* to hear Mrs. Niemoeller. *At 8:00 P. M.* a public meeting will be held in the MET OPERA HOUSE, Broad and Poplar Streets, to hear the REV. MARTIN NIEMOELLER speak on his Christian experience during 8 years in concentration camps. Doors open 7: 00 P. M.

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Opening Prayer:

ALMIGHTY GOD, with Whom nothing is obscure, nothing dark, send forth Thy light into our hearts that we may perceive Thy law for us, and, walking in Thy way, may fall into no sin; through Thy beloved Son, and our beloved Example, Jesus Christ. Amen. (St. Gregory, 600 A. D.)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 2: 42-52

The Sermon:

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature . . ." That is just what we set out to do in Lent. But some one may protest, "It's easy for youth to learn new ways, but I'm not young anymore; and you can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Fiddlesticks! Can't teach new tricks to an old dog? Come out with me to a near-by airport, and I'll show you a grandfather who is learning, most successfully, to fly an airplane. Look around your own neighborhood, and you'll find plenty of housewives who, in the past few years, have learned to use electric mixers and curling-irons, pressure-cookers, and any number of useful modern gadgets which called for the forming of entirely new habits of work. Look out the window, and see that elderly man driving by in a brand-new car—do you suppose that he argued with the salesman that he could not buy that car because it had the new type of gear-shift, rather than the old one with which he was familiar? No, he was sure he could manage it, and he's doing it now. Let's be plain honest about this—we can learn new habits, new ways, *when we want to!*

One of the reasons why Jesus grew so amazingly was that He put His mind under the daily teaching of His Father, Who can give power with every bit of new knowledge, Who can quicken the human will to new driving strength, Who can even mould our stubborn, sharp-cornered human nature into lovelier forms, and make us a lot easier to live with. Let us admit that it is harder to form a new habit of generosity, or to school oneself to patience, than it is to master a gear-shift or an electric mixer. True, but Christians also know that with GOD all things are possible.

It takes a teachable spirit, then, for this business of being transformed. We must go at it as pupils of the ALMIGHTY. Those who do this achieve remarkable things, in every day and generation. An English traveler tells of seeing a delicate instrument for indicating the position of the stars, made by a Moslem in India a thousand years ago. Around the edge of the fine brass-work ran this inscription, "This is the work of Hussein Ali, mechanic, mathematician, and servant of the most high GOD". Take heart, O doubting friend! Lent can be a time of deep and glorious transformation in your life, if you go to work on yourself as the servant of the most high GOD!

Closing Prayers: "Our Father," and the following prayer:

Direct, O GOD, suggest, this day,
All we design, or do, or say,
That all our powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite. Amen. (*Thomas Kerr,* 1675 A.D.)

The Mothers will present a Minstrel Show with Dance, on March 15th, at 8: 00 P. M. in the Community House at 923 Ludlow Street. The price is 50 cents and the proceeds go toward the expenses of the Sunday Evening Service Club.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLUB

Last Wednesday 25 members of the Young People's Club met to reorganize their program and plan for a variety of entertaining events for the Spring months. The Rev. Mr. Meckling introduced Mrs. Dorothy Linton, who is the new Advisor for the group, and she presented a number of ideas to be worked into a Spring Program. Officers were elected and the group with much enthusiasm discussed plans which they intend to carry through this Spring. One of their immediate goals is to secure new members for the Club and an invitation is extended to all the young people in the Church and their friends to join the Young People's Club. The meetings will be short and after each meeting there will be time for social activities and refreshments.

Requests for Prayers for Recovery of a Sick Person
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"My heart is filled with longing"..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55..... *Heinlein*
KYRIE..... *Stainer*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour of the world"..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
O Saviour of the world,
Who by Thy cross and passion hath redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.
SERMON—"The Masterhood of Jesus"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 415..... *March*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS..... *Cooper*
COMMUNION HYMN 196..... *Hodges*
HYMN 211 (In place of Gloria in Excelsis)..... *J. S. Bach*
SEVENFOLD AMEN..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 343..... *Dykes*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 407..... *St. Hilda*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 119: 33-48—Page 492
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28..... *J. Barnby*
HYMN 416..... *Beatitude*
SERMON..... THE REV. JOHN CRAIG ROAK
OFFERTORY SOLO—"How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?"..... *Carl Pfluger*
ELMINA FINCK, Soloist
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 385..... *Austria*

The flowers on the altar today have been presented by Mrs. William K. Barclay—by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mortensen and children in memory of Mary L. Reed, by Theresa and John Reed and Mrs. Mazie Seighman in memory of their mother, Mary L. Reed, and Mrs. John Troth in memory of her husband.

PARISH REGISTER

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"Signed with the sign of the Cross"

February 2—Larkin Wilbur Lake, III
Donna Lee Lake
February 16—Sandra Lee Smith
February 23—Barbara Ellen Weil

WEDDINGS

"To love and to cherish till death us do part"

February 1—Basil G. Hepburn
Florence G. Crockett

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"No longer strangers, but members of the household"

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Bible Reading: I Thessalonians 5: 14-28

The Sermon:

A friend has sent me the story of a group of ministers who had gathered to discuss difficult questions. Among the problems they took up was how it is possible to obey the command, "pray without ceasing". There was a lot of talk, with various ideas advanced, but none of them seemed very clear or useful. So one of them was appointed to write an essay on the problem, and read it at the next monthly meeting, when they would all have had the chance to think it over. A young servant happened to come into the room at that moment, and, hearing the decision, she exclaimed, "What! A whole month wanted to tell the meaning of that text! It's one of the easiest and best texts in the Bible". "Well, Mary", said an old minister, "what can you tell us about it? Let us know how you understood it. Can you pray all the time?" "Oh, yes, sir!" "What! When you have so many things to do?" "Why, yes, sir, the more I have to do, the more I can pray." "Indeed! Well, Mary, do let us know how it is; for most people think otherwise."

"Well, sir", said young Mary, "when I first open my eyes in the morning, I pray, 'Lord, open the eyes of my understanding.' And while I am dressing, I pray that I may be clothed with the robe of righteousness. And while I am washing, I ask for the washing of regeneration. As I begin my work, I pray that I may have strength equal to my day. And when I kindle the fire, I pray that GOD'S work may revive my soul. And while I am preparing and partaking of breakfast, I desire to be fed with the hidden manna and the sincere milk of the Word. As I sweep out the house, I pray that my heart may be cleansed from all its impurities. And as I am busy with the little children, I look up to GOD as my Father, and pray for the spirit of adoption, that I may be His child . . . and so on, all day; everything I do furnishes me with a thought of prayer".

"Enough! Enough!" cried the old minister. "These things are revealed unto babes, and often hid from the wise and prudent. Go on, Mary", said he, "and pray without ceasing. And as for us, brethren, let us bless the Lord for this exposition, and remember that He has said, 'The meek will He guide in judgment.'"

As we seek to grow in grace and strength during these Lenten days, each of us might well be learning to "pray without ceasing". Practice it, day by day; adapt it to your life, and let it become a part of your day's routine. No one but GOD can tell what new power may be added to your life if you learn to "pray without ceasing"!

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people; to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.—(Simeon, St. Luke 2: 29)

RECTOR'S SUGGESTED LENTEN READING

"Christianity Takes a Stand", an approach to the issues of today. Edited by Bishop William Scarlett. Penguin Publication.
"The Bomb That Fell On America" by Hermann Hagedorn
"The Way, The Truth and The Life" by Glenn Clark
"The Book of Ecclesiastes" found in the Bible.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. James Armstrong and Mrs. Jane Nicolai in the passing of their sister, Katherine.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. John Craig Roak, Rector, Gloria Dei, who will preach at the evening service.

George M. Lamsa, B.A., F.R.S.A., noted Bible Lecturer and Author will begin a series of three lectures Sunday afternoon at 4: 00 P. M. in the Community House.

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ORGAN PRELUDE (Choral Prelude)—"Come, Saviour of the Gentiles"..*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 (Words by Godfrey Thring, 1862) *Herbert S. Oakley*
PSALM 111—Page 482
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
HYMN (in place of Canticle) 524 (Words by Harry Emerson Fosdick).....*Filitz*
HYMN (in place of Canticle) 363 (Words by Jan Struther) *Traditional Irish Melody*
ANTHEM—"How lovely is Thy dwelling place".....*Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul it longeth yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord, my soul and body crieth out, yea for the Living God.
O blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise thy name evermore.

SERMON
OFFERTORY HYMN 243 .....*J. H. Hopkins*
(Children's Hymn, words by Lesbia Scott, 1929)
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 536 (Words by Clifford Bax, 1919).....*Louis Bourgeois*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55.....*Heinlein*
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PSALM 119:1-24—Page 489
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28.....*J. Barnby*
HYMN 334 .....*Penitence*
SERMON .....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 59.....*St. Flavian*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535.....*Festal Song*

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THE NEW HYMNAL

Five hundred copies of the New Hymnal have been placed in the pews, each one is a memorial gift given by the members, friends and vestry of St. Stephen's Church. There are two hundred new hymns in this book and over six hundred hymns altogether. This morning we are to sing five of the new tunes. Four of the five are by modern writers such as Dr. Fosdick, Jan Struthers, the author of Mrs. Miniver, Clifford Bax and Lesbia Scott. We tend to overstress the value of perfectly sung music in the Episcopal Church. We must remember that the words are more important than the tune, and sincerity more important than artistry.

The musical portions of the service are meant to be aids to spiritual devotion and to provide an enrichment of our worship. They attain their greatest value when the congregation retains its share and by sincere and hearty singing makes them truly a feature of the act of corporate worship. The inspiration of a service usually is well indicated by the measure in which the people join in the singing of the hymns and canticles.

The Rector will preach at the Noon-Day Services in TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Pittsburgh, February 24th-28th, inclusive.

We are most happy to welcome the Rev. Canon Michael Coleman, acting Vicar of ALL HALLOWS, London, during the blitz and now Canon of CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, Victoria, British Columbia. The Rev. Jack Hart will be the guest speaker on Saturday, March 1st.

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Opening Prayer:

Let Thy Spirit, O Lord, come into the midst of us, and, washing us with the pure water of repentance, prepare us to be always a living sacrifice unto Thee; Who livest and reignest, ever world without end. Amen.

(*Mozarabic Liturgy, before 700 A.D.*)

Bible Reading: John 14:1-12

The Sermon:

Just as all truly alive human beings welcome the return of Spring so do all honest Christians welcome the return of Lent. For "Lent" is just an old word for "Springtime", because Lent is the special season when all eager Christians let GOD draw nearer to them, as the sun draws nearer to the earth in Spring. So Lent is a time of growing. For Christians it is the growing season!

See how much we have to outgrow! How much of childish selfishness we have to rise above. A writer once told the life history of a little creature called the barnacle. "This creature lives fastened to a rock or to the bottom of a boat living in a cone-shaped shell which has a hole at the top and a little trap-door which opens and shuts like the shutter of a camera; the little creature opens this door, stretches out a wavering arm with clutching fingers at the end, and grabs, grabs, grabs for any chance morsel floating by. That grabbing is the whole life of the barnacle". The writer went on to say that all little children begin by grabbing, just like the barnacle, and that some people never outgrow this childish stage, but live all their days "with the grabbing hand tirelessly at work". As Lent begins, we turn toward the GOD of the open, *giving hand* of love, and we seek His aid to give us power to overcome, to outgrow, our grabbing habits.

See how much we have to grow up to! In the words of Jesus which you have read today, we find His promise that we can be like Him, that we can do the works that He did, and live the victorious and deeply-loving life that He did. Take that seriously, for certainly you can depend on the word-of-honor of Jesus; and He *said* that you could grow to be like Him. You can live by His Spirit, with a hand that is tirelessly at work—not grabbing, but giving and encouraging. Let GOD come very close to you in the six weeks of Lent, and you will find yourself really growing up into a new character which will some times remind people of your Master.

Closing Prayers: "Our Father", and the following prayer:

O GOD, keep our hearts sound, our lives pure, our thinking straight, and our spirits humble, that we may become like our Master, Jesus the Nazarine. Amen.

ELIZA HOWARD BURD

We welcome the members of the Burd School and many of the Alumnae to the service this Sunday morning on the 154th birthday of Mrs. Burd. The School is now in its 91st year. It had its origin in a private school for fatherless girls opened in the year 1856 by Mrs. Burd on Sansom Street near her Chestnut Street residence. Mrs. Burd was the mother of eight children, all of whom died in early life, the last in 1845. In 1849 she lost her husband, who never rallied from the shock of his last child's death. Left solitary in her old home, Mrs. Burd devoted herself to the church, works of charity, and in conducting her school, studying meanwhile how her wealth might best be used.

Following her death on Good Friday, April 6, 1860, it was disclosed that she had left practically her entire fortune for the building and endowment of a school where fatherless girls should be educated and prepared for life. The Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church were named Trustees and under the trust, the founder's wishes have been strictly followed.

CONFIRMATION

THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART, D.D., February 16, 1947

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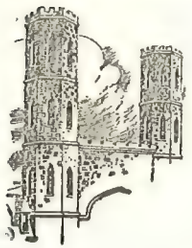
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 117 ..... *Douglas*
CREED and PRAYERS
HYMN BEFORE CONFIRMATION 380 (verses 1, 2) ..... *Peace*
THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION—Page 296 in the Prayer Book
HYMN AFTER CONFIRMATION 380 (verses 3, 4) ..... *Peace*
ANTHEM: "God be in my head" ..... *Walford Davies*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end and at my departing.

SERMON ..... THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 211 ..... *Mason*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER and BLESSING
RECESSIONAL HYMN 379 ..... *Elliot*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 526 ..... *Watermouth*
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SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 354 ..... *Buckland*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 226 ..... *Love Divine*

EDITORIAL

Humanity is ripe for Christian Evangelism. As never before, leaders of state, of education, of science and of cultural life, are saying almost with one voice that there must be a profound moral regeneration, or else . . .

The Evangelism for which the world is ripe is not a sectarian or an ecclesiastical movement. Indeed, the world is impatient with both these aspects of religion which seem to it to suggest that the church is primarily concerned about itself.

Nor does the world, by and large, raise the question, "What must I do to be saved?" There is recognition of the fact that personal salvation is inseparable from the effort for the salvation of humanity.

The church has in its basic revelation the answer to the world's question. It is not to be found in clericalism or ritualism; it is not contained in hierarchal propoundings. It is the center and core of the purpose and teachings of Jesus—the summons to the Kingdom of God.

Like all true evangelisms, what is needed today must start with the recognition of and repentance for sin—the sin of man's assertion of independence from God's moral law in his international life, his inter-racial life, his economic life, as in most of his life.

Repentance must be followed, if we are to be saved, by the heroic and sacrificial endeavor to rebuild the life of man and the institutions of man upon the inexorable and immutable principles announced by Jesus.

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Bible Reading: I Samuel, Chapter 3.

The Sermon:

Lent begins in a few days. What are we going to do with those six great weeks? Why not give our hearts to letting Him speak to us more often; to letting Him speak through us to other people more steadily? Maude Royden puts it vividly:

"Did not God speak to some of you first through your mother's eyes? Or did not the first time come to others through a lover or a friend? When Samuel heard the voice of God, he thought it was the voice of his best friend. He said to his old friend, Eli, "You called me!" But it was God Who called him, though it sounded like the voice of his friend.

Do you know the touching little Irish story of a woman who was in great distress of mind because she had lost the sense of God's nearness? She cried out, "Why doesn't He make me feel that He is here? How can He leave me alone? If I could only feel Him, know that He had touched me!" And the old woman, who was sitting with her, said, "Pray to Him. Ask Him to touch you. He will put His hand on you". She began to pray in agony, and suddenly felt the hand of God touching her. She cried out "He has touched me!" and went into an ecstasy of joy. Then she said, "Do you know, it felt just like *your hand?*" And the old woman replied "Why, it was my hand". "It was your hand?" groaned the disappointed friend. "Sure, what did you think God would be doing? Did you think He would make a long arm out of heaven to touch you? *He just took the hand that was nearest, and used that.*"

God takes the human beings that are nearest, and through them for the first time we see love; and love is God. He takes the human hand of some friend or stranger and uses that, and for the first time we feel the touch of God. We say, "It is only a friend!" What do we mean by "God" if it is not love? How can God speak to us but by a human voice?

For your Lenten adventure, friend, make it your high purpose to *be* the hand, the voice that is nearest, the one that God can use!

Closing Prayers: "Our Father", and the following prayer:

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Kol Nidrei" ..... *Max Bruch*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 492..... *Walter*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 46—Page 397
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11..... *Thiman*
ANTHEM: (in place of Benedictus) "I will sing new songs of gladness"....*Dvorak*
ANTHEM—"By the waters of Babylon"..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
SERMON ..... RABBI MAX REICHLER
OFFERTORY HYMN 253..... *Ancient Hebrew Melody*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 501..... *Somervell*

RABBI MAX REICHLER

It will be a great pleasure to welcome to our 11:00 A. M. Service on Sunday Morning Rabbi Max Reichler of Beth Sholem People's Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y., who comes to speak to us on Brotherhood Sunday. Rabbi Reichler is a leader of the Jewish Community, an author of authoritative books on Jewish Eugenics, Jewish Conception of Justice and the Talmud, and a man greatly beloved by Christian and Jews alike.

There are differences among Christians and Jews which are not construed into personal antagonism. Why should not Jews and Christians differ theologically and yet remain fraternal and co-operative? Jesus reflected and realized what Abraham, Moses and the Prophets preached and practiced. The Jews aspired to do the same. Let us come together and co-operate upon that basis, especially now when the world is infected with mutual suspicion and tragic antagonism.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 530..... *St. Gertrude*
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PSALM 139, 1-16—Page 514
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28..... *Tours*
HYMN 113 ..... *Pentecost*
SERMON..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 120..... *Rest*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535..... *Lancashire*

The Rector preached at the annual FEAST OF LIGHTS in Calvary Church, 41st and Brown Streets last Sunday night.

Mr. George Hackett, a Philadelphia lawyer will speak to the Bible Class at 4 P. M.

George R. Bishop, Jr., whose college education was interrupted during the war while he served with distinction overseas, was graduated from Princeton University on February 5th with high honors, having been elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He is now studying for his Master's degree and specializing in the Department of Modern Languages.

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of our Boy Scout Troop No. 2 who are attending the Sunday morning service on this annual Boy Scout Sunday.

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, February 16th at 11:00 o'clock to administer the rite of CONFIRMATION. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday mornings, and at Mr. Meckling's Class in the afternoons. At this eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Miss Margaret Keiser in the passing of her father.

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Bible Reading: Acts 17

The Sermon:

"He made of one blood every nation of men for to dwell on the face of earth."

These are the familiar words from the report of St. Paul's speech at Athens. They are singularly appropriate to BROTHERHOOD WEEK. Paul was a Jew. He was also a Christian. He was speaking to pagans. He found common ground for pagan, Christian and Jew in their relation to GOD, the Father of the world-wide family of men.

We are concerned primarily today with the strengthening and enriching of this brotherhood in our own land between Christian and Jew—those who trace their faith in GOD back to a common source in the remote and dim past. GOD is to all of them living, righteous, merciful. He has spoken to all of them in the great prophets of Israel. In the supreme devotion of the Psalms all of them have been lifted into His Presence; whatever may divide them, they all accept this common divine Fatherhood.

Yes, we are concerned with the strengthening and enriching of this brotherhood in America; but because the ground of that brotherhood is the universal Fatherhood of GOD, our speech like St. Paul's must carry its message for the righteous man in every nation and make its appeal to the pagan world about us, a world which all too often frankly denies the claims of brotherhood in the worship of gold and power.

Our record in America is none too good. Christians and Jews have distrusted each other and still do. There are a thousand reasons (so one may say) why they should. We hear them constantly. Some are political, some social, some economic. They are ordinarily confined to small groups but sometimes they flare into widespread Jew-baiting movements. We have had in America, thank GOD, no organized pogroms; but wherever Jews have come into positions of high leadership, wherever they have seemed to be appropriating a large share of what others want, the Jewish question arises. And today there are menacing signs of the growth of anti-Semistic sentiment, an evil contagion which no national boundaries, no official quarantine can keep out.

Ordinarily, unregenerate human nature has much to do with these distrusts. If things go wrong we like to put the blame on someone else. If a scapegoat can be found who is different, whom for some reason we don't understand, so much the better. The foreigner is pretty nearly always wrong, whether judgment is passed by a distinguished U. S. Senator, or by some modern Sam Weller. There is something mysterious about him. He is an adept in "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain".

Yes, there seem to be a thousand reasons why we should distrust and dislike each other, but none of them are good reasons. However much we may in the pseudo-scientific slang of the day "rationalize" them, they are poor reasons. They cut into our own lives and leave sores. They cut into the life of the nation and infect it with social poison. Above all, to change the figure, they blur the vision of brotherhood. They blind men to the interests of all GOD'S family. They are petty, limited, parochial, selfish.

And all the while GOD calls to us—His children, one people, one family—to live not only in tolerance but in active love and good will. He calls us to build that commonwealth of co-operation and love which is the Kingdom of GOD.

Are we prepared to meet that call? It is urgent. It is imperative. The need of the world presses upon us; accents the call of GOD; cries to us that for the sake of our country, for the sake of men's souls, for the sake of the world's salvation we who believe in GOD and the unity of His children should think together, work together, fight together.

Closing Prayer:

GOD Of The Nations, Who didst proclaim peace through Thy Prophets of old and didst send Thy Son, Jesus, to reveal Thy loving kindness to all the world, overrule, by Thy Spirit, the pride of men and teach us that we cannot truly please Thee until and unless we accept as our brethren, Thy children everywhere. For all witnesses to such Brotherhood we give Thee thanks. In humility of spirit, in comprehensive love, with Christ-like compassion, help us to serve our day and generation to the upbuilding of Thy Kingdom, in the Name of the PRINCE OF PEACE. Amen.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 116 ..... *Gauntlet*
KYRIE ..... *Stainer*
ANTHEM (women's voices)—"Doubt not thy Father's care"..... *Edward Elgar*

Doubt not thy Father's care, doubt not thy Father's care!
For every grief He finds relief
And answers every prayer.
Night comes: the sun is lost;
Night comes: He doth provide
The gleam of a starry host.
Night comes: the soul is dark.
All joy is dead, all gladness fled
And life has miss'd its mark.
Then Thou—the wounded soul
In that sad hour, with healing power
Dost touch and makest whole.

SERMON—"Christ's Healing Power"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 120..... *Morley*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 339..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 113..... *Boyd*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 245..... *Aughton*
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PSALM 104: 1-18—Page 467
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28..... *Tours*
HYMN 112 ..... *Fortitude*
SERMON..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 117..... *St. Dunstan's*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 149..... *St. Christopher*

The Altar Fowers today are given by Mrs. Charles E. Campbell in memory of her family.

"LUNCHEON IS SERVED" on Tuesday, February 4th at 1:00 P. M. in the Community House, there will be a luncheon given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary for the Hard of Hearing. As this is for the work of the Church all who can are urged to attend. Tickets are 60 cents. If you cannot get a ticket from one of the ladies in the Auxiliary, pay at the door.

Kenneth Leslie, Editor of the *Protestant Magazine* will speak at the FORUM, Musicians' Hall, 120 N. 18th Street on Sunday evening, February 2, at 8:30 P. M. He will evaluate "The Church in Today's Affairs".

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BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant"

January 12—Albert John Sheehan, Jr.
26—Mary Savannah Cooper

BURIALS

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service."

January 18—John Seed
25—Howard E. Lack

HYMNAL MEMORIALS

Soon we shall have 500 new hymnals in the pews. These hymnals will all be dedicated to the memory of departed loved ones. Some 125 have already been designated and an attractive book-plate has been inserted with the inscribed names of the persons for whom the hymnal is a memorial.

One of our members has provided 75 hymnals to be dedicated to the memory of the Hon. Roland S. Morris, who had a great knowledge of and abiding interest in Hymns and their Authors. He served on several commissions in the past that were appointed to revise the official hymnal of our church. The congregation for the Hard of Hearing has provided 20 hymnals in memory of Mr. Morris.

By action of the Vestry the balance of hymnals not provided by individual donors will be purchased by the Vestry and dedicated to the memory of Mr. Morris.

The inscription reads as follows:

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(Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.)

Bible Reading: St. John 1:1-9

The Sermon:

But once I pass this way,
And then—and then, the silent door
Swings on its hinges—
Opens . . . closes—
And no more I pass this way.
So while I may,
With all my might
I will assay
Sweet comfort and delight
To all I meet upon the Pilgrim Way.
For no man travels twice
The Great Highway
That climbs through darkness
Up to light,
Through night
To day.—*John Oxenham*

In a little more than two weeks it will be Lent again, and it is in that royal season that the Great Highway becomes thronged again. Suddenly many of us find that we are in the dark, discover our shocking ignorance about truly important matters. We may know a dozen different ways of cooking meat leftovers, but we have difficulty in counting up six of the great Christians of our times. We may have learned all the knots an advanced Boy Scout must learn, or pages of the ritual of our lodge, but still do not have the faintest idea how to pray when a good friend is "up against it" and needs the help of God through us. We are so clever about trivial matters, and so ignorant about affairs of life—and—death importance. We suddenly become aware of this as Lent approaches.

Therefore, this Lent, let us set ourselves to be *learners*—dig fresh secrets from Christ's teaching in the New Testament; read some books which will give us new skill and wisdom in praying; school ourselves to the patient, resolute practice of faith. As those majestic opening verses of John tell us, there was a time when Light broke into darkness; and Lent is the time to take "The Great Highway that climbs through darkness into Light."

Closing Prayer:

Lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by Thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.—(*Book of Common Prayer*).

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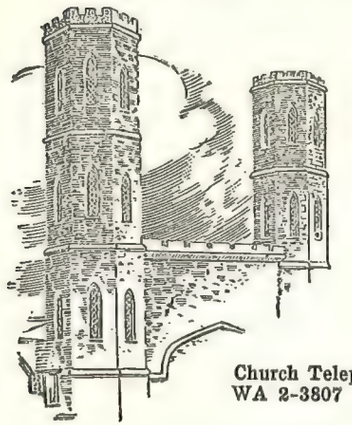
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ANTHEM—"There shall be no night there"....*David D. Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

SERMON—"Nature Abhors a Vacuum"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 102....*Tansur*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 98....*Bach*

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Theological Education Offering: This annual offering by all the parishes in the country is for one of the most vitally necessary projects in our entire Church program. Without adequate training, the Church can expect no adequate future leadership. In the midst of the numberless drives which are competing for your interest, please be as generous as you can in this connection. Our offering will be divided between the Philadelphia Divinity School and the Rector's School (Cambridge Theological School).

EDITORIAL

It seems evident that during the months ahead the hunters and the hounds will be out across America.

Some of the hunters will be on the legitimate business of searching out in our citizen body those who, while enjoying the benefits of America, are nevertheless planning the destruction of our democracy and giving true allegiance only to a foreign state.

But with these legitimate hunters there is bound to run a strangely assorted pack. There will be those who merely run and bark because others are running and barking. There will be those who run and bark to attract attention to themselves for personal advantage. There will be those who run and bark because, frustrated themselves, they want something outside themselves to bark at; and there will be wolves who, mingling with the pack, attempt to simulate the hounds and to lead them off the track and on to the pursuit of citizens who are striving to bring about in America the fulfillment of its unfulfilled promises and in the world of brotherhood and peace.

We shall need sensistive ears to distinguish the true from the false in the motley babel.

But while we are hunting the enemies of America, would it not be well to pause and ask, *What Makes Men Who Live In America Reject Its Way of Life? Is it not* better and more humane, as well as more effective, to change conditions which cause men to lose faith in America, than to tolerate injustice and focus blame upon those who often are merely victims?

After the recent exposure of the treatment accorded Negroes in Mississippi, should we be surprised if the Negroes of that State were to turn to Communism? Pray GOD they won't; but the question remains: Does a share-cropping Negro of Mississippi have more freedom and dignity than a collective farmer in the Ukraine?

The supreme answer to Communism is an American way that works for every man.

THE GALILEE MISSION

will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Sunday, January 26th, at 8:00 P. M., at 821 Vine Street. Mr. Raspin and the rector are members of the Board of Directors. You are cordially invited to attend.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 99....*Webb*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 27—Page 371
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28....*Tours*
HYMN 106 ....*Watchman*
SERMON....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 104....*Moscow*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 482....*Waltham*

CHRISTIAN WORLD ORDER

There will be an Area Meeting for discussion of matters of Christian World Order held in the Community House on Monday, January 27th, at 8:00 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. Donald Harter, who is now Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science on International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Harter has been employed in Amtorg, the Soviet Trading Agency in the United States. He has traveled in Russia and speaks Russian. Mr. Edward S. Morris will preside. Everyone is welcome to attend. Every parish organization should have representatives present.

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst give Thy life for us that we may receive pardon and peace; mercifully cleanse us from all sin, and evermore keep us in Thy favor and love, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.—(*From an ancient collect*).

Bible Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 (How often shall we forgive?)

The Sermon:

Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday comes next month, knew what Peter was talking about when he asked Jesus, "How often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" Lincoln knew—for he had a wife, Mary Todd.

Lincoln had frequent opportunities for forgiving Mary! In the first place, she had wanted to marry the handsome, dashing Stephen A. Douglas, but when Douglas wisely stopped courting her, Mary had set her cap for Lincoln. She did not fancy the way Lincoln dressed, so she set out to reform him. So harsh and loveless was she about it that Lincoln decided that he could not marry her, and went to tell her so. But, seeing her prize slipping away from her, she burst into such an agony of tears that Lincoln's tender heart was touched—he caught her in his arms, and promised to marry her. But when the wedding day came, Lincoln was so frightened that he never turned up. The bride in her wedding dress, the minister, and all the company of friends were there—they waited for two hours and a half, but the groom never appeared. Two years later she persuaded him, and they were married quickly.

What a married life he had! As one biographer tells one incident: "Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were having breakfast at Mrs. Early's boarding-house in Springfield when Lincoln aroused the fiery temper of his wife. What he did to arouse her, no one remembers now. But Mrs. Lincoln, in a rage, dashed a cup of hot coffee into her husband's face, right in front of the other boarders. Saying nothing, Lincoln sat there in humiliation and silence while Mrs. Early wiped off his face and his clothes." And when they were at last in the White House (where Mary Todd had hoped to be!) she was so determined to be a social success that she bought clothes and jewelry with reckless extravagance, until she plunged her already heavy-laden husband $70,000.00 in debt—almost three times his annual salary as President. Abraham Lincoln forgave seventy-times seven, and then some! Few of us has as much to forgive as he did.

When any human being has learned that secret of endless forgiving, then it is clear that he understands the teaching of the Master. Then it is clear that the Master counts that person as belonging to Him, as a true comrade in the conquest of the world.

Closing Prayer:

O GOD Our Father, grant us patience with one another, that we may cast away all fretfulness and complaining, and whatsoever hinders the course of kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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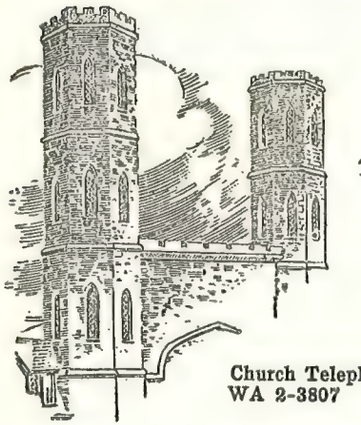
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude: "Sleepers Awake"....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 92....*Mann*
PSALM 96—Page 459
VENITE....*Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES....*H. Alexander Matthews*
JUBILATE....*Naylor*
ANTHEM—"Let This Mind be in You"....*Mrs. H. H. Beach*
SERMON—"What Ordinary Folk Can Do"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 104....*Giardini*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 528....*Monk*

The Altar Flowers today are given by Mrs. Craig Atmore, in memory of her husband.

Close to a thousand persons attended the Glenn Clark Retreat held in our church January 6-8th.

We acknowledge the following donors of memorial hymnals:

Grace Ward, Viola J. Downward, Sarah E. Kinsley, Mrs. William Peacock, Annadel Abadie, The Rector, Girls' Friendly Society, Mrs. Henry Thomas, Mrs. Jane Dell, Mrs. Albert V. Weeks, The Mothers' Meeting, Miss Susan C. Thackara, Miss M. K. Caldwell, Mr. Robert W. Ewart, Jr., Mrs. Jane R. Nicolai, Mr. Clarence Garrett, Jr., The Misses Headman, Anonymous, Heroes World War II, Mr. Charles H. Dudley, Miss Gertrude McClellan, George and Anna Reed, Irene Beitz, Margaret A. Holloway, Lora A. Parker, Mrs. Herbert Goldenberg.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479....*Webb*
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PSALM 45—Page 396
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28....*Tours*
HYMN 480....*Duke Street*
SERMON....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 311....*Stuttgart*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105....*St. Cecelia*

EDITORIAL

The second Assembly of the United Nations has closed and its delegates have gone home. They have earned a good rest after the intense days which with their long hours and their difficult problems laid heavy strains upon their bodies, their minds and their spirits.

These delegates have also earned the gratitude of the peoples of the world for making the United Nations more of a reality and for carrying humanity somewhat forward along the road of justice and brotherhood toward peace.

Of course they did not resolve all of the questions on their agenda, but, among other things they established the Trusteeship Council, set in motion the processes of disarmament, created the International Refugee Organization, and, thanks to the generosity and help of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, made definite choice of a permanent site.

When one looks back over the long road toward world unity which the nations have traveled in a year, one looks back upon the churches with a sense of sadness.

Despite the verbal conflicts and the clash of policies, the suspicions and the indecisions, the nations of the world have created a continuously functioning instrument of co-operation in which they have each deposited a share of national sovereignty.

Is it recorded that any denomination has deposited the slightest share of denominational sovereignty in any instrument of co-operation or that we possess in the field of religion any continuously functioning and measurably authoritative common body?

HOME PRAYERS

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Opening Prayer:

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that we, who seek the shelter of Thy protection, being defended from all evils, may serve Thee in peace and quietness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.)*

Bible Reading: St. Luke 18: 15-17

The Sermon:

How often we say with scorn about some person, "Why, he's acting like a child—he should grow up!" But, when we turn to the pages of the New Testament, we find our Master saying that if we do *not* act like children, we cannot count ourselves at His comrades. We had best get our minds busy, and understand this puzzling teaching of His.

A friend of mine in New Hampshire, once told a story which made clear what Jesus meant about the importance of our being childlike.

A curly-headed three year-old stopped to talk with a gardener outside a greenhouse while his mother went in to buy some flowers. "What are you doing?" the small boy asked the gardener. The man only growled. But the boy persisted, asking, "What did you say?" "Go away!" snorted the old gardner. Curly-head smiled up at him, "Why do you want me to go away?" The foreman of the greenhouse, who was watching from the open door, started to laugh quietly, and explained to the surprised mother that this gardener had the worst disposition of any one around, disliked children, and was never known to give a civil answer to anybody. When the flowers had been selected, and the foreman came out of the greenhouse with the mother, what was their astonishment to see Gruffanuff, the gardener, leading curley-head by the hand over to the barn to see the cows. The child just did not believe there could be any one who would not want to make friends with him. He kept right on believing that Gruffanuff really wanted to be friendly. The results showed that he was right.

That child had really "received the Kingdom of God"—he really believed that no one can resist real love; believed in the power of good will to overcome gruffness and hate. The child was right. Try it out yourself, like a little child, on some one who does not like you; or, at least, who has acted as if they did not! If you approach them like a little child, in simple friendship, not seeking anything for yourself, it will work with every one whose heart is still alive!

Closing Prayer:

May God bless us with a loving sense of His near presence, that we may know what it is to walk close to Him all our life long. Amen.

A CARD PARTY

Will be given by the WOMAN'S AUXILIARY of the EPISCOPAL CHAPEL FOR THE HARD OF HEARING in The Community House, 923 Ludlow Street, Saturday, January 18th, at 8:00 P. M. There will be Refreshments, Door Prizes, and Games. Donation 60c.

THE CHURCH TAKES A STAND

The Winter Conference of the Department of Christian Education will be held on five Tuesday evenings at the Church House, January 14-February 11th. There are courses for lay people on doctrine, personal religion, prayer book, life of Christ and India. There are courses for teachers on visual education, prayer book, doctrine and life of Christ.

The Assembly Period 7:45-8:30 will bring an interesting group of speakers on the social responsibility of the Christian and the Church, the duty of a Christian in the modern world, domestic order in economics and politics, Christians and World Order, minority groups in American society, etc. Registration, fifty cents, admits to all classes.

PARISH REGISTER FOR DECEMBER, 1946

BAPTISMS

"Signed with the sign of the cross"

December 15th—Joseph Edward King

BURIALS

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service"

December 17th—Laura Meckling

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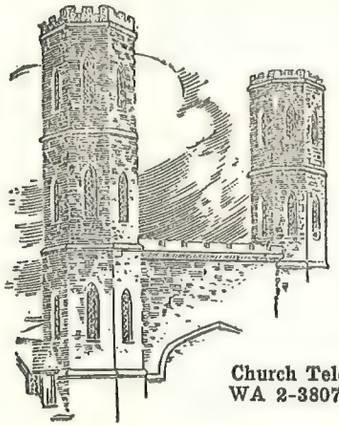
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105..... *St. Cecilia*
PSALM 62—Page 413
TE DEUM—Page 10..... *T. Tertius Noble*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Light of the World"..... *Elgar*
SERMON—"Taking Things to Heart"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 480..... *Duke Street*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 110..... *Dulce Carmen*

The Altar Flowers today are given by Miss Isabel Kirkpatrick in memory of members of her family.

Fifty families and several service men received Christmas Baskets due to the generous response to the Annual Christmas appeal of the members and friends of St. Stephen's Church. $285.60 was received. Many thanks.

Over thirty members of the Hard of Hearing Congregation enjoyed a fine Christmas Dinner with Mr. Meckling in the Community House on Christmas Day.

EDITORIAL

The election of Charles Taft to the highest office in American Protestantism, the President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, is a timely choice.

Mr. Taft is admirably qualified for this position of leadership by his loyalty to his own church (Episcopal), his devotion to the ecumenical movement, and his distinguished record of public service. Mr. Taft is the chairman of the National Social Welfare Assembly.

In electing a layman, the Federal Council opportunely broke with its tradition. The choice of a layman, as President, serves to emphasize emphatically the fact that Protestantism is not hierarchically controlled. While to the clergy are assigned prayer and distinctive functions, laymen participate in the government of Protestantism and in the direction of its policies; and the process of election is shared by all, either directly or through their chosen representatives.

In recent generations there has been a tendency toward hierarchical control in Protestantism. This has not been a purposed tendency, but has rather, come about through the inclination of laymen who, preoccupied, with business and regarding ministers as professionals, were willing to let them run things. At the same time, ministers have perhaps assumed that it was easier to do things themselves and in some instances have manifested a desire for undue power and control.

The Church needs its laymen very greatly today. It needs not merely their participation as attendants and contributors. It needs the understanding of their minds. It needs their skills, their time, their energy, in almost every aspect of its life.

HYMNAL MEMORIALS

Many are taking advantage of the opportunity of memorializing a loved one by providing a new hymnal for use in the Church. An attractive book plate will be inserted with the inscribed name of the person for whom the hymnal is a memorial. The cost is one dollar per book. You may provide any number of books you choose.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 95..... *Morning Star*
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PSALM 66—Page 417
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28..... *Tours*
HYMN 93 ..... *Stuttgard*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 356..... *St. Elizabeth*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535..... *Lancashire*

Some thirteen hundred dollars was received for the Thanksgiving appeal of the Episcopal Hospital. This is a substantial increase over last year. Many thanks!

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Opening Prayer:

Grant, most gracious GOD, that we may love and seek Thee always and everywhere, above all things and for Thy sake, in the present life, and may at last find Thee and forever hold Thee fast in the life to come. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.—*(Archbishop Bradwardine, 1292 A. D.)*

Bible Reading: John 15: 1-11 (Our deep human need of GOD.)

The Sermon:

Every human being goes through rebellious times when he wants to do as he pleases and have his own way. In those times he resists GOD, fights against the need of "abiding in the Vine."

John Masefield, in his great story poem of "The Everlasting Mercy", tells of the drunkard, Saul Kane, who struggled so hard to keep clear of GOD. One day in the saloon a woman found him trying to make friends with her boy, and she was so afraid of such a sorry companion for her son that she blazed out in fearful, scorning anger against Saul Kane. When she was at last through, Saul said to himself, "I've often heard religious ranters, and put them down as windy canters, but this old mother makes me see the harm I have done by being me." That same day he was rude to a Quaker woman who came into the saloon to tell men about Christ, and she spoke out to the stubborn drunkard about the Christ he was denying, finishing with, "He waits until you knock".

Saul Kane grew sick of having his own way—he could not hold out against Christ any longer. Through the weeks that had passed he had kept catching sight of the Everlasting Mercy of GOD—the GOD Who waits until we come home to Him; the GOD Who lets us put Him on a hard Cross and torture His great heart with our hard-fisted, self-willed lives; the GOD Who sees church folk keeping others away from Him by our selfish lives—and all the time, in His endless mercy, He keeps on loving us. Saul Kane could not keep on resisting a GOD like that—he let go, and let GOD in at last. No longer was his ardent prayer, "My will be done", but "THY Will". And he poured out his heart in joy and freedom at last, saying,

"I did not think, I did not strive; the deep peace burnt Me alive;
The bolted door had broken in, I knew that I had done with sin
I knew that Christ had given me birth to brother all the souls on earth,
And every bird, and every beast should share the crumbs broke at the feast.
O Glory of the lighted mind—how dead I'd been, how dumb, how blind."

CLOSING PRAYERS—"Our Father", and the following praper:

Breathe on me, Breath of GOD, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.
Breathe on me, Breath of GOD, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine. Amen.

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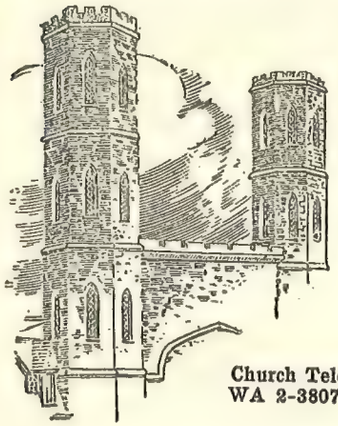
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A PILGRIMAGE

For those who wish to know something about the history and interesting details of the Church, Mr. I. Smith Raspin will conduct a pilgrimage after the morning service. Those who wish to join the group are asked to meet in the front pews.

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Reverie" ..... *H. C. Banks*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94 ..... *Kocher*
KYRIE ..... *Stainer*
ANTHEM—"There shall be a star" ..... *Mendelssohn*
SERMON—"Swearing on Versus Swearing Off" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 95 ..... *Harding*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 321, (Verses 1, 2, and 3) ..... *Gower*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 93 ..... *Gotha*

The Altar Flowers today are given by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling in memory of his father and by Mr. Edward J. Van Dyke in memory of his father, James Edward Van Dyke.

Mr. Carrigan, our esteemed Verger, is anxious to round out his collection of Harry Lauder's Victrola records. If you have any of these records will you communicate with him?

We extend a hearty welcome to Glenn Clark, Starr Daily, Glenn Harding and Agnes Sanford who are to lead a Three Day Institute of Prayer and Creative Living in St. Stephen's Church on January 6, 7 and 8. The first session will be held in the Church at 7:30 P. M., Monday, January 6. On Tuesday and Wednesday there will be afternoon sessions at 2:30 and evening at 7:30 P. M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be a day of prayer in St. Stephen's Church on Monday, January 6th (Epiphany) for World Leaders and World Conditions. Twelve people will keep an unbroken chain of prayer that day from 12 to 6 P. M.

We gratefully acknowledge the contribution to the work of the Benevolent Society from Mrs. Daisy M. Douglas.

We acknowledge with thanks the Church Bulletin subscriptions of Miss Frances Hatcher and Mrs. Jane R. Nicolai.

EDITORIAL

"I should say that it is our position that whatever the United States does in the way of relief should be done by the United States, unilaterally."

In these words Secretary Byrnes epitomized the proposed world relief policy, which the Administration will present to Congress when it convenes subsequent to the official termination of UNRRA on January 1st.

We are therefore rejecting the plea of the other nations for united relief activity under the United Nations and we are proposed to go it alone.

By this decision the United States is choosing to travel a perilous road. This is and will continue to be a desperately hungry and needy world. In such a world, the United States is the one large nation capable of developing large surpluses under present circumstances. The hungry eyes of the world will be upon us.

It is natural for hungry men first to envy and then to hate those who have plenty, unless there is a generous and willing sharing. The first question is therefore whether, in a year which seemed destined to emphasize economy, we shall, as a nation, determine not to diminish our works of mercy.

The second problem involves the necessity for Congress and the State Department to resist, strenuously, the temptation to use the means of mercy to save political ends. During the depression a few over-zealous and insensitive religious organizations attempted to win "bread-and-butter converts" by making attendance at religious service the price of a meal. "Mission stiffs", their fellow sufferers dubbed those who would go through the motions of conversion for food and lodging.

Our State Department and Congress would do well to write down as a fundamental premise the precept of Jesus: "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." To send food in political wrappings is to make charity despicable.

And what self-restraint Congress will have to exert in debating specific gifts and loans, lest the words of these representatives of America stir the hearts of hungry men to bitterness.

Surely men of religion of all faiths are called upon to insist that our national charity be generous in spirit and in measure.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 80 ..... *Regent Square*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 90—Page 453
MAGNIFICAT—Page 26 ..... *Tours*
HYMN 106 ..... *Watchman*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 83 ..... *Margaret*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 77

The rector preached at the Leamy Home on December 29th and at the Divinity School on January 2nd.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, January 5, there will be a special service of Holy Communion to which we invite our young people, Church School teachers, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the year at the altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord, if we have found favor in Thy sight, show us now Thy ways, that we may know Thee; but if Thy Presence go not with us, carry us not up hence. O Lord Jehovah, show Thy servants Thy greatness and Thy strong hand. Amen.

(Moses, 1400 B. C.)

Bible Reading:

Do you remember that time when you were small, when your family moved to a new town, a new home? Your heart was filled with an odd mixture of eagerness and anxiety. You were leaving familiar friends and places for strange ones; you were tearing up your roots, and that was uncomfortable. On the other hand, you were going "over the horizon" to unguessed delights, going into the unknown with new treasures to be discovered. You tingled with the sense of adventure, for as Joshua had put it to the Israelites, *"ye have not passed this way heretofore".*

Stepping into a New Year is just like that. Behind us lie the familiar scenes and experiences. Ahead lies the unknown—for better or worse, for richer or poorer! There is one way to enter the New Year with confidence, and Joshua pointed it out. His counsel to his people was simple—to follow after the Ark, which was the sign of the Presence of GOD. In other words, "Follow GOD into the unknown". It was good advice, and it worked out well, as you will remember from the history of the people of Israel, for they became a great nation, from which we received our faith.

Joshua added a bracing word of cheer to follow GOD into the unknown, "for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Every one of you who will keep GOD in your hearts, heeding the whisper of His voice, can venture into the unknown New Year with assurance, even with childlike eagerness. For every soul who travels with GOD can anticipate miracles ahead, fresh delights, new friends, new worlds to conquer. As Hudnot wrote:

"Quit you like men, be strong;
There's a battle to fight, There's a wrong to right,
There's a God Who blesses the good with might—
So are ye forth with a song.

"Quit you like men, be strong;
There's a work to do, There's a world to make new,
There's a call for men who are brave and true—
On! on with a song!

"Quit you like men, be strong;
There's a year of grace, There's a God to face,
There's another heat in the great world race—
Speed! speed with a song."

Closing Prayer:

O Thou Who art ever the same, grant us so to pass through the coming year with faithful hearts, that we may be able in all things to please Thy loving eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —(Mozarable Liturgy, 700 A.D.)

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FOR THIS PARISH

Give courage, O merciful Lord, to thy people; wisdom to the perplexed, endurance to the sufferers, fresh vigor and interest in life to those who have lost heart, a sense of Thy Presence to the lonely; and bless and prosper all of this household of faith.

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ORGAN PRELUDE (Chorale Prelude)—"In Dulci Jubilo".....*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 27.....*Mendelssohn*

VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*

PSALM 132—Page 508

LESSON

CAROL IN PLACE OF CANTICLE: "Lo how a rose e'er blooming"....*Praetorius*

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CAROL IN PLACE OF CANTICLE: "O'er Bethlehem's plains".....*Danish Carol*
arr. by H. Alexander Matthews

CREED AND PRAYERS

CAROL—"Christmas Day" (Old English Carols).....*Gustav Holst*

SERMON—"Mastering Ourselves".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 19.....*Willis*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 28.....*Smart*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by the Vestry, in memory of Miss Laura Bell.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Cavatina" .....*Raff*

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HYMN 21.....*St. Louis*

SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING

OFFERTORY HYMN 42.....*Gloria*

DOXOLOGY

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SOPRANO SOLO—"The Birthday of a King".....*Neidlinger*
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Almighty God, the comfort of the sad, the strength of sufferers, let the prayers of those that cry out of any tribulation come unto Thee, that all may rejoice to find that Thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.)

Bible Reading: Psalm 84

The Sermon:
Have you ever been in the Valley of Baca? Before you answer, "No", let me tell you that you *have* been there, and know it well. For the clear translation of that word is "Weary-Glen" or "Vale of Misery". You certainly are familiar with that locality; for what human being is there who has not known misery at one time or another!

All men alike go into that shadowy, bleak valley. But how different they are when they come out! Some emerge from their suffering exhausted and beaten down, while others come out strengthened. These last are the folk who "passing through the Vale of Misery use it for a well". In the Good News of God they have learned that days of sickness, of grief, of trouble, can be days of opportunity—days in which they find new springs of refreshment. So Paul could say "most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me". St. Paul, you may remember, had "a thorn in the flesh"—scholars think he may have been subject to epileptic fits. He prayed to God to heal him in his trouble; but God did not. So St. Paul wisely decided that this thorn in the flesh could keep him close to God; mindful that, without God, he was nothing; remembering to turn over from his human weakness to the infinite strength of the Almighty. Passing through his Vale of Misery, St. Paul used it for a well.

I do not know, of course, what your particular Vale may be. I only know that, as a believing, practising Christian, you can turn it into a well, and use it for strength. An older woman once told me of the special miseries of old age—and how they had brought her to an everyday quiet fifteen minutes with God; minutes in which she just listens in stillness until the clouds clear a bit, and she sees, in the light of God's wisdom, how she can go on through that day. Your trial may be shortness of stature, a difficult husband, your own touchy disposition, painful rheumatism, slenedr finances, or too-many-people-in-one-house. Whatever it is, there are hidden springs in its barren wastes.

Some one has said that "one can live life on a shoe-string, as Jesus did, as St. Francis did". He who walks with God finds the hidden well-springs of Baca. God put them in your Vale of Misery for your renewal—use them, every day of your life!

Closing Prayer:
Stretch forth, O Lord, Thy mercy over all Thy servants everywhere, even the right hand of heavenly help, that they may seek Thee with their whole heart, and obtain what they rightly ask for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary.)

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

New Year's Eve this year falls on Wednesday night. Mr. Meckling will conduct a Watch Night Service at 11:00 P. M. with hymns, prayers and an address followed by the Holy Communion. The coming year is certain to be a year of tension and great pressure. We shall do well to approach it in the spirit of solemn dedication to God, turning to Him for strength and insight. He alone will see us through successfully.

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, February 29th, in connection with the 125th ANNIVERSARY of St. Stephen's at 11:00 o'clock to administer the rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. The Rector's instruction class will meet in his study every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock beginning January 11th.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"O Holy Mystery".....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Wilt*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 99—Page 462
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed".....*Handel*
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
SERMON—"Choose Life" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 440.....*Lowell Mason*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 2.....*Plainsong*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" (Violin Concerto).....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Stuttgart*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
HYMN 197 .....*Picardy*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 153.....*Ratisbon*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Willan*
AGNUS DEI .....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 213.....*St. Agnes*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 5.....*St. Thomas*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"March in E flat".....*Petrali*

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O God of heavenly glory, source of earthly peace and goodwill; may our Christmas be merry because touched with joy divine, through Him Who is born again in our hearts, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*John W. Suter*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 2 : 8-20

The Sermon:
As the shepherds hastened through the star-lit night, I suspect that they stopped from time to time at some farmhouse, asking, "Is this the road that leads to Bethlehem?" So they "came with haste", anxiously seeking the right road.

Right now you are up to your neck in Christmas preparations, hurrying eagerly that everything may be ready for the great day. Look well that you are preparing for something more than a heavy dinner, a gaily decorative home, a handsome lot of greeting cards and presents. For all these glad and merry acts are empty and senseless unless they be lighted with the *meaning* of Christmas Day. Ask yourself right now, whether all your kitchen-scurrying, your feverish shopping and your last-minute addressing is done in honor of Love—come down-to-earth. Is your Christmas haste truly "on the road to Bethlehem"?

For what was it that the eager shepherds found at the end of the Bethlehem road? In that tiny, new-born Christ-Child, they discovered what God is like! As some one has said, "God is as helpless as the Babe in the Manger—that is the way the Christian doctrine about God begins. God is as helpless as Christ on the Cross—that is the way the Christian doctrine about God ends. And Christmas gives us the picture of a God without weapons wherewith to drive men to do His will. It gives us the picture of One Whose power is the power to make us love."

Think of it—at the end of the Bethlehem road men find a God Who will *never compel them* to do anything. God is far wiser than the dictators, the compellers—He wants only *willing* obedience, only that service which springs gladly from a loving, adoring heart. So He made Himself a helpless babe at Bthelehem, a Christ-nailed-to-the-Cross at Calvary. He looks up from the Manger, looks down from the Cross, with eyes of loving confidence which invite your worship and loyal service. For the other roads of life, the way of the mailed fist and the bullying heart, the way of hard dictatorship in home and village, lead only to ruin and heartbreak. God takes the Bethlehem way, and calls you to take that selfsame road, and follow faithfully on it.

This may bring you up sharp—you may have to change your ways with your wife or your children, or some special person; may have to put your temper under curb, and pray deeply for the power to forgive and be forgiven. But risk that, my friend—stop short, in all your Christmas busy-ness, and see that you are on the right road!

Men travel bravely by a thousand roads,
Some broad and lined with palaces; some steep
And hard and lonely, some that blindly twist
Through tangled jungles where there is no light;
And mostly they are travelled thoughtlessly.
But once a year an ancient question comes
To every traveller passing on his way,
A question that can stab and burn and bless.
"Is this the road that leads to Bethlehem?"

Closing Prayers: "Our Father," and the following (A Child's Christmas Prayer):
Dear Christ, the Light of all who love You, help us to make ready for Your birthday by preparing room for You in our hearts. Let no selfishness of ours darken our home. Let no ill feelings spoil our fun. Draw us closer together by showing us the way to love aright; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are most desirous of learning whether there are any additional members of the parish interested in joining the Adult Confirmation Class. If so, will you please make yourself known to the rector. Classes begin in the early part of January.

PILGRIMAGE INVITATION

For those who wish to know something about the history and interesting details of the Church, Mr. I. Smith Raspin will conduct a pilgrimage after the morning service. Those who wish to join the group are asked to meet in the front pews.

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VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Turn Back O Man".....*Gustav Holst*

Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways. Old now is Earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim "Turn back O Man, forswear, thy foolish ways!"

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age after age their tragic empires rise. Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep, Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry, "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

SERMON—"A Living Faith—A Living Force".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 449.....*Lowell Mason*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535.....*Walter*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4.....*Greenland*
PSALM 93—Page 457
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28
HYMN 369.....*St. Agnes*
SERMON .....The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 346.....*St. Elizabeth*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
TENOR SOLO—"Lovely Voices of the Sky".....*Matthews*
Theodore Boyd
RECESSIONAL HYMN 5.....*St. Thomas*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Triumphal March".....*Tschaikowski*

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The Choir of St. Stephen's is now enjoying new vestments thanks to the generous action of Miss Gertrude McClellan who has made over twenty surplices, and fitted each member with a hand-made garment. The material and workmanship is excellent and should last many years. New cassocks and caps were made by the National Cap and Gown Co. of Philadelphia.

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The Sermon:

If, as we saw last week, it is important to begin each day as a little Advent, it is just as necessary to end it in the same spirit. For if you fall asleep worried and tense about tomorrow, you will awake in the same sorry mood. But, you may say, how *can* I end my day peacefully? How can I relax when my big son has been "too busy" to help me move heavy furniture; when food costs so much, and the family fusses endlessly about having so little meat; when there's a rumor that the mill is going to shut down, and my husband will be out of a job? Just how can any one expect me to end the day with a serene heart!

But have you not heard that this problem was solved a long, long time ago—long before the telephone was invented! It was. That's what the Bible's all about, the victorious life of those who walk with God, and know that God is with them. A professional boxer has just written the vivid picture of his terrific fight with the drug habit, and his final victory, and he called his story, "God was in my corner." Where God is let in, there are no impossibilities—you can look forward to tomorrow with Advent zest. But just how can you get rid of the gloomy, fearful thoughts that push into your mind as you start to go to sleep? Dr. Peale suggests:

"A gentleman for whom I have great respect told me of the method he uses to get these thoughts out of his mind. Somebody had suggested to him that the highest form of prayer is thanksgiving. Therefore, while lying in bed at night, he began to make a list of the wonderful things that had happened during the day. One by one he thanked God for simple things: for his breakfast, crisp bacon, the odor of which is delectable; for his ability to walk to work; for the privilege of living in a free country; for the sunshine or the rain or the snow; for his job, for his boss, for his secretary. He thanked Him for every good thing. He said that after he had done this for a night or two, all of a sudden he realized that marvelous over-balance of the good against the bad." He felt a deep security, a true serenity, like that of the Psalmist who wrote, "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed." Try out this simple, practical, night-time thankfulness as you turn your eyes toward Christmas!

Closing Prayer:

Quiet our thoughts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and let Thy peace descend upon our waiting souls; that, commending our spirits to Thy holy keeping, we may accept the miracle of sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(I. W. Suter)*

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"Signed with the sign of the cross"

October 26 George Milton Haase
November 16 Dorothy Theresa King
23 Jane Miller Matthews
Charles William Leeds

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

September 12 Earl R. Fernside, Jr., Jane F. Slaven
30 John G. Renn, Florence E. Lutz
December 6 Bertram H. Bradshaw, Kathryn R. Freeman
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Burials

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service"

November 12 Corporal Jerry R. Stephens
19 Elizabeth V. Logan Smith
24 Jennie Allen
December 8 Mary F. Rinick

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KYRIE .....*Noble*
ANTHEM—"There shall be no night there".....*David Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign forever and ever.

SERMON—"Focus" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 442 .....*William Tans'ur*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 (verses 1, 2 and 3).....*Day's Psalter*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 4.....*Haydn*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Emily E. Kinsley in memory of her parents, Sarah E. and John W. Kinsley, and by Dr. Herbert Old in memory of his father and mother.

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Prelude to the Deluge".....*Saint-Saens*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 11.....*St. Stephen*
PSALM 26—Page 370
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28
HYMN 544 .....*St. Cecelia*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 9.....*Merton*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SOPRANO SOLO—"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains".....*Harker*
MISS DORIS KERNS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 271.....*Moscow*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"March in D" (Occasional Oratorio).....*Handel*

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We extend our thanks to the following contributors to the Benevolent Society: Mrs. E. Peacock, Mrs. Elizabeth Mayer.

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The VESTRY of the Hard of Hearing Chapel of St. Stephen's will give a card party on Saturday, December 13th at 8: 00 P. M. in the Community House. Prizes and Refreshments, 65 cents.

The older Young People's Wednesday Night Club will hold two more meetings this year: December 10th—Birthday Night—and December 17th—Gala Christmas Party and Dance. Dancing and Fellowship—Ping Pong—Refreshments at every meeting. All older young people and friends invited.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services: the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O God, give us a pure heart, a clear mind, and a steadfast will, that all our work may be to the honour of Him Who hath honoured us with His love and fellowship, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*Henry Sylvester Nash.*)

Bible Reading: Psalm 118: 1-24

The Sermon:

Advent has now begun—the season of humble and solemn rejoicing that God came among men, and still comes today. But this rejoicing need not be limited to a season. Why not make every day a little Advent?

So many people "jinx" each day before they start it, by saying to themselves, "This is going to be another tough day". By picturing it in this gloomy light, they make sure that it will be tough. As someone has said, "Such persons like a defective record on a victrola, keep repeating over and over again the same wrong thought."

Why not form the habit of "Advent-thinking"? Suppose you begin each day by quietly saying to yourself, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." While you are still in bed, and drowsy, say those great words slowly, and let them sink in, deep in your heart. Remember that, since God made this day, wonderful things can happen—quiet and lovely miracles, like the smile of a friend in response to your thoughtfulness; wondrous miracles, like your finding peace in forgiving an old wrong; thrilling miracles, like discovering that at last you can face your worst nightmare with steady eyes, because God is with you.

Every day is a good day if you pray, if you start it with Advent expectation. God made this particular day a rainy day. You will say this is a terrible day. This is not a terrible day. The Lord is trying to do something with this day. He has to have days like this. There may be a day of seemingly terrible failure—but here is a man who failed in business, and had to get out of it; and then found another business where he is doing remarkably well. His day of failure was a wonderful day—it freed him to find what he was best fitted to do. Your heart may sink within you as, in the midst of house-cleaning, your doorbell rings. But Advent may well show you that your visitor was God-sent, a joy or a golden opportunity. Since this is the day that the Lord hath made, you become watchful for His hand in every event. Even everyday-living becomes shot through with the glory of God. As a teen-ager once wrote, "In the short time I have known God, I have found a very strange something inside that makes my life so full of laughter and happiness." Such radiance is forever flooding "the day which the Lord hath made."

Closing Prayer:

O God, Master of life, illumine our minds with the light of Thine own reason, inform our wills with Thine eternal purpose, and so make our daily work a prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*Henry Sylvester Nash*)

EDITORAL

A lawyer, whose firm is consulted in the preparation of an exceptional number of income tax returns, has expressed amazement that so many returns filed by Protestants showed, in contrast to others, such meager religious and charitable deductions.

Obviously, no Protestant minister is going to sit down with a parishioner and seek to direct his charity budget or tell him how much he should give either to a specific project or in total contributions. That is not and never will be our way.

The responsibility rests on the conscience of the individual as to where and what he shall give.

It was inspiring to learn recently from a mutual friend that Governor Stassen tithes not only his income, but his time, as well. At least one-tenth of his time has been committed to the service of the Church and to Kingdom causes. How desperately the wide acceptance of that sort of dedication of life is needed today!

It is the human tendency, granted freedom of conscience and of choice in such matters as the stewardship of means and of time, for the individual to grow lax and irresponsible.

It is there—is it not, that the prophetic function of the Church and of the ministry enters in. Is it not the responsibility of both to continuously nourish and stimulate the generous qualities of personality with which selfish nature is ever at war? Salvation in this life of the flesh is never at once and for all achieved. The spiritual man must be renewed daily—even hourly. Generosity, charity, stewardship will fade and vanish in many a life where stimulus of conscience is not continuously offered and received.

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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 1947

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ORGAN PRELUDE (Choral Improvisation)—
"Lord Take My Heart, It Beats for Thee".....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 385.....*Haydn*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 145—Page 520
BENEDICTUS, ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Let All the World In Every Corner Sing".....*Thiman*
SERMON—"The Man Who Sold a Farm".....THE RECTOR
PRESENTATION OF PLEDGE CARDS
OFFERTORY HYMN 480.....*Redhead*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579.....*Lockhart*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Nun Danket".....*Diggle*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Stuttgart*
PSALM 97—Page 460
LESSON—Matthew 21
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28
HYMN 315 .....*Kremser*
SERMON—"Your Money and Your Life".....THE RECTOR
PRESENTATION OF PLEDGE CARDS
OFFERTORY HYMN 480.....*Holy Offerings*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
BARITONE SOLO—"But Who May Abide" (Messiah).....*Handel*
EDWARD J. SNYDER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 4.....*Greenland*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Thanksgiving Postlude".....*Kern*

We wish to thank Miss Susan C. Thackara for her subscription to the Church Bulletin.

Sunday, November 30th is DEDICATION SUNDAY, and we hope you will be present. We shall drop our pledge cards in the "CHEST OF JOASH" and dedicate them to God at the Altar. The Rector will explain "Where the money goes". This sounds as if it might be dull, but we hope to make it interesting and instructive.

The annual BIRTHDAY CALENDAR will go to press December 1st. There is still time to have your birthday recorded. Send your name and birthday and ten cents to Mrs. Mearns.

MATTERS FINANCIAL

MY DEAR FRIEND AND PARISHIONER:

Every family has to think about its money affairs. The Church is like a large family and every Fall it has to consider money matters seriously. I suppose no family enjoys this particular part of its life, neither do I enjoy it as much as I do other responsibilities that I have been chosen to carry in the Church. But I have come to appreciate the fact that the way a family earns and spends its money is as good an indication as any of the real quality of the family life. Seen in that light, money affairs lose some of their drabness and take their part in the romance of living.

Before I speak about this year's money affairs, I should like to say something about the past six years. When I became Rector six years ago, the financial outlook of the parish was not bright. In 1941 only $3,567.28 was raised by the congregation. In 1942, $5,021.20 was raised. We raised in 1943, $12,743.50. In 1944 we raised $16,839.74. In 1945, $17,543.09 was raised. We raised, in 1946, $20,291.74. This shows a gain of $16,724.47. This means that a great many people are giving more than they did five years ago.

It does not mean, I am sorry to say, that many more people are giving. In 1941, 140 people pledged, and 1947, 204 pledged—64 additional contributors. Over 200 parishioners made no pledge at all for 1947. Those figures trouble me greatly. I cannot understand how people can allow their names to be on the register of Communicant Members of St. Stephen's Church, signifying that they wish to be considered a part of it, and yet give nothing, not even a token as a sign of their interest and care. In other denominations their names would be automatically dropped from the membership list. I am glad that such is not our practice and I go on hoping that some day they will wake up to their opportunities.

To the large group who have given more and more generously, I am grateful. Their reward is the knowledge that they have shared in the reconstruction work of God as He ministers to men and women through the agency of His Church.

I have no hesitation in asking them to continue to give to the Church. The budget this year, like all budgets, clearly reflects the high cost of living. The Church above all others must pay the people who work for her a decent and living wage. In addition to the increase in cost, there is the ever increasing opportunity to serve. Doors are opening to us on every side. Thousands of people are working in the large office buildings in our neighborhood. The sick and the troubled look to us for advice and help. On Sunday as well as during the week the people come from all over Greater Philadelphia to join together in a renewal of their spiritual aspiration and effort. To close any of these doors because of lack of funds would be a responsibility which I, for one, should not like to assume.

The sooner you make your pledge and either mail it to the Church Office or place it yourself in the CHEST OF JOASH on Sunday, November 30th, the sooner we will know that you want us who are on the staff to go ahead with the work. It would be my greatest joy to announce in next week's bulletin that we had settled our money affairs for next year satisfactorily.

Will you help us do that?

YOUR PARISH BUDGET FOR 1948

Estimated Expenses

PARISH:		
Salaries (including Rector, Minister to Hard of Hearing and 5 other persons)	$15,960.00	
Music (Choir, Organist and Music)	5,800.00	
Insurance	1,700.00	
Publicity	1,500.00	
Weekly Bulletins (net)	350.00	
Automobile Maintenance	300.00	
Church Pension Fund	925.00	
Repairs	750.00	
Electric Light and Gas	1,050.00	
Fuel	850.00	
Telephone	400.00	
Operation of Office	850.00	
Verger's Helpers and Supplies	1,000.00	
Community House Operations	2,000.00	
Auditing	400.00	
Amortization of Repairs	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	2,550.00	
		$37,885.00
Special Purposes	$2,000.00	
Diocesan Assessment	1,311.20	
Missions	5,500.00	
Presiding Bishop's Fund	1,000.00	
Philadelphia Council of Churches	125.00	
		9,936.20
		$47,821.20

Estimated Receipts

To be raised by pledges and contributions from the Hard of Hearing Congregation and others	$23,821.20	
Income from Endowments and Investments	24,000.00	
		$47,821.20

MEMBERSHIP AND PEW SITTINGS

Membership in St. Stephen's Church can be gained by becoming a regular contributor to the support of the Church through the duplex-envelope system. A certain proportion of your pledge will be designated by the Vestry as a sitting rental and will entitle the communicant to membership in the corporate body of St. Stephen's.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andantino" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153 ..... *Ratisbon*
VENITE—Page 9
PSALMS 111 and 112—Page 482
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord O my Soul" ..... *Ivanof*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord,
Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness,
He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever.
Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

SERMON—"When Life Kicks Back" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 288 ..... *Croft*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Offertoire in F" ..... *Lefebure-Wely*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 523 ..... *Russia*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 11
LESSON
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28
CREED AND PRAYER—Page 29
HYMN 499 (New) ..... *St. Petersburg*
SERMON ..... The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 464 ..... *St. Catherine*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 455 ..... *St. Peter*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Duke Street" ..... *Whiting*

THANKSGIVING DAY, November 27, 1947

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Prelude on St. Anne" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 289 ..... *St. Anne*
THANKSGIVING DAY PSALM—Page 264 (In place of Venite) ..... *Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise" ..... *J. S. West*

Sing a song of praise.
Bless the Lord in all His works.
Magnify His Name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia
Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"Life's Unearned Increment" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 137 ..... *Elvey*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 140 ..... *Kocher*

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(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services: the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Thou Who art heroic love, kindle, we pray Thee, in our hearts that high spirit of adventure in which men scorn the way of safety and seek danger, rather, to do Thy will. Help us to prove worthy of their brave and loving company who, at Thy bidding, put everything upon the hazard, until they passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side. Amen.—(*"Toc H Prayers"*)

Bible Reading: John 1:35-42.

The Sermon:

One of these autumn days when the sun is shining, you may hear a cricket chirping under your window. Get a watch or a clock that has a second-hand, and carefully count the number of times your cricket chirps in fourteen seconds. Suppose you count thirty chirps. Add forty-five to that thirty and you will know that the temperature is exactly seventy-five where the cricket is. (Always count the number of chirps in fourteen seconds, and add forty-five.) I'm not sure that the late fall cricket on the hearth is reliable, for he is a bit sleepy and tired—but your outdoor cricket will always be right. The warmer it is, the faster Mr. Cricket will chirp. He always responds faithfully, reliably, to light and warmth.

God made crickets to be like that. They have no choice, and, I suppose, deserve no credit, for they cannot help being so reliable. But the wonderful fact remains—their sensitive and unfailing response to God's light.

God made human beings with a far greater capacity for responding to Him; gave them the ability to be Christlike parents, friends, neighbors. But He also left them free to disregard His light; to be sensitive to darkness and evil instead. Peter and Judas both lived close to Jesus; and Judas finally yielded his will to work treachery, while Peter set himself to loyalty to the Light. The warmth of God's undying love shone just as clearly for both men—and one chose to insulate his heart against it, while the other willed to obey its bidding. You will find it very easy to apply this truth to your community, to the people you know. You will find it more uncomfortable, but much more profitable, to apply it to yourself! Are you training yourself to be sensitive to the highest and best, so that you obey the promptings of God as the cricket obeys the sunlight?

Dwight L. Moody once said, "Let God have your life. He can do more with it than you can." A young doctor named Wilfred Grenfell heard those words, and dedicated his life to obeying God's will for him. For over half a century the barren shores of Labrador have been blessed by Dr. Grenfell's life-saving work. Your golden chance, my friend, is to become "God's Cricket."

Closing Prayer:

O THOU Who art the light of the minds that know Thee, the life of the souls that love Thee, and the strength of the hearts that serve Thee; help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee, Whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Because of THANKSGIVING DAY, the usual two services of Spiritual Healing at 12:30 and 5:30 P. M. will not be conducted.

The Rector will preach at St. James Church, Kingsessing, Sunday, November 23rd at 8:00 P. M. on the subject of Religion and Health.

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One of the outstanding events of our coming One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary is the special Anthem "Lord, I Have Loved the Habitation of Thy House." Composed for the occasion by Dr. Matthews.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio" ..... *Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Smart*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 81—Page 442
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
JUBILATE—Page 15 ..... *Mozart*
ANTHEM—"To Whom Then Will Ye Liken God?" ..... *Horatio Parker*
SERMON—"What Is It God Can Do For Us?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 301 ..... *Welsh Melody*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 434 ..... *Dykes*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Bridal Song, from "Rustic Wedding Symphony" ..... *Goldmark*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
HYMN (new) 499 ..... *St. Petersburg*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 172 ..... *Merrial*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
ANTHEM—"Sweet is Thy Mercy" ..... *Barnby*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
AGNUS DEI ..... *Willan*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 326 ..... *Oriel*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Grand Choeur" ..... *Salome*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. William R. Shields in memory of her husband, and by The Rev. Herbert Jones in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

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Opening Prayer:

Grant us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that whatever by His teaching we know to be our duty, we may by His grace be enabled to perform, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(J. C. Chute)*

Bible Reading: Isaiah 26: 1-9

The Sermon:

On some November afternoon you may find yourself in a great stadium, watching a stirring football game in the crisp fall air. Between the halves a dog may slip out of the stands and onto the football field. Instantly there will be a chorus of whistles, dog-calls, and shouts from the jammed stands. First the dog will rush frantically toward one half-recognized voice, then turn at the sound of a more piercing whistle. Then he will stand, trembling, confused, not knowing which way to turn. Then, it may be, a familiar figure will hurry onto the field, and suddenly he hears a voice he trusts; and he will run joyously to his master, and find peace of mind once more.

Some one has remarked that the American people today are exactly in the position of that poor hound in the stadium. So many voices pour down on each one of us—from the people around us, from our radios and telephones, our newspapers and magazines. Some urge us toward pleasing ourselves in marriage and work; others to faithfulness and consideration of others. Some whistle our nation toward ostrich-like isolation; others toward One World. Some call us to depend on Lady Luck; others, on the unfailing God. The loudest, brassiest voices wheedle us toward soft and heedless ways, and suggest that there is no sense in being hard on ourselves. Quieter voices call us to high, hard ways, and remind us that, only along those climbing paths, has man ever found peace of heart.

What can the human "hound" do amid this confusion of calls? He can learn to recognize one voice that he can trust. Joseph Fort Newton in his autobiography tells of a man who, at the age of forty-two, read the New Testament for the first time, and cried out, "The story of Jesus stirred me as nothing else ever did. We could be free of wrong things and false goals if we kept in the way Jesus taught us, which is the road of faith and love and helpfulness." That man's life was made new by listening, at last, to the one voice which can always be trusted, the one voice that never lets you down. Learn the sound of His voice in your Testament, day by day; *then* listen for that same Voice in the everyday world. You will begin to discover it in the conversation of a few of your choicest friends, in a handful of the leaders of our world. You will begin a steadier trust in the God Who "wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee."

Closing Prayer:

O Thou Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, make Thy way plain before our face. Teach us to live boldly, that we may be free from fear or favour, strong in Thy love and power. Amen.—*(Adapted from Knutsford fellowship.)*

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

Following the general custom in this Diocese, your offering on Thanksgiving Day is asked for the support of the Episcopal Hospital. The rising costs of care, the growing demands on the Hospital by the community, and the inability of many persons to pay for their care make the offering a vital part of the Hospital's financial structure. Last year our offering amounted to $1,034.56. Your generous response to this annual appeal is earnestly requested.

On Saturday, November 22nd, at 8: 00 P. M. in the COMMUNITY HOUSE, the YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB will present THE TOWN CRIER'S DRAMATIC CLUB in three one-act plays. Dancing with music by an orchestra will follow this entertainment. Prizes —Refreshments. Donation only 75c.

We wish to thank Mrs. A. G. Balsley for her contribution to the Benevolent Society, and Mrs. Ida T. W. Leach, Mrs. Christine Leight and Mr. Louis P. Stumpf for their Church Bulletin subscriptions.

WILL WE—WON'T WE

While starvation threatens and freedom trembles in the balance—while Europe hopes that help will come and Russia seems to hope that it will not—the following are excerpts heard one day from the stream of consciousness of American democracy in the process of making up its mind:

"DECEMBER 1, CRISIS DATE"—*Newspaper headline*

"Americans simply do not realize how terrible and how critical is the situation."—*A qualified observer just returned from Europe.*

"Republican leaders in Congress say there is no need of special session unless President Truman has a solution to problems."—*Newspaper report.*

"Appropriation Committee may meet after mid-November."—*Newspaper headline.*

"Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Chase National Bank, is deeply, strongly in favor of the Marshall Plan. He is so keen about it that today he told America's bankers 'here is our opportunity to restore to the world enough strength to maintain peace.' "—*Newspaper on Bankers' Convention.*

"There is a growing skepticism over the results of extensive aid to Socialist European Governments."—*The N.A.M. News.*

"Will we—won't we—will we—won't we"—so it seems to go; so it goes in an individual mind faced with a critical decision; so it goes in the mind of America today.

Pray God that if the President and Congress fail to take initiative, the heart of America—the lovable America—will assert itself and bring about speedy and adequate action.

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9: 45 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE—"In Paradise".....*Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143.....*Warren*
VENITE—Page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 46—Page 397
FIRST LESSON—Isaiah 2: 1-17
BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
SECOND LESSON—Ephesians 6
ANTHEM—"O Lord Support Us all the Day Long".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
CREED AND PRAYERS
ANTHEM—"Greater Love Hath No Man".....*Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service.

SERMON—"Stones Without Meaning".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 436.....*Baker*
THE DOXOLOGY
MASSING OF THE COLORS
AMERICA (3rd verse)
CLOSING PRAYER
TAPS
ANTHEM (From Requiem).....*Fauré*

Blessed Jesus, Lord and God
Grant them Thine eternal rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 393.....*Hemy*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by The Military Order Purple Heart Chapter 4, and Unit 4, The Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post Auxiliary, and by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Torry in memory of Dr. Carl E. Grammar.

The Patriotic Societies participating in this Service are: American Legion Posts of the Second District, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Star Mothers, Marine Corps League and others.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Largo from New World Symphony".....*Dvorak*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 355.....*Coronation*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 140—Page 516
LESSON
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28
CREED AND PRAYER—Page 29
HYMN 493.....*Intercessor*
SERMON.....The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 166.....*Hursley*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 483.....*Consolation*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"March Triomphale".....*Wachs*

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O God, Who art the Infinite Thinker, make our thoughts high and good. O God, Who art the Eternal Truth make our words honest and kind; O God, Who art the Almighty Power, make our deeds loving and brave. Amen.

Bible Reading: Amos 8: 4-6

The Sermon:

"Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail,

"Saying, when will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

"That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?" Amos 8: 46.

In every age there have been people who were willing to get rich at the expense of others. The prophet Amos had something to say to such people in his time, as we note in this text. In his novel, "House Divided", Ben Ames Williams displays some unsavory characters who made a profit out of the misery of the people of the South in the "War Between the States". I have no doubt that we have cheats and defrauders and unscrupulous people in our own day.

But it is not the purpose of this sermon to add further condemnation to that already heaped upon such people by many writers, and by decent public opinion everywhere. I would rather point out, as so many have done before, the wonderful generosity and spirit of self-sacrifice in the majority of people, which make possible acts of charity and kindness. Particularly in America it is possible to raise great sums of money and great stores of goods to help those in need.

Once again a challenge faces the American people which will surely be met. It is the appeal of the Community Fund. All over the United States the good people will give generously to aid people in trouble and to create agencies for the building of sound bodies and good character. I think Amos would take heart if he could witness the response to this opportunity. Perhaps he might feel that he was a pioneer in the development of a spirit of charity and generosity. The Community Chest Fund is an opportunity for each to dedicate himself again to the best in life. Do you remember the Roman Emperor who had a slave ride in his chariot, during each triumph, to whisper in his ear ever so often: "Remember, master, you are but human!" This campaign says in the inner ear of every attentive citizen "Remember, servant, you are divine and here is your divine opportunity."

Closing Prayer:

O Lord, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee; Grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's Sake. Amen.—(*Book of Common Prayer*).

We acknowledge with thanks the church bulletin subscriptions of Mrs. Florence Schuh and Mrs. Margaret James.

We gratefully acknowledge contributions to the Benevolent Society from Mrs. Charlotte MacEarchern and Mr. Louis P. Stumpf.

Wednesday, November 12th, is Birthday Night at the Young People's Club, 8: 30 P. M. in the Community House. Good fun and fellowship. Freshen up after a hard day's work at the office or in school. Ping pong, dancing and refreshments.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Every Thursday in the church the rector conducts two services of healing, at 12: 30 and 5: 30 P. M. Religion has a message for the whole person and for the whole of life. The Church of Christ is interested in the soundness of men's bodies and minds, as well as in their souls. It wants to help strong people grow stronger and it wants to help weak, ineffective and psychologically divided people to find their true selves.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 589.....*O Quanta Qualia*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
ANTHEM—"In Paradise" (from the Requiem).....*Gabriel Fauré*

In Paradise be thou received of angel hosts, Thy coming attended by all the blessed martyr throng, thy pathway guided into the holy city, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels there receive thee; and with Lazarus, blessed of Abraham, Lazarus, once a beggar, now comforted of Abraham, be thine eternal rest.

SERMON—"Living In Two Worlds".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 126.....*Barnby*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS (From the Requiem).....*Gabriel Fauré*
COMMUNION HYMN 197.....*French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 590.....*Dykes*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pilgrims' Chorus".....*Wagner*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567.....*Dulce Carmen*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 519.....*Ebenezer*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SOPRANO SOLO—"Fear Not Ye, O Israel".....*Buck*
(JEAN JENKINS)
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 426.....*Aughton*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Gothic March".....*Foschini*

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Deepen, O Lord, the stillness of our inmost thoughts, and refresh us with the quiet springs of Thine eternity; that we may know Thy peace which passeth understanding, and love Thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: I Samuel 2:1-9

The Sermon:

How did the saints get to be saints? We do well to ask ourselves that question, for November first is All Saints' Day, when we remember them with loving gratitude before God. We get a clue to the answer in the above Bible reading, in Hannah's prayer, where she muses, "He raiseth the poor out of the dust . . . He will keep the feet of His saints . . . for by strength shall no man prevail." Hannah was wise enough to know that the saints have to struggle, and that the dust of their striving rises about them and often overshadows them. She knew that, of their own strength, no man or woman could ever be lifted up out of that darkness into saintly character. She knew that something besides the strength of man is needed.

Two children were overheard talking about the death of their grandmother. The five-year-old girl was asking her seven-year-old brother how "grandma went to God." "Well", said the boy, "it happened this way: first grandma reached up as far as she could; then God began to reach down and down. When their hands touched, He took her." That is a true parable of life. The choice souls whom we remember as saints are those who, year after year, "reached up and up" towards God, and His will for them. They were the people who remembered to "think on these things"—the Christ-taught things, the things of God. And, as they persisted in reaching up, with all their being, God reached down until His love touched them, and refined them into precious gold, and made them the choice lights of their generation. There are no "self-made" saints—for it takes both the eager up-reach of a person, *and* the down-reaching compassion of God, to work this miracle of heaven on earth.

Perhaps you have been deeply discouraged about your life. There were times when every one of your saints was also plunged deep in the blackness of discouragement. But they knew the way out, and they left it an open secret for you to see. Like Saul on the Road to Damascus, like Peter behind prison walls, they kept reaching toward the final source of power. And they were ever rewarded by those strong, down-reaching hands that drew them up into the light once more.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost enkindle the flames of Thy love in the hearts of the saints; Grant to us, Thy humble servants, the same faith and power of love; that as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.—(*Book of Common Prayer*)

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1947

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on November 2nd at the Octave of All Saints.

Clarence S. Slatcher	George Sinnamon
Ada H. Guenther	Erastus M. Stevenson
Laura Meckling	Agnes H. MacAlister
John Seed	Elizabeth B. Clayton
Howard E. Lack	Sarah A. Metz
Peter H. Brearley	Alexander C. Mowbray

Katharine L. Edsall

We are happy to welcome the members of the Girls' Friendly Society to their annual service of dedication at the altar of St. Stephen's.

THIS IS THE SUNDAY when the women of the parish have an opportunity to present their UNITED THANK OFFERING. This offering makes possible each year a tremendous and inspiring part of the church's missionary work. It supports the women missionaries both at home and abroad. Envelopes are in the pews and your offering may be presented today or sent to Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, the Custodian, 4504 Chestnut Street.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

The rector has been conscious for some time of the need of an additional service of healing for those who are unable to attend the regular Thursday Healing Service at 12:30 P. M. Beginning Thursday, November 6th there will be two services on Thursdays, 12:30 P. M. and 5:30 P. M.

Religion has a message for the whole person and for the whole of life. The Church of Christ is interested in the soundness of men's bodies and minds, as well as in their souls. It wants to help strong people grow stronger and it wants to help weak, ineffective and psychologically divided people to find their full selves.

The home call came to Mrs. Katharine L. Edsalll on October 24th. While we are sorry for her passing from us, we are glad that she has been delivered from the body of her suffering, and for her abundant entrance into the better life with God. We are glad to claim her as a friend, and are grateful for her goodness and patience under the most trying conditions. May God rest her soul in peace.

YOUNG WORKING PEOPLE

and those just out of school are cordially invited to attend the Young People's Club every Wednesday, 8:30 P. M. in the Community House. On November 5th there will be a short, important monthly business meeting followed by dancing, ping pong and refreshments.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Oakeley*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Marks*
JUBILATE—Page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM (Women's Voices) ..... *Sterndale Bennett*

O Lord, Thou has searched me out and known me, Thou knowest my down sitting and mine uprising. Thou understandest my thoughts long before. For lo there is not a word in my tongue but Thou knowest it altogether.

SERMON—"A Foolish Notion" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 411 ..... *Pleyel*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 568 ..... *Havergal*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Kamennoi Ostrow" ..... *Rubinstein*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 352 ..... *Diadem ata*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 304 ..... *Beecher*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 479 ..... *Love Divine*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Te Deum Laudamus" ..... *Claussman*

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Thank you to Mrs. Thomas J. Weldon for her Hymnal Memorial Donation.

VICTORY TO LIFE

Most people with whom I have talked appear to have missed completely a recent and most amazing news item. It was reported by a creditable agricultural scientist on the scene and it is that the crops in the Nagasaki neighborhood have been phenomenal this year. The wheat crop is twice the normal yield. The cotton crop has trebled, pumpkins, tomatoes, sugar beets, eggplants and other garden produce have borne a fifty per cent increase. Sweet potatoes, planted in May, were ripe for harvest in July. Some crops bore two fruits where only one blossom had appeared.

Nagasaki is one of the areas on which the atom bomb wrought a vast human, as well as material destruction.

Scientists will of course proceed to examine cautiously the relationship between the atom bomb and these bumper crops, but while we await their verdict we are justified, if the facts be true, in allowing our minds and spirits to speculate on this phenomenon.

Has it been that the blood of the slaughtered has so enriched the soil as to produce this beneficience from nature, or has atomic energy some rarely stimulated power?

Is it a divine answer—that, where man has wrought his most ruthless destruction, the processes of God have begun immediately to offset death with life?

Is this a call from the Father of all mankind to turn our attention from atomic energy to give victory to life?

Whatever it may be—and time alone will tell—the Christian heart will rejoice that to the survivors of Nagasaki is given this boon that the wrath of man is not the last word of the universe.

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Bible Reading: II Kings 2: 1-9

The Sermon:

Elisha had been a faithful servant of his master Elijah. Now, as the end drew near for Elijah, he asked Elisha what farewell gift he most desired. And Elisha answered, "Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." In other words, a *repeated* portion of his master's inner spirit—he wanted to be like Elijah. If you read on through the life of Elisha, you will find him walking devotedly in the other prophet's steps, even repeating many of his actual deeds; and you may come to the conclusion that Elisha was an imitator. And you will be right, for he was just that. But if you *look down* on Elisha for being an imitator, you will be wrong.

After all, very few of us have much originality, except the geniuses. We run-of-the-mill folk sometimes feel that we are doing something new and original, only to discover that many others have been ahead of us. The wisest human beings are those who open their hearts and minds to the great lives that tower above the crowd, and learn from them. Elisha had this wisdom. He had the high common sense to imitate a great man. In his humbleness of heart, he looked about him for a blueprint of life worth living, and Elijah was the best life he had ever seen. So he imitated the best he knew, and the noble courage of Elijah lived again in his faithful disciple.

Furthermore, Elisha was more than a "copy-cat". He did not just try to go through the motions of Elijah. He asked that the living spirit of his master might dwell in him; that he might live by the same light of God, that he might *be* like his great teacher. And all through his days he walked in close company with that noble spirit, kept him ever before his mind's eye; each day drank deep of the memories of his love and courage and God-guided character.

Each of us has a few choice souls we remember and cherish. Joseph Fort Newton, in his autobiography, tells of his mother, who was very loyal to her loved ones, refusing to criticize them or judge them even when they seemed mistaken. At those moments, her son relates, "she could be silent in seven languages"—a rare and gracious quality worth remembering. He speaks also of a man of God he had looked up to as a boy, "a man whose life was sweet with certainties, and rich with wisdom"—another person who thus lived on in his heart as worth following. After all, these are simply qualities of Jesus which we have recognized embodied in the lives of loved ones—the "judge not" qualities in that mother, and the "sweet certainties" of the man of God.

There is little chance that you or I are going to be original. Hence, take a leaf from Elisha's life—copy the best you know, the inner spirit of the choicest living you have seen. And that means—imitate Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind.

Closing Prayer:

Living or dying, Lord, I would be Thine; keep me Thine own forever, and draw me day by day nearer to Thyself, until I be wholly filled with Thy love, and fitted to behold Thee, face to face. Amen.—(*E. B. Pusey*)

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Goss*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 96—Page 459
TE DEUM—Page 10 ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—
"Ye that have spent the silent night in sleep and quiet rest" ..... *George Dyson*
Ye that have spent the silent night In sleep and quiet rest, And joy to see the light That riseth in the East. Now lift your hearts, your voices raise, Your morning tribute bring, And pay a grateful song of praise To Heaven's Almighty King. And as this gloomy night did last But a little space; As heavenly day Doth show his pleasant face. So let us hope, when faith and love Their work on earth have done, God's blessed face to see above Heaven's better, brighter Sun.
SERMON—"Why Are We Here?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 150 ..... *Horatio Parker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Angelus—Scenes Pittoresques" ..... *Massenet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 394 ..... *St. Asaph*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
HYMN 189 ..... *Unde Et Memores*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 259 ..... *Waltham*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
BARITONE SOLO—"The 91st Psalm" ..... *McDermid*
Soloist, GEORGE POWELL
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
AGNUS DEI ..... *Willan*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Processional" ..... *Dubois*

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Our thanks to Mrs. Caroline L. Beatty, Mrs. Charles J. Adams, Miss Katherine Fetzer, Mrs. Charlotte Nodine Weiser, Mrs. Elsie W. Hahn, Mrs. Jesse Darlington, for their subscriptions to the Church Bulletin.

A CENTURY AND A QUARTER

A century and a quarter anniversary is a great event in the life of a parish. No living member was here when the parish started in 1823; no living member will be here one hundred and twenty-five years from now. So this is a significant celebration and we want the most of it.

On Sunday morning, February 29, we shall open our week of celebration with an impressive service at eleven o'clock with the presentation of a class of confirmees for the ancient and beautiful rite of the laying on of hands. The preacher will be the Bishop of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., LL.D.

In the evening at eight o'clock, two outstanding clergymen representing two divergent schools of thought within the Episcopal Church will speak on the life and work of Dr. Carl E. Grammer, beloved Rector of St. Stephen's Church for thirty-one years and Rector-Emeritus for eight years. Dr. Robert O. Kevin, Professor of Old Testament at the Virginia Theological School and one-time assistant to Dr. Grammer will be one of the speakers, and Dr. Leicester C. Lewis, Vicar of St. Luke's Chapel, New York, an old friend of the Grammer family will be the other speaker.

On Wednesday evening in the Community House there will be a parish dinner for our own people. We feel that this ought to be on our own premises rather than in a hotel and arrangements are being made so that this will be possible. It will be an affair for our parish family and we hope that every one will wish to be present. We are extremely privileged to be able to announce two exceptional guest-speakers: Gouverneur P. Hance, S.B.B., Founder of St. Barnabas' Brotherhood, a lay Order in our Church and the founder of St. Barnabas' Free Home for Incurable Men and Boys near Pittsburgh. Brother Hance was brought up in St. Stephen's and lived on Girard Street opposite the Church. He lived across the street from Dr. McConnell and used to play with his two sons. Brother Hance has a thrilling story to tell of how God has used him in developing a great work. The other speaker is our own beloved and distinguished lay leader in the Diocese and Accounting Warden of St. Stephen's Church, Mr. I. Smith Raspin. Mr. Raspin will tell us of the outstanding laymen of St. Stephen's Church. Information about reservations for this dinner will be sent out in the near future and it is our determination to keep the cost within the reach of the whole membership of the parish.

On Sunday, March 7, we shall have a corporate communion in the early morning, followed by a breakfast for those who will stay afterwards and at 11:00 A. M. there will be a beautiful service when the memorial to Dr. Grammer will be unveiled. Philadelphia's great sculptor, Louis Milione has immortalized Dr. Grammer in marble and this outstanding addition to our many works of art will be placed on the East Wall, a worthy companion to the Saint-Gaudens' masterpiece. Dean Charles Taylor of the Cambridge Theological School will be the preacher.

No celebration of St. Stephen's Church could be complete without a recognition of the part that music has played in its history across the years, and for this reason music will be a feature of the anniversary. On Sunday evening, March 7, at eight o'clock an outstanding musical service in memory of David Wood, Doctor of Music and Organist and Choir Director of St. Stephen's for 46 years will take place. The music for the evening will consist entirely of Dr. Wood's own compositions. Dr. Edward E. Allen of Boston, Director Emeritus of the Perkins Institute for the Blind will give the address.

ANNIVERSARY EXPENSES

Members of the parish will appreciate that the elaborate plans for the Anniversary will involve considerable expense. We propose to print a history of the parish, and a booklet containing the four church services for free distribution to our members. There will be the expenses of our invited guest-speakers, most of whom come from a distance. The musical service which will crown our anniversary will require an investment in soloists and musicians. And in order that the parish may derive full benefit from as much public attention as possible, there will necessarily be the cost of advertising and publicity on an unusual scale. We shall spend no money foolishly or wastefully, but the costs of having the kind of celebration we want will not be small.

A "ST. STEPHEN'S ANNIVERSARY FUND" has been established with Mr. I. Smith Raspin as the Treasurer, and contributions from members of the parish are now being received. The Anniversary Committee will be grateful for gifts at this time, and the names of all donors will be inscribed in the parish annals. Kindly make checks out to "ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH ANNIVERSARY FUND" or mark your cash contributions clearly for this purpose when you send them in.

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Requests for Prayer for Recovery of a Sick Person
(Write your request in space below and mail to church office)

Name.....

Address.....

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Vaughan Williams*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 62—Page 413
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" .... *Myles Foster*
SERMON—"Victory Over Fear" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 457 ..... *Smart*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Boyd*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Canzonetta" (Raymond Overture) ..... *Thomas*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 270 ..... *St. Athanasius*
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PSALM 107: 1-16—Page 476
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SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 172 ..... *Merrial*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Regent Square*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Prelude in F" ..... *Dubois*

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A HUNGRY WORLD

The most important challenge facing the American people today is that of sustaining the free peoples of the world. The forecasts for this winter ahead are heavy with dreadful foreboding. Crop failures, fuel shortages, economic and social maladjustment—these will impose grievous burdens of suffering.

The appeal of human need should be enough to rouse us—and to any conscientious Christian it will be—but there are other reasons of great weight.

If hunger and cold stalk Europe this winter, and if malnutrition and disease continue to sap the vitality of the people, political and social chaos will be inevitable. Amidst such chaos, how many of the free nations can escape transformation into police states? How many people can resist totalitarianism?

And what will happen to the United Nations if the free states of Europe become police states? What chance will remain for international co-operation and for peace?

In America we are in the grip of inflation. The price of certain essential foods in adequate quantity has risen above the budget limitations of many of our families. Costs in the archaic building industry have brought home building almost to a standstill. An unprecedented number of gainfully employed people have greatly increased our domestic demand. In the face of this, selfish interests, narrowly nationalistic influences, and cheap politicians avid for power, are preaching economic isolation, blaming high prices for the world's hunger, bidding the American people to forget the world's need and serve their immediate interests.

Surely the challenge is flung fully in the face of the moral forces of America. Shall we realistically grapple with our responsibility toward world need, ration ourselves, engage in all out production, and do our utmost? Shall we make a half-hearted gesture towards a hungry world or shall we turn our back upon it?

The path we take will be the measure of the real value of America in the sight of God and of history.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Most gracious God, enlighten our souls with the brightness of Thy Presence, that we may both know Thy will, and be enabled to perform it. AMEN.
—*(Roman Breviary, adapted.)*

Bible Reading: Psalm 121.

The Sermon:

In the days of old there was once a man who used to get hemmed in by little things. The orneriness of his neighbors got on his nerves. The pettiness of the local politicians annoyed him. The smallness of his own life and his daily work troubled his peace of mind. Then one day he remembered to raise his vision above little things to the eternal truths, and the eternal God. It made a new man of him. So he wrote it down in that song, "I will life up mine eyes unto the hills."

In that song you have the simple solution of an ancient problem. It is so easy to get one's whole being fixed on the tiny circle close about one; become burdened with immediate woes; and mull them over rebelliously until one "has the miseries", and becomes a most unpleasant person to live with. One day John Wesley was walking with a friend who was filled with doubt and anxiety. "I don't know what I shall do with all this fear and worry", he moaned. At that moment Wesley noticed a cow looking over a stone wall. Do you know why that cow is looking over that wall?" he asked. "No; what has that to do with my troubles?" he grumbled. "I'll tell you", said Wesley. "She's looking over the fence because she can't see through it. That's what you will have to do with your wall of fear and trouble—look over it, and beyond it."

Most of us live in a smallish world—whether we dwell out along the country roads, in a busy little town, or in a tiny bit of a great city. Most of us play a very small part in a great enterprise—whether we work as one of millions of farming folk, or in a corner of a huge factory, or do our bit in a church which is just a handful of souls in the mighty Kingdom of God. Sometimes we grow bitter and disgusted over our unimportance—until we learn the secret of the Ninety-First Psalm.

An old man was stationmaster of a little railroad station in the West Country of England. It was his pride to keep that station and the tiny plot of ground around it spick-and-span. One day a London train was held up there for half an hour, and a man stepped off to stretch his legs. He saw the old stationmaster tidying up things, and inquired with a quiet smile, "Hello, there! Is this Paddington Station, London?" "No, sir", said the old man, straightening up from his work, *"but it's on the same line."* He was proud to belong to a great railroad system, and that honest pride kept his part of the system clean and beautiful. Your life is set on the great Highway of God. Live with care and energy, my friend—for He has entrusted a part of the line to you. "Lift up your eyes!"

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, Whose glory the heavens are telling, and Whose greatness all feeling and thinking creatures everywhere herald; to Thee belongeth glory, honour, might, greatness and magnificence, now and forever, to the ages of ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.—*(Liturgy of St. James, 2nd Century)*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLUB

The following officers have been elected for the year 1947-48: President, Edward J. Van Dyke; Vice-President, Jesse Haines; Treasurer, Virginia Chester; Secretary, Bernadette Haines.

Young people of St. Stephen's are cordially invited to attend these get-togethers every Wednesday at 8: 30 P. M. in the Community House. There will be a Hallowe'en Dance and Party on Wednesday, October 29th and a gala annual show and dance Saturday, November 22nd.

Plan to come every Wednesday night and bring your friends.

STARR DAILY

Those who had the privilege of attending the three day institute of prayer and creative living last January led by Glenn Clark, Starr Daily and Agnes Sanford will be pleased to know that on November 13, 14 and 15, Starr Daily will be our guest and will speak each evening at 8: 00 P. M. in the church.

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ANTHEM—"O Saviour Sweet" .....*J. S. Bach*

A Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,
Thy Father's will has all Thy mind,
From Heaven Thou hast vouchsafed to come,
With men, as Man to make Thy home,
So Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind.

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,
The way to please Thee we would find,
Whate'er we have, it comes of Thee,
O let us ever near Thee be,
O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind.

Thee with tender care I'll cherish,
Live to Thee, die to Thee;
Thus I shall not perish,
But with Thee abide for ever,
Joyfully, peacefully,
Where life endeth never.

SERMON—"Your Identification" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345 .....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Wesley*
COMMUNION HYMN 213 .....*Dykes*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 .....*Monk*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Second Movement, Unfinished Symphony".....*Schubert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 323 .....*St. Bees*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
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HYMN 321 .....*Margaret*
SERMON .....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 438 .....*Need*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 597 .....*Ewing*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Son of God goes Forth to War".....*Whiting*

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BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Last year the Benevolent Society sent 4,850 articles to seven major hospitals in Philadelphia. The material for these garments was furnished by the hospitals, and the Benevolent Society paid women to sew these articles in their homes. These needy women were paid $541.01 for this vast amount of sewing last year.

In one hospital alone, Jefferson, the following articles were made: 237 patients' gowns, 62 small children's gowns, 62 large children's gowns, 349 red center towels, 346 tea towels, 965 masks, 740 R. long sleeve gowns, 49 housekeeping aprons, 72 kitchen aprons, 32 long flannel children's gowns, 149 small C.D.R. tray covers, 72 breast binders, 77 blue center towels, 95 diapers, 36 short sleeve gowns and 190 operating room towels. A total of 2867.

Five hundred dollars will just about cover expenses for the season 1947-48. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing and also the hospitals who desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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Opening Prayer:

Visit, O Lord, this household with Thy mercy, and remove far from it the snares of the enemy; let Thy Holy Presence dwell in it to preserve us in peace, and let Thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
—*(Grey Book)*

Bible Reading: Acts 17: 22-28

The Sermon:

If you should take a trip to Chichicastenango in Guatemala, you would find there a most interesting monument. At the top of a wooded mountain you would come upon a primitive stone idol, perhaps five thousand years old. You would find, at its base, fresh offerings of strewn flower petals and pine needles, and a fire smouldering on a crude altar. The people still worship that old idol. And, carved of the same stone, standing right against the idol, you would find the Cross of Christ!

Those Mayan people of Guatemala are very much like the Greeks whom St. Paul visited. On the famous hill at Athens, St. Paul found many altars to many gods; and then, just for luck, an altar to "an unknown god." Down the long years hosts of people have bowed their heads in worship of several gods at the same time, being too lazy-hearted to surrender themselves, heart and soul, to the Maker of the Universe.

As old Elijah put it, "How long will ye go limping between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him." That challenge was needed by the Greeks; it is needed by the Mayans; it is certainly needed by ourselves. We worship God, but we also build in our hearts an altar to the power of money. There is a Cross of self-sacrifice in our hearts but, right close to it, an idol of selfishness; we say, "I believe in God's way of love, but of course I've got to look out for myself." And sometimes the old idol towers up bigger than our belief in God!

One reason why our present world is so tragic is our split loyalty, our half-hearted trust in Almighty God. Oh yes, we believe in an organization of united nations, *but* we still must have the biggest armed force in the world. Of course we believe in God, but we are not often willing to seek His will, and obey it. In as perilous a world as ours today, we had best quit this double-worship; had best stake our whole future on the God Who is truly Almighty. So I propose a very simple habit for each of us in the days and months ahead—just to ask ourselves, again and again, "Is this God's way?" Ask ourselves which path ahead is the one He desires us to take; and then take it! Do it for a year, and the world about you will have a new joy, and new patience, and a new peace.

Closing Prayer:

Everlasting Father, the radiance of faithful souls, Who didst bring the nations to Thy light and kings to the brightness of Thy rising; fill, we beseech Thee, the world with Thy glory and show Thyself unto all nations; through Him Who is the true light and the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.
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CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit St. Stephen's Church in connection with the 125th Anniversary of the consecration of our church on Sunday morning, February 29th. His visit will mark the beginning of a week of major events in the celebration of this important milestone in the history of our parish.

We are, therefore, giving early notice of this impressive service of the ancient and beautiful rite of the laying on of hands. The Rector will begin instruction immediately after Christmas. Meanwhile he would be glad to have the names of any who are thinking of being confirmed this year, or to confer with anybody who wishes to know more about the meaning of Confirmation.

Last year we presented to Bishop Hart the largest class in thirty years. We feel confident, that, if every member of St. Stephen's will prayerfully, and conscientiously endeavor to lead some one to this important decision that we shall be able to present even a larger class this year. Our age is desperate. Statesmen are agonizing to stave off world calamity. What can we do? The Church says: "Undergird the world with vital Christianity." For that the Church needs genuine Christians. Your one real opportunity is to bring some one to Confirmation. An earnest humble communicant, alive to what God wants him and the Church to do, should be the finest citizen both of our good Land and of the Heavenly Country. That's your part and mine. Trust God for the rest.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Come Saviour of the Gentiles".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561.....*Gadsby*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 132—Page 508
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
JUBILATE—Page 15 .....*Naylor*
ANTHEM—"O Lord most holy".....*Cesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; Father, Father, guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy Show us Thy favor So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON—"The Responsibility of Success".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 577.....*Handel*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 554.....*Smart*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Celebrated "Largo" from Xerxes.....*Handel-Kraft*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 584.....*Materna*
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PSALM 105: 1-22—Page 470
LESSON
NUNC DIMITTIS
CREED and PRAYER—Page 29
HYMN 288 .....*Hanover*
SERMON .....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 394.....*St. Asaph*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579.....*Marion*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"March in B flat".....*Faulkes*

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Mrs. David L. German will appear with the Cosmopolitan Opera Company at the Academy of Music, October 8th. Mrs. German will sing the role of Amneris in "Aida".

Miss Eleanor Reed was graduated from Hahnemann Hospital as an X-Ray Technician on September 26th. Eleanor joins the many Burd School graduates who are making their helpful contribution to a better world.

The Girls' Friendly Society will open their new year of activity on Monday, October 6th with a supper served at six o'clock on the top floor of the Community House. All girls and young women are cordially invited to attend. Reservations, however, for the supper must be made in advance.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we tell you that St. Stephen's Church has over-subscribed its quota to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief by 55 per cent. Our Diocese has raised $102,271.97, which overpays its share by $1,010.97. The Episcopal Church has promised to raise three million dollars in three years for World Relief. The first year of our work has been a great success. Our Diocese has given more, to date, than any other Diocese in our Church.

This work must go on. Special envelopes for this program will be sent to all our people in a few weeks. We will also continue to receive and ship material aid. We have bags for shipping on hand in the Church Office for your use.

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O God, the might of all them that put their trust in Thee, grant that we may be more than conquerors over all things that make war upon our souls, that at the last we may enter into the perfect peace of Thy Presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*Roman Breviary*)

Bible Reading: Revelations 2: 8-11

The Sermon:

During the war there was a little old French woman who came with her faded old umbrella to a field hospital. Day after day, she would stand, shielding the eyes of the wounded who were brought in on stretchers. The old woman could not do much to win that tremendous war, but she could do this. She had learned the lesson of *doing what she could;* of humble faithfulness.

Today our world is beset with towering nightmares. Hunger and homelessness still hound millions. Palestine and India seethe with burning hate. Blind guides of the blind still play muddle-headed power politics. Paganism swaggers through our own land, bidding people to eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we *do not* die. Hosts of honest, working people are troubled by the action of our politicians who have brought on tragic inflation and the possibility if not, the certainty of a depression. What can we do, in the face of all these ghostly specters?

We can follow the bidding of the Spirit to the church in Smyrna, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." We can do as the old French woman did; do what we can, and do it every day. We can do as Ruth did—she stuck to Naomi, through thick and thin; "but Ruth clave unto her," saying, "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." It is as simple as that. God expects *faithfulness* of us, doing all that we can in His Name each day. And He promises that, if we do this, He will give us "the crown of life." By switching our minds from fretful worries to deeds of friendship and love, we become eternally alive, losing ourselves in His way of living.

"God broke the years to hours and days,
That hour by hour and day by day, just going on a little way,
We might be able all along, to keep our spirit poised and strong.
Should all the weight of life, and all the future, rife
With woe and struggle, meet us face to face, in one small place,
We could not go, our hearts would faint, and so
God lays a little on us every day; Never, on the year's long way,
Will burdens bear so deep, Or pathways rise so steep
But we can struggle on, If by God's power,
We learn to bear our burden hour by hour."—(*George Kingle*)

Closing Prayer:

Grant, O Lord, that we may know Thee, love Thee, and rejoice in Thee; and if in this life we cannot do these things fully, grant that we may at least make progress in them from day to day, for Christ's sake. Amen.—(*St. Anslem, 1033-1109 A.D.*)

Commencing *this Sunday,* September 28, 1947, the services at St. Stephen's Church will be held on STANDARD TIME.

The Church School will hold its first session for the new year Sunday morning, at 9: 45 A. M. We look forward to seeing all our officers, teachers and pupils Sunday morning, that we may together begin a very useful and successful year in our Sunday School work.

Mr. I. Smith Raspin will give an address "What a Layman Can Do to Support His Bishop" at a Conference for all the Vestrymen of the North Philadelphia Convocation at St. Simeon's Church on October 1st.

We wish to thank Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Mae Miller, Mrs. C. Bilse and Mr. Walter A. Steele for their subscriptions to the Church Bulletin.

"COME TO THE FAIR"

The Women of the Hard of Hearing Auxiliary are giving their second annual AUTUMN BAZAAR in St. Stephen's Community House, Thursday, October 2nd, from 10: 00 A. M. to 10: 00 P. M. A tasty luncheon will be served from 12: 00 to 2: 00 P. M. For dinner there will be a Baked Ham Dinner at $1.25 per plate. The decorations will be blue and white with silver stars. Picturesque Booths will sell homemade cakes, candies, jams, jellies, aprons, handkerchiefs and novelties. It's worth looking at. It's worth attending. All are welcome.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 563.....*Douglas*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 105: 1-22—Page 470
TE DEUM—Page 10.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Peace I Leave With You".....*Varley Roberts*

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Because I have said these things unto you, Sorrow hath filled my heart. But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

SERMON—"Spiritual Poise" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 375.....*Peace*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 416.....*Dykes*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Adagio and Andante from First Sonata.....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 554.....*Lancashire*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 89: 1-30—Page 450
HYMN 177 .....*Trenchard*
CREED AND PRAYER—Page 29
HYMN 434.....*St. Oswald*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 574.....*Wilderness*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 542.....*Duke Street*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Fanfare in D".....*Lemmens*

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(Roman Breviary)

Bible Reading: John 14: 1-6

The Sermon:

Leslie Weatherhead, the English preacher, points out one way of having a sound sense of values is to realize *where we are going.* When the steamship *Titanic* was going down, he relates, a certain titled and wealthy woman, who had been allotted a space in one of the life-boats, rushed back to her stateroom and snatched up, not her jewelry, but three oranges. An hour before the accident, diamonds were more valuable to her than oranges, but not now when she was embarking on a journey when diamonds could do nothing, but when oranges could satisfy both hunger and thirst. He continues:

"Well, we are on a journey, too. Where we are going, diamonds won't buy anything—nor money, nor fame, nor sex, nor beauty. What do we value most—remembering that we are off on a journey to a world completely spiritual? It would be hell to be at an endless concert, and not to be able to appreciate music; hell, to be at an everlasting banquet, and not to be able to eat anything; hell, to be in heaven, and not to have developed any taste for the things of the spirit, when the things of the spirit are the only things that remain."

We live today in a pagan world. In the average American community not more than fifteen out of every hundred people are in any sense active members of a Christian Church. It is fashionable to live for the satisfaction of the body, for thrills and excitement, to dress smartly and have a new car. Sometimes one wonders *where* these people—pleasant and attractive people, lots of them—think they are going! They are living for the moment, on shallow pleasures which are exhausted so soon that they have to set right out and seek new ones. But the real tragedy of their lives is that they are letting their spiritual faculties shrivel up through lack of use. They are losing their ability to enjoy the things of the spirit, to lay hold of the eternal satisfactions that never wear out. They are like that woman who had given all her looking to dresses and hats and "keeping up" with people; so when she stood at a famous spot in Switzerland, with all the breath-taking panorama of the Alps spread before her, she grumbled, "They said there was a view up here. Where is it?"

It makes a vast difference where you are going. You are going to need oranges instead of diamonds. As you grow older, and your physical satisfactions inevitably grow less, see to it that you train yourself for the more permanent delights which will be available on that part of your journey. Since, when we leave this earthly scene, we shall have to leave our bodies behind, start feeding your spirit now on the truths which Jesus taught; start learning to find delight in the joys He marked as abiding. For the only sure journey into the "many mansions" of God is to follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Closing Prayer:

O LORD, Who seest that all hearts are empty except Thou fill them, and all desires balked except they crave after Thee; give us light and grace to seek Thee and find Thee, that we may be Thine and Thou mayest be ours forever. AMEN.
(Christiana Rossetti)

WANTED: A FIRE?

If St. Stephen's Church were to be burned to the ground, all of us would mourn and consider it a great calamity. If we had a mortgage on the building of $100,000 or so, that would also be considered a calamity. If either of these things came to pass, what would we do?

The answer is plain, and is to be found in the experience of many a parish which has faced such calamity. We should go to work with all our brains and strength to build a new church, if the first were true, or to get rid of the mortgage, if we were saddled with that. In doing either of these things we should find a new appreciation of what our church means to us, and a new, intense sense of fellowship in working for the church. Many a parish has been knit together by calamity.

Fortunately we have had no fire. Fortunately we have no debt of any kind. None of us is crazy enough to set fire to the church to get a richer fellowship, or to waste the resources of the parish so that we may have a mortgage. Yet we need a fire, we need a sense that we have a debt which must be paid. We need a spiritual fire that will make us aware of how much our church really means to us. And the debt we need to recognize is our debt to spread the Gospel to the unchurched.

Old stuff! you think. But, please, do not dismiss it so casually. Why does St. Stephen's Church exist? Is it here to be used when we have a particular need for it? Yes, it is. It is here when we need a Baptism, or a Sunday School, or a Confirmation, or a wedding, or a burial. It is here when we feel like hearing a sermon, or receiving Communion or of saying a prayer in time of joy or distress, when, in short we need instruction or worship. It is here, when we need the pastoral counsel of spiritual help which only a minister is trained to give. It is here for us when we need it. Is that all it is here for?

The answer to the last question is found in the history of the Christian Church. From the very beginning the Church has been an Expanding Church. We all like to belong to a growing organization, but that is not the reason why the Church seeks to expand. The real reason is that we care so much for Christ that we heed His command to spread the Christian life to all people. If the Church does not do this it will not be done.

In recent years St. Stephen's Church has definitely proved that it wants a big part in carrying on the traditional mission of the Church. Our missionary giving has more than doubled in the last five years. We are raising a large sum to help the needy and the work of the Church in Europe and Asia. That is wonderful. Now the time has come, has it not? to look to our own parish as a religious power. Are we content with what it is doing? Are we satisfied with the number of worshippers in church on Sundays or weekdays? Has not the time come to make a determined effort to get more people to go to church regularly?

I ask two things of you. Will you bring somebody else to church with you, if you have been coming regularly; or, if you have not been coming regularly, will you begin to do that? The second request is that you will send me topics or texts on which you would like to have me preach, so that I may better meet your needs.

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel are on page 210.

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Meditation" (Twilight).....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155.....*Webbe*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 72—Page 426
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Incline Thine Ear".....*Himmel*
Incline Thine ear to me, O Lord, make haste to deliver me.
O save me for Thy mercies' sake.
SERMON—"The Dull Ache of Loneliness".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 566.....*Jude*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 406.....*Baker*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 289.....*St. Anne*
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PSALM 74—Page 430
HYMN 179 .....*St. Clement*
CREED AND PRAYERS—Page 29
HYMN 332 .....*Spanish Chant*
SERMON .....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 288.....*Hanover*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 177.....*Seymour.*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of her mother, Sarah E. C. Thackara.

SAPOLIO, BORAX AND THE CHURCH

Not so very long ago Sapolio and 20 Mule Team Borax dominated their respective fields. The manufacturers did not feel it necessary to spend any money to promote their products—everyone used them, so why make any sacrifice in profits to do any advertising.

They *were* good products and anyone with common sense KNEW they were good. But some new manufacturers came into the field and they realized that if they were to make inroads on the market they would have to sacrifice profits and use some of their income for promotional work until they had captured some of Sapolio's and 20 Mule Team Borax's followers.

So they went out and broadcast the story of their commodities—but Sapolio was not alarmed—20 Mule Team Borax was not alarmed—and they just kept making the same old product in the same old way, feeling more secure in their ability to maintain their position in their fields. Now, here's a $64.00 question. WHERE ARE SAPOLIO AND 20 MULE TEAM BORAX TODAY!!

Along about the time we declared our independence from England, the Episcopal Church dominated the non-Roman field. The Church leaders did not feel it necessary to promote their Church; most everyone who was anybody was a member of the Church. It was a good Church and people recognized it as such. All you had to do was to look around and you'd see that it was a leader. Why, most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Churchmen (Episcopalians)—our first President was a Churchman—in fact, all the leading men in most towns were Churchmen.

But about that time people began to move back into the frontiers—and new denominations began to spring up. The leaders of these denominations recognized that if they were to make inroads on the Episcopal Church they would have to make sacrifices. They would have to put up with hardships in many respects in order to get their message across.

But these people were willing to sacrifice for their product—and they gave of their time and means while too many of the Episcopal Church felt secure that our Church was a good Church and there was no need to get excited about the new-comers.

J. B. Bernardin, in his "An Introduction to the Episcopal Church" says, "most of the clergy were lazy"—perhaps he could have added, "and so were most of the laity!!"

In the meantime our environment changed—whereas—fifty and more years ago the Church provided the most interesting places to go, even if you were bored with the service, we gradually found new attractions were competing for the people's time and money. Movies, Sunday concerts, sports, etc. made going to Church a real hardship to many.

In some instances the Church did things to compete with these new influences, but for the most part it sold the "same old product in the same old way."

And that brings up another $64.00 question—where is the Episcopal Church today!!

Numerically, we are way down the list and we should not be. We know that our service has more dignity and sincerity in it than most. It has a background of tradition that makes for beauty and closeness to GOD.

One advertising expert, Bruce Barton, said that given an advertising fund, he would take the Episcopal Church and make it great because it has everything.

"O.K.", you say, "So what?"

First, I realize that a small group of Churchmen can not revolutionize things in the country. BUT we can and should do something where we happen to live. I also realize that no matter how determined we might be, we shall never succeed 100%, but we surely can try!

As Churchmen, we should do something for our parish and diocese and thereby have some reason for being, or we should just quit. I, for one, do not think we should quit, but we should sieze the opportunity given us to exert our influence so that we can in future years look back on a better Church and feel the deep satisfaction of knowing that we had a little part in making it so.

We should start with ourselves—let's be Churchmen in fact as well as in name. Let us serve with our lives and not with our lips. Let us be known as doers.

We do not have to walk around with a long, sad face; we need not give up anything, but we should add a few attributes. One step we should take is to make a little sacrifice of time and start getting some people who are not church-goers to get a "demonstration" of our Church.

One leader in the automobile industry has a standard "ten mule demonstration ride" that is given to all prospects, and they throw the book at them during the ride.

Let's have a "three Sunday" or "four Sunday demonstration ride"—and get someone whom we think would get some good out of our Church to try it out for three or four Sundays.

Let's look at our Church and then go and look at some others—and then let's do something about it. Let's sacrifice a little time to give this demonstration to a few people.

Summer months are lean months for the Church Treasury. Please bear this in mind as you bring your church envelope contributions up to date.

We wish to thank Miss Gertrude Bergen for her subscription to the Church Bulletin.

The Wednesday Night Club for young people will have its opening meeting after the summer holidays on Wednesday, September 17th, at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Linton, the Adult Advisor, has prepared an interesting program for the Fall Season, and all young people and young married couples are cordially invited to attend. The Wednesday-Niters meet on the third floor of the Community House.

The Church extends a cordial welcome to all who are worshipping here today. New persons in the congregation are requested to use the cards in the pew racks to record their names and addresses for the information of the Rector.

PARISH REGISTER

SEPTEMBER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful servant"

June 26—Robert Wallace Glass

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

July 19—William James Bell
Lorna Madeline Jackson
August 7—William J. Bittner
Ida M. Hetzel

BURIAL

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 ..... *Barnby*
KYRIE ..... *Stainer*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo (From The Messiah) "Come unto Him" ..... *Handel*
"Come unto Him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."
SERMON—"The Responsibility of Success" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 288 ..... *Croft*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 208 ..... *Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 578 ..... *Pleyel*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 349 ..... *Watermouth*
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PSALM 74—Page 430
HYMN 495 ..... *Boylston*
CREED AND PRAYERS—Page 29
HYMN 462 ..... *Sawley*
SERMON—"Using Our Failures" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*
CLOSING PRAYER
RECESSIONAL HYMN 591 ..... *Beulah*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by the Gensheimer Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

We acknowledge with thanks the church bulletin subscriptions of Miss Charlotte F. Shoemaker and Mr. Walter Steele. We wish to thank Miss Shoemaker for her Hymnal Memorial Donation also.

EDITORIAL

Among the doctrines of the Church, which receive in general only casual attention in these years, is one from which we can learn a profound lesson today. It is the doctrine of the humiliation of Christ. He, being God, despised not to become *man*. Born in a manger, He took upon Himself the form of a servant. He went about doing good. He bore on his heart the burdens and the sorrows of the people. His pulpit was the market place, the wayside, the open field. At the end of the road was death on a cross—but out of that death issued life for mankind.

Jesus identified himself with the people.

Nowadays, one hears often in church circles the pious wish for a new evangelism, adequate for our wistful and fearful times. One heard such an expression recently from a clergyman who has a summer home and a winter home, but who thought that the issue of "Housing" did not concern the Church.

It is such a precise illustration as this that indicates the need for the Church to realize the significance of the doctrine of Christ's humiliation. If the Church is to be the body of Christ, it must will to use its body as He used His. It must lay aside its pride and dignity and identify itself with the people. It must carry in its heart their sorrows and their burdens. It must walk the streets, enter the by-ways and tarry in the market place. It must be the champion of brotherhood and justice, in deed as well as in word.

Nearly every utterance which fell from the lips of Christ grew out of a service which He had rendered.

A Church which gives itself in Christ's name to humanity will find its evangel spontaneously emerging and eagerly received.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others)

Opening Prayer:

O God, forasmuch as our strength is in Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Gelasian Sacramentary, 492 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: Matthew 10:32-39.

The Sermon:

Dr. Bowie tells how he once received a letter from a small boy, ending, *"I hope you will live all of your life."* It was war-time, and what the boy had in mind was the hope that his friend would not be killed in action. But the words stuck in Dr. Bowie's mind, kept sounding in his thoughts until they set him to writing a book, "On Being Alive", in which he considered whether he was really alive—alive to people, alive to God.

He shows that the only way to be "alive" to God is to give our strength and dreams to Him, to "lose" our lives in God. This means being willing to get rid of the idea that we own ourselves, and can do what we please with our days. It means that we admit, at last, that God is wiser than we are, and that our only chance of living up to the best is to yield our wills to the Best. No one can argue you into this. No one can prove it to you by logic. But take a long look at the lives you have known that lived with a real desire to please God. How did they work out? You know the answer—they lived all their lives; were as full of hope and humor and love at seventy as they were at seventeen. They had lost their lives in God, and, ever after, were overflowing with life.

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Some one has said, "Let me make this suggestion about giving yourself away. When the impulse is fresh, act fast and carry it out. Do not say, "I'll write that letter tomorrow. I'll make that call next week. If you do, perhaps the letter will never be written, nor will the call be made." Wherever the Master was, acts of love were carried out "straightway!"

Children are not afraid to give themselves away. On the warm impulse of love, they will give away their most prized toy. Instead of restraining them, we older people had best learn their secret of abundant life. Only by learning it can we find the fullness of life promised by Jesus.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, grant that our wills be ever meekly subject to Thy will, and that our hearts be ever honestly ready to serve Thee. Amen.—(*Roman Breviary*).

The Rector will begin a series of ten sermons on "Studies on the Twenty-Third Psalm" beginning Wednesday, September 10th.

The subject of the sermon on Thursday will be "The Simple Truths of Spiritual Healing". The Mid-Week Services start promptly at 12:30 P. M.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 472..... *Smart*
VENITE—Page 1 .....*Chant*
PSALM 139—Page 514
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Brother Man" .....*Shaw*
SERMON—"Peter: The Average Man".....THE RECTOR
HYMN 124 ..... *Gauntlet*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 599.....*Vigiles Et Sancti*

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude:
"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit".....*Buxtehude*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 396 .....*Aurelia*
PSALM 141—Page 517
SOLO—"The Ninety-First Psalm".....MR. RICHARD EVANS, Baritone
HYMN 435 .....*St. Peter*
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CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 467 (1-3)
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 597 .....*Ewing*
ORGAN POSTLUDE

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Gertrude McClellan in memory of Miss Lillian Hastings.

We acknowledge with thanks the Church Bulletin subscriptions of Miss Elizabeth Patchell, Miss Grace Garrett and Mrs. Blanche and Miss Katherine Kennedy.

PARISH REGISTER

JUNE

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"To continue Christ's faithful servant"

June 8—Charles Raymond Pontius
22—Paul Cullen Matthews
Martha Joan Miller
June 22—Roy Miller
Andrew Frank Dodulik
Sally Lee Hudgins

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

June 14—William Cullen
Effie M. Carswell
June 21—Robert H. Ruxton
Billie M. Metcalf
June 27—Adelbert C. Bullock
Jane R. Nicolai

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household"

Miss Bertha McCormick
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wakeley and Family

RECTOR ON VACATION

The Rector and his family will be in Island Heights, New Jersey during the month of July, and in Kennebunkport, Maine during August.

The Sunday and Week-day Services will be under the direction of the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling during the Rector's absence.

HOME PRAYERS

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Opening Prayer:

O Everlasting God, let the light of Thine eternity now fall upon my passing days. O holy God, let the light of Thy perfect righteousness fall upon my sinful ways. O most merciful God, let the light of Thy love pierce to the most secret corners of my heart and overcome the darkness of sin within me. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Reading:—St. Matthew 16: 13-28

The Sermon:

June 29th is St. Peter's Day. St. Peter was a leader full of initiative when occasion for action arose, but he was not a pioneer in the sense of having a wide vision and an eager desire to venture into unknown regions. He was impulsive and one who not unfrequently made mistakes because of his eagerness to speak.

Peter lacked in moral courage, for he not only denied his Lord thrice, but he, in after years, dissembled at Antioch. On the other hand he was honored as the leader of the Jewish Christians and held in esteem by the whole Church. His weaknesses were simply those of human frailty and were not held against him by the brethren.

The New Testament which is supposed to give a reliable and sufficient history of the early Christian Church, makes no mention of St. Peter as ever having visited Rome or exercised papal authority. There is no evidence anywhere of God ever giving a monopoly of religious privilege or authority to anyone. Peter was an example, as were also the other apostles, of the fact that God uses such human materials as are at hand for the building of His kingdom. The materials are not perfect nor permanent, but are made to do for the time being.

We are all in a strange fashion kinsmen of Simon Peter. The red blood of our common humanity flowed in the veins of this passionate soul who oscillated between the careers of a traitor and a martyr, and managed to achieve both. The dealings of Jesus with St. Peter speak of the divine purpose which broods over the world and shapes the lives of men. It is the story of the human race. It is a strange story of denials and returns, strange light and perplexing darkness, of triumph and failure, of passionate impulses behind reckless desertions. The glory and shame of it are near akin; the achievements are never safe; the failures are never final. The world is not bound by its evil; men are never doomed. Over the whole story there broods a God of untiring patience and compassion, who, when things are blackest, sends His flaming summons out over the world of men, "Follow Me."

Closing Prayer:

We give Thee thanks, O Lord for all who have taken up their own crosses and have followed Thee. For the noble army of martyrs and for all who are willing to die that others may live. For all suffering chosen for noble ends, for pain bravely endured, for temporal sorrows that have been used for the building up of eternal joys.

O Lord my God, give me grace to understand the meaning of such afflictions and disappointments as I myself am called upon to endure. Deliver me from all fretfulness. Give me a stout heart to bear my own burdens. Give me a believing heart to cast all burdens upon Thee. Amen.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The following persons will be remembered during the summer:

July 6, Mrs. Harry Hauger, in memory of her parents; July 13, The King's Daughters in memory of Mrs. Vanderslice; July 20th, The Rev. Alfred W. Price, in memory of his father; July 27th, Mrs. Mary McEwen, in memory of Walter McEwen; August 31, Mrs. William B. Campbell, in memory of her husband.

There are four Sundays in August available for memorial flowers. Flowers are provided for the Altar at a cost of three dollars. Those desirous of subscribing, please communicate with the secretary of the Altar Guild, Mrs. William B. Campbell.

LAST ISSUE

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We acknowledge five Memorial Hymn Books from the Burd School Alumnae in memory of Eliza Howard Burd.

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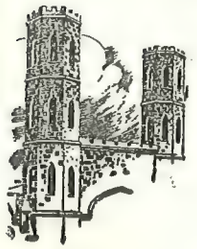
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Messiter*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 107 : 1-16—Page 476
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise" ..... *J. E. West*

"Sing a song of praise.
Bless the Lord in all His works.
Magnify His name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia.
Sing a song of praise."

SERMON—"The Open Sesame of Prayer" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 419 ..... *Burt*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 349 ..... *Mann*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDES—From Cycle of Ten Short Pieces:
"Introitus" ..... *Karg-Elert*
"Melodia Monastica" ..... *Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288 ..... *Hanover*
OPENING SENTENCES—Page 21
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THE SERMON—"Sacrifice and Song" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY—From the Messiah ..... *Handel*

"Thus saith the Lord"
"But Who may abide"
MR. JOHN MORRELL, *Baritone*

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
KNEELING HYMN 416 ..... *Beatitude*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 394 ..... *St. Asaph*
ORGAN POSTLUDE

FROM OUR MEMBERS TO OUR VISITORS

DEAR FRIEND:

We are happy to welcome you to St. Stephen's Church. We hope you will be moved to come frequently. We know, from our own experience, that it is only through vital and habitual attendance at one particular House of Worship that God becomes real, Jesus Christ is realized as our Lord and Master, and the Spirit of God becomes a moving power within us.

We not only feel better, but we are better from attending the services in this Church, a House of God, dedicated to the moral and spiritual uplift of men and the institution of man. The chimes, the service, the music, the messages from the pulpit, all help us to grow stronger, more social in our inner attitudes and our outer activities; they give us renewed energies and loftier visions of what God wants us to be.

We deeply desire, if you have no Church Home, that you share these benefits and practice the Spirit of Jesus Christ with us.

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Bible Reading: II Peter 1 : 1-8

The Sermon:

A second practical way of having a true sense of values, Dr. Weatherhead says, is to stop and *remind ourselves of what we cost.* After all, the cost of anything is apt to indicate its value.

There is the human cost of our lives—what it has cost others to give us a life. Each of us come into this world through the travail of a mother and since that day, so much thought, and money, and strength, and love has been spent on us by those who have loved us. Just recall those who have helped you on your way, what they have done for you, what sacrifices they have made. Your human cost comes to a considerable amount, does it not! You are worth that; and, hence, are above cheap and tawdry things.

Then there is the divine cost of your life, summed up in the Cross. If you are worth His dying for, that makes you something very special. Face the picture of Calvary, and find yourself saying, "That is what I cost Him; He thought I was worth that." That surely puts a high price-tag on you, lifting you above worthless, trashy activities. In your weaker moments you may find yourself doubting whether you are worth that much—we all have moments like that. But, even so, we cannot escape that worth. For the Cross is the everlasting landmark which shows what God thinks of our worth. And we can hardly argue with God!

St. Paul put it in his forceful way when he wrote, "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a price." Through His life of matchless love; through His death on the Cross to show God's great love for us, He showed us what life at its best can be; showed us the only way to peace, by living in God's way, under God's direction. By the Cross He saved us from our worst selves. By the Cross He offers to us the golden chance to live as the sons and daughters of God.

All through the New Testament epistles one comes across the phrase, "a servant of Christ." Those early Christian men were so deeply filled with the sense of what God had done for them, through Christ, that they considered themselves honor bound to the Master as His humble servants, bound to live for Him. They kept reminding themselves what they had cost; and so they still shine before men as the ambassadors of the high and holy God.

Closing Prayer:

Eternal and most glorious God, Who hast stamped the soul of man with Thine Image, received it into Thy Revenue, and made it part of Thy Treasure; suffer us not to undervalue ourselves, nor so to impoverish Thee as to give away these souls for nothing. Do this, O God, for His sake Who knows our natural infirmities, and knows the weight of our sins, for He paid a dear price for them, Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.—(*John Doane, 1572-1631*)

FOR YOUNG AND OLD

You are invited to attend a concert on Wednesday, June 25th at 8 : 30 P. M. in the Community House given by the Philadelphia Light Opera Workshop. There will be no charge. Membership in this worthwhile group is open to members and friends of St. Stephen's.

The Members of the Hard of Hearing Congregation will hold a lawn party at the Rectory, 2814 Midvale Avenue, Germantown on Saturday afternoon 2 to 5 P. M. June 21. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served, and articles will be on sale. Directions: From central city "A" bus on Broad Street to Midvale Avenue and transfer to car 52 East, to Wissahickon Avenue. "R" bus to Midvale Avenue and transfer to 52 East. "Z" bus to Midvale Avenue and transfer to 52 car East. 23 Car at Broad and Erie to Chelten and Chew and transfer to car 52 West. P.R.R. to Queen Lane Station and walk west one half block.

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David L. German, Jr., Crucifer of St. Stephen's Church, has been accepted in the Freshman Class at Johns Hopkins University and will matriculate in September.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 558....*Gauntlett*
VENITE—Page 9 ....*Chant*
PSALM 77—Page 433
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—Page 11....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS—Page 10 ....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness"....*Dvorak*

"I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psalter. Every day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy holy Name. Great is God and great His mercy; who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory."

SERMON—"Damaged Souls" ....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 563....*Douglas*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 560....*Boyd*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDES:
"Rejoice, Greatly O My Soul"....*Karg-Elert*
"Lord, take my heart, it beats for Thee"....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282....*Lauda Anima*
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HYMN 166 ....*Hursley*
THE SERMON—"Nature Abhors a Vacuum"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY—From the Messiah "He Shall Feed His Flock"....*Handel*
(MISS MARIE BAREUTHER)
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
HYMN 178 (Kneeling) ....*Vesper Hymn*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 179 ....*St. Clement*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Westminster Suite"....*Purcell*

EDITORIAL

"Faith is conviction of the reality of the unseen," said St. Paul, and proceeded to show the world's debt to men who had lived by and for the unseen. How that list could be compounded by a search of the pages of subsequent history; and how it would broaden were a list of the creators of beauty—the pioneers of democracy—the path-finders of science and their kindred, included.

These all not only lived and died in faith, but these all had the same focus as Abraham, the Father of the Faithful. They turned their backs upon the unsatisfying present and plunged into the unknown to seek, not fame and glory, not profit or power, but to seek a "better country", a "better humanity", "a city whose builder and maker is God". The men of their times in large measure were hostile, amused, or embarrassed for them. But history makes the verdict of God unanimous. God is not ashamed to be called their God; and posterity is not ashamed to hail them as its great benefactors. As for their contemporary detractors, they are either forgotten or the objects of scorn. That which was unseen to great souls has by their faith become the "seen" to us.

There is, however, as Christ insists and as life substantiates, "no resting place down here". The status quo is never the Kingdom of God. The horizon is ever before us as "time makes ancient good uncouth." The Christian is always a pilgrim to the better future.

Faith is not attending a church. Faith is not repeating a creed. Faith is not performing a ritual. Faith is not offering a prayer. All of these are incidental to faith—by-products of faith, perhaps. Faith, itself, is building a better life, a better humanity, a better world.

How deeply disturbed should we be today—how deeply discontented with things as they are—how certain that the golden age is not in the past! And by the same token, how we should draw upon God and join hands with man, for strength to carry forward our main task—the building of a better society.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. O come, let us worship, and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

The Sermon:

Dr. Temple once said, "The world, as we live in it, is like a shop window in which some mischievous person has got in over-night and shifted all the price tags around, so that the cheap things have the high-price tags on them, and the really precious things are priced low. We let ourselves be taken in." See how people pour their hard-earned money through the betting windows of the race-tracks, just for the cheap thrill of taking a chance. See how hosts pour their strength into the shoddy game of "keeping up with the Joneses", their precious time into the cheap trash of the average movie or radio program. We certainly do let ourselves be taken in!

Each of us, therefore, must have a surer sense of values, be ready to discard trashy opportunities, seek things of true worth. Leslie Weatherhead, the English preacher, points out that one way of having a sound sense of values is *"to remind ourselves of what we are.* Man is a spirit, and has a body. As Augustine said, 'Thou hast made us for Thyself, and, our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee.' Man, the spirit, may keep his sense of values by reminding himself that, *because* he is a spirit, he will never be happy by pretending that he is only a body and a mind." Some modern novels seem to think that man is only a body—yet see the tragedy in the lives of those who live chiefly for physical satisfactions. Just study the people you know who have reached their seventies and eighties and make up your own mind. You will find that those who have been "taken in", who have spent themselves lavishly for the cheap things, are a rather pitiful, unhappy lot of people; while those who could read life's price-tags rightly are still living richly even in the lengthening shadows of old age.

Just recently I went into a home I know well, and heard the most glorious music pouring from the piano. "Who is that playing?" I asked my hostess. "That's Aunt", she replied. I blinked with amazement, for Aunt is very lame, and her eyesight is failing, and she is eighty-eight years old! A few minutes later, I stood just behind Aunt as those youthful hands flashed over the keys, and the breath-taking music of Bach and Chopin filled the room. I knew, then, the importance of a sense of values. For, ever since she had been a girl, Aunt had loved great music. Seldom had she let a day go by without serious practice. Again and again, she had brushed aside the twittering demands of cheap and trivial pleasures, to devote herself to the precious worth of beauty in music. She had followed Christ's teaching that man is a spirit, and can find peace only through the things of the spirit. Music, in all its spiritual value, had been her "pearl of great price". So, at eighty-eight, she was still very much alive. So it can be with you, in those years when the body grows less satisfactory, if your life has been devoted to the things of the spirit, the pearls of great price.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.)

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BENEDICTUS—Page 14 ..... *Chant*
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SERMON—"The Story of Johnny Appleseed" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 346 ..... *Silesian Melody*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 385 ..... *Haydn*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDES—"Andante" ..... *Lalo*
"Nocturne" ..... *Chopin-Milstein*
Organ and Violin
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OFFERTORY—"Meditation" ..... *Glazounow*
Organ and Violin
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 270 ..... *St. Athanasius*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Sixth Sonata" (4th Movement) ..... *Mendelssohn*

Miss Helen M. Stolz, Organist at Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, Philadelphia, is guest organist this evening. Mr. Jesse Ceci, violinist, graduate of Curtis Institute of Music is assisting artist.

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong in memory of his parents, John M. and Julia M. Armstrong.

EDITORIAL

Some deeply disturbing facts have been brought to light recently. *The Times* reported that in 1946 Americans spent more than eight and a half billions on liquor. *Life* reported that they spent more than six billions in gambling. *The Twentieth Century Fund* reported that they spent as much for movies as for religion.

Such facts in conjunction—or even perhaps singly, launch a rapid succession of reactions.

One thinks, for instance, of another sequence of facts: That England is slowly but surely starving to death—its people lacking today the physical vitality to produce more that they may eat more; that hunger in Germany, where the struggle for democracy is on, is at its peak; that thousands have dropped dead from starvation in the streets of Shanghai since the first of the year.

Then one thinks of the pittance which the State Department asked for foreign relief (three hundred fifty million) and how the House cut the amount nearly in half; or the mind turns to the shocking testimony of the emptiness of American life that led to the expenditure of so much on liquor and gambling and movies—for all three are mechanisms of escape.

And finally, one turns almost in despair to the churches. Where is the soul of America? How can it be so niggardly in charity when it can throw away so much? Why can't these escapists find the meaning of life and enjoy it instead of seeking to flee from it?

The Church is the keeper of the nation's soul. If the nation lacks charity, we have not bred it. If Congress is niggardly, we have not given it a mandate to be otherwise. If people are fleeing life, somehow we have failed to lead them to it. Of course, they do not come to the Church as searchers—though more of them do than we suspect—but we, as Christians, are not commissioned to wait for people to come; we are commissioned to go and seek.

What we need in the Church, above all else, is a long-searching conference on Kingdom Strategy.

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life, suffer us not to stray from Thee, Who art the Way, nor to distrust Thee, Who art the Truth, nor to rest in any other thing than Thee, Who art the Life. Teach us, by Thy Holy Spirit, what to believe, what to do, and wherein to take our rest. Amen.

—*(Erasmus, 1466-1536 A. D.)*

Bible Reading: St. Luke 9: 57-62

The Sermon:

Robert Frost has a poem about a man who came to the fork in the road. Both branches were inviting, and he found it hard to make up his mind which way to take. One was a well-beaten track; the other, rather difficult to follow. Finally, he decided on the less-travelled way, and set out along it. The farther he went, the more he wished that he had taken the other road, for the more travelled road might have given him better chances; his life would have been broader and more interesting, with richer opportunities.

But the wise Master of men once said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." In other words, this business of regretful looking-back is stupid business. To go on saying, "If I had only married some one else, if I had only gone to college, if I had only changed jobs . . ." is sheer folly and waste of time. No one ever knows where the other road would have led, or whether it was smooth or rough. The plain result of this brooding, backward look is that one misses the shining opportunities on *this* road; one's backtracking thoughts never notice the golden chances right within arm's-length!

Emerson once said, "Finish each day, and be done with it." You *have* to do that, if you want to play the useful part God means you to. He has enough of a load for you to carry today, without your adding the heavy memories of yesterday's regrets. He has enough challenging jobs to occupy your full attention; and looking backward simply makes you do today's chores badly. Have done with "looking back!"

When the Moors were diven out of Granada, they were so sure that they would return some day, that they locked the doors of their homes, and carried the keys with them in their flight. But they never returned. A good many of us carry around a lot of rusty, useless old keys for doors that will never open again, for we shall not return to use them. But the followers of Jesus heave the old keys out on the scrap heap and go about the high calling of living each day right up to the hilt, "forgetting those things that are behind", and finding true peace of heart in the tasks that are right at hand.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, grant us to see the right path and steadfastly follow whither it leads; for the sake of Him Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—*(H. R. James, 1863-1931)*

"Thank you" to Mrs. M. Weitzel and to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hicks for their respective subscriptions to the 1947 Church Bulletin.

William Linton, serving in the Japanese Occupation Forces, has been made a Sergeant. Congratulations!

The total of St. Stephen's gift for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is now $1,141.95.

Mr. Carrigan wishes to thank the many friends who contributed so generously to his anniversary gift. "I didn't realize how many friends I have", replied this faithful servant of St. Stephen's, when the rector gave him the list of well wishers.

Miss Marion Headman writes, "I am at a loss for words to tell you of my appreciation of the wonderful gift I have received from St. Stephen's Church. Just to say 'thank you' seems so inadequate; I think you must know, however, how deeply I do appreciate your thought of me . . ."

The rector will preach at the Evening Services during the month of June while Mr. Meckling is on a well deserved vacation.



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9: 40 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Paean" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87 ..... *Sullivan*
ANTHEM—"Christ our Passover is sanctified for us" ..... *Tours*
(The words are on page 162 in Prayer Book)
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Easter Morn" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Madgalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
And behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his rainment white as snow, and for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men.
And the angel answered and said unto the women "Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
He is not here, for he is risen as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.

Christ the Lord is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Christ has opened paradise.
Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head,
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the Cross, the goal, the skies.
Alleluia!

SERMON—"Need Men Fear Death?" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *French Melody*
HALLELUJAH CHORUS (in place of Gloria in Excelsis) ..... *Handel*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 ..... *Martin*

The Easter Flowers are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. The Flowers on Maundy Thursday were given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of Philip W. Chase.

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the Spirit directs us. For this purpose, use the enclosed envelope.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Russian Easter" ..... *Rimsky-Korsakoff*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
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NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Tours*
HYMN 91 ..... *Victory*
SERMON—"Easter's Promise" ..... The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 94 ..... *St. Kevin*
ANTHEM
RECESSIONAL HYMN 88 ..... *St. Albinus*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Alleluia!" ..... *Mozart*

The Rector's Easter Greeting

WHEN DAY DAWNS

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

Easter dawns! Throughout the world, millions of people of all races and creeds, strain their eyes, looking into the East for the first signs of the morning light. If dawn comes, the dawn of faith, the light of hope, the re-birth of love, the resurrection of justice, and the release of brotherhood, then there is hope.

It will be true. The dark Friday and silent Saturday will pass. Then, brightest of all and fairer than ten thousand, the radiance of the living present will walk by our side. Christ will live forever in our hearts.

Easter came before Christmas. A man's return from death was the first theme of the Christian Church. Mary met Jesus in the Garden and ran forth to tell the others. Peter boldly announced the resurrection of Jesus on the hostile streets of Jerusalem. The glad news that Jesus' cause was not ended, that hate had not triumphed, that God was not defeated, spread like wild fire, over the ancient world, sick unto death.

The news ran from street to street, from alley to alley, from town to town, from fishing boat to fishing boat, and at last to Rome, Corinth, Athens, Macedonia. It was heard by Paul. It was preached by Luke. It was interpreted by Augustine. It found a life in Luther, Wesley, Whitefield, Brooks, and now it awaits restatement by us.

Easter is the foundation of our faith. It is the dawn of spiritual triumph, and the glow of immortality. This year its light will be cast across a suffering world. Humanity writhes in agony and cries out in fear, as truth and right seem to be crucified anew. Hunger keeps a ghastly vigil over a world surfeited with goods.

But one of the strange mysteries of life is the birth of strength in the midst of suffering, and that peace comes through pain. Gethsemane and Calvary are preludes to Easter with its eternal significance. He who refuses to suffer, and to endure pain, forfeits strength and serenity.

Easter is God's assurance to every person who is right that the cause he supports will ultimately win.

Affectionately and Faithfully, your Rector,

Alfred W. Price

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th

10:45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews will sing the Christmas Music.

The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25th

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

11:00 A. M.

Morning Prayer, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th

Patronal Festival

(St. Stephen's Day)

The rector will preach on St. Stephen, the Martyr, at the 11:00 o'clock service

9:00 A. M. Holy Communion
11:00 A. M. Patronal Festival
7:30 P. M. Evening Prayer

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "CHRISTMAS OFFERING". Will you use it for an offering to Him?

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St. Stephen's Church

CHRISTMAS

1948

CHRISTMAS EVE—10:45 P. M.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Choir, under the Direction of Dr. Matthews,
will sing the Christmas Carols and Music

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude
"In Dulci Jubilo"..... *J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 30—"The First Nowell"..... *Traditional*

KYRIE ..... *Willan*

CAROL—"O Gay Is the Day We Sing"..... *Whitehead*
(Provencal Traditional)

SERMON—"The Peace of Christmas"..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 19

AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors

SANCTUS ..... *Willan*

CAROL—"O'er Bethlehem Plains"..... *Danish arr. by H. Alexander Matthews*

IN PLACE OF GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—
Chinese Melody..... *Harmonized and arr. by H. Alexander Matthews*

CAROL—"Sing We Then Those Glorious Strains"

BENEDICTION

CAROL—"Silent Night," 33..... *Franz Gruber*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 27..... *Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS DAY—9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND CAROL SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Noel Polonais"
Variations on an ancient Polish Carol..... *Guilmant*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12..... *Adeste Fideles*

MORNING PRAYER

VENITE ..... *Chant*

PSALM 89: 1-30, page 450

LESSON—Luke 2: 1-20

JUBILATE DEO ..... *Chant*

SERMON HYMN 19..... *Carol*

SERMON..... The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

OFFERTORY HYMN 21..... *St. Louis*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

ANTHEM—"Joy to the World"..... *Wilson*

CLOSING PRAYERS

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 27..... *Mendelssohn*

ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Halleluia!"..... *Handel*

CHRISTMAS, 1948

Soon children—and grownups, too—will be looking away from opened presents, asking others, "What did you get for Christmas?" Why not change the question this year, and ask, "What did I get *from* Christmas?"

A certain artist painted a picture of the shepherds on the hillside, looking up into the shining heavens as they listened to the angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on eath, peace, good will toward men." The shepherds' faces are uplifted in a glow of wonder and amazement. One of the sheep-dogs stands by the shepherds, poised and alert, but his head is turned in a different direction—he is not looking up! Dogs are, I think, the most lovable of all creatures in their loyalty and faithfulness; but they cannot look up to wonders beyond their human master, or a sheep to turn back to the flock, or a well-earned meal at the end of the day's work. A dog enjoys Christmas dinner and the friendliness of the glad home circle. But surely you are more than a dog. Ask yourself, *what you are going to get from Christmas that a dog cannot get.*

At Christmas you can discover, with the pure joy of a child, the *wonder of coming home.* For, at this holy season, child-like folk are reminded that they are more than animals, more than earthly creatures who live their little span and return to the earth again. Around the Manger, they discover that they sprang from the love of God, and may live in the warmth of that love all their days on earth, and then return to the household of God's many mansions when their span on earth is done. Christmas is homecoming time, not only for the families of earth, but for God's mighty family—for men to return gladly to their Father's care, knowing that they are loved by Him as dear children.

So Christmas lifts up the leaden hearts of the lonely, the cold hearts of the loveless, the aching hearts of the angry, the sorrowing hearts of the bereaved, the lagging hearts of the heavy-laden. For at Christmas they remember that they are the cherished children of the most high and loving God. A child of God, you see, can no longer hang his head in discouragement, or flash angry words of irritation, or mope in cheap self-pity. A child of God is filled with hope and confidence, overflowing with a wealth of love. Your dog could not get *that* from Christmas. How about you!

May your Christmas-tide be joyful and prayerful!

Sincerely your Rector,
Alfred W. Price

The Church Staff—the Rector, Mr. Meckling, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary and the Verger—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their best Christmas wishes.

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THE SANCTUARY OF HEALING

Friend, there's a welcome in this place for thee;
Come in and rest, and think and kneel and pray.
What we are praying for—God's Healing, see.
Give thanks and so in peace go on thy way.

June 6, 1948
2nd Sunday after Trinity

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The Collect and Epistle on page 191

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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Harmonies du Soir"....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288....*Croft*
KYRIE....*Willan*
ANTHEM—"Immortal Invisible"....*Thiman*
SERMON—"The Peril of Easy Formulas"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 375....*Peace*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 196....*Hodges*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (No. 713 Hymnal)....*Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 561....*Gadsby*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Vision"....*Rheinberger*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 584....*Materna*
PSALM 10, page 353
NUNC DIMITTIS....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 544....*St. Cecilia*
SERMON....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 549....*All Saints New*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
ANTHEM—"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"....*Prichard*
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 391....*St. Flavian*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579....*Marion*
POSTLUDE—"Seranade"....*Schubert*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker in memory of her mother, Charlotte Fitzwater Shoemaker.

We wish to thank Mrs. Mabel R. Erwood for her subscription to the Church Bulletin.

The following is an excerpt from a letter to Mrs. David D. Wood from Mrs. Agnes Sligh Turnbull, author of "The Bishop's Mantle":

"Dear Mrs. Wood: You can't imagine the pleasure your letter brought me! All through the years as I visited my uncle (Dr. McConnell) I looked at the fine face of Mr. Wood as it hung close to my uncle's desk. So it was indeed of him or at least of his face I was thinking when I described the blind organist in my story.

"My uncle loved your husband and spoke so very often of him to me. I only wish I could have met him and heard him play!

"My uncle was always closer in spirit to St. Stephen's than to any of his other parishes."

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

"There go the ships" (Psalm 104:26)

Your Ship's "Log"

Worship

1. Do I read my Bible daily? Yes....., or No.....
2. Do I read my Forward Day-by-Day Manual each Day? Yes....., or No.....
3. Do I attend Church services regularly? Yes....., or No.....
4. Do I pray daily for God's guidance? Yes....., or No.....

Fellowship

1. Do I willingly assume responsibilities in the Church if asked? Yes....., or No.....
2. Do I invite those who do not attend any Church to attend my Church? Yes....., or No.....
3. Am I active in the Church's activities? Yes....., or No.....
4. Do I make the acquaintance of strangers attending St. Stephen's? Yes....., or No.....
5. Do I perform acts of kindness, such as sharing Church literature, for shut-ins, the aged, and the lonely? Yes....., or No.....
6. Do I vote as an enlightened Christian in all elections? Yes....., or No.....

Stewardship

1. Do I systematically support the Church? Yes....., or No.....
2. Do I give, by tithing or other plan, as large a proportion of my income as I can? Yes....., or No.....
3. Do I set aside money for special Church beneficences so that I can contribute to them without decreasing my regular contributions? Yes....., or No.....
4. Do I contribute adequately to the organized public charities of my community? Yes....., or No.....
5. Have I one or more pet personal charities to which I charities of my community? Yes....., or No.....

Improve Your Score

To rate yourself, check "Yes" or "No" after eack question. Credit yourself 4 points for each "Yes" conscientiously made. Keep the list and rate yourself again privately at the end of three months. How much have you improved?

EDITORIAL

One of the most profound reasons for the tragic confusion of our time is the fact that as human beings we lack a sense of proportion. We have been so preoccupied with the physical and material aspects of life that we have held, in relative insignificance, life's spiritual aspect. Furthermore, we have sought to prostitute the spiritual and mental values to material purposes. This goes for America, as well as for Russia, although there is a difference in degree.

Some living people were brought up on the ridiculous chronology of Bishop Usher, who contributed greatly to human confusion and vanity by suggesting that creation was little more than 5,000 years old. This led to the belief that man had come a long way in a very short time.

Many more people accepted the assumption of automatic progress, born of the presentation and acceptance of an immature concept of evolution. Before the first world war it was widely believed that the human race was on the threshold of perfection. Dogmatism and finality in religion, economics and politics therefore seemed justified.

But how old is creation and who are we? According to the knowledge of science today, creation is at least eighteen thousand million years old. Man has existed for less than an eighteen thousandth of that time and recorded history goes back scarcely seven thousand years.

Instead of being on the threshold of perfection, humanity is in primitive infancy and, instead of being a finished masterpiece, man is still a transitory type—an animal in which a soul is striving to be born and to mature at the call of the Creator.

If humanity could understand that to be materially minded is death and that to be dominated by the spirit is life, the path ahead would open quickly through the fog of confusion which surrounds us.

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel pages 188-190

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11:00 A. M.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chapelle des Morts".....*Henri Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 589.....*Dykes*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 146, page 522
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Greater love hath no man".....*Ireland*
SERMON—"Their Immortality".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 393.....*Henry*
MASSING OF COLORS
CLOSING PRAYER
TAPS
ANTHEM (Kneeling) "Rest in Peace".....*Schubert*

Rest in peace, O Souls Immortal,
Who have passed on through Death's portal,
Out of this world's care and strife,
Into heaven's all glorious life.
Sleep with God, O faithful hearted,
Rest in peace, O Souls departed.

All earth's strivings now are stilled,
All earth's longings now fulfilled
In His heaven's prepared place,
Ye who see Him face to face
In the Father's love approved
Rest in peace, O Souls beloved.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 519.....*Ton-Y-Botel*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante Cantabile, Quartet in D".....*Tschaikowsky*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 578.....*Pleyel's Hymn*
PSALM 90, page 453
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 498.....*Gardiner*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 539.....*Truro*
AMERICA, the Presentation of the Colors
BASS SOLO—"O Valiant Hearts".....*Arkwright*
Soloist—CLIFFORD SYLVESTER
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 184.....*St. Anatolius*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 542.....*Duke Street*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Grand March, Aida".....*Verdi*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, by Mrs. Augusta G. Balsley in memory of her mother, and by Miss Gladys Given in memory of Mr. Raymond Given.

The Annual Burd Day is Saturday, June 5th. You are cordially invited to the school at 4226 Baltimore Avenue from four until six o'clock.

We wish to thank Mrs. Charlotte Nodine Weiser for her subscription to the Church Bulletin.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire Thee with a whole heart, that so desiring we may seek and find Thee, and so finding Thee may love Thee, and loving Thee, may hate those sins which separate us from Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen. (*St. Anselm, 1033-1109*)

Bible Reading: Exodus 4: 10-12

The Sermon:

Moses made the great mistake of thinking of God as a Task-Master, giving out chores to be done. We make the same mistake. John Baillie has pointed out that we thus do God a grave injustice. Professor Baillie says:

"I know that what God wants of me is not in the first place that I should do something for Him, but that I should *let something be done for me*, and done to me, and in me. He wants me to put myself in His hands. He wants to take charge of my life—and leave all the burden of it, and all the worry of it, to Him. He comes to me indeed with a demand, but the demand is only that I should accept a gift—the free gift of salvation. The Presence at my heart's door has not been that of a Task-Master, but of a Saviour." In other words, when God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush, in the dream, He was seeking, chiefly, to enrich Moses. He wanted to give Moses the faith that could move the stubborn wills of the Israelites. He sought to give Moses that final security of heart which knows that, so long as we go with God, nothing can overcome us.

We see, in a flash, that Moses was actually fighting God's gift. And we cry out, "Stupid old Moses!", and we are right. And then by some strange chance, we look in the mirror, and there, before us, is a little twentieth century edition of Moses, repeating the old stupidity!

True, God does bid us to do His chores, for they need doing—those quiet deeds of love and courage. But in giving us those chores, God is starting us on something hard enough so that we are going to need His help. What He really wants, you see, is to give Himself to us. It does not take a very bright person to see that the man who makes room in his heart for God becomes rich in strength and love.

But it does take an inner fight to settle the question. Dwight L. Moody said that the greatest struggle he ever had in his life was when he gave up business. For he had a natural genius as a business-man, and could easily have become a multi-millionaire. So, while Carnegie, Armour, Gould, Rockefeller, and Morgan were building their vast fortunes, Mr. Moody was doing God's business. And someone has said, "The business talents which other men used for their own ends, Mr. Moody used for God's ends." Do you imagine that any one of those merchant princes ever found life as good and glorious and joyful as Mr. Moody did? I doubt it, for the God-filled, God-serving life is everlastingly worthwhile, every minute of it; while the self-serving life drifts into staleness, and misses the boat. You say "Yes" to God; and He says to you, "Now, therefore, go, and I will be with thy mouth, to teach thee what to say." And, from that day on, you really *live!*

Closing Prayer:

Grant to us Lord, we pray Thee, day by day, the joy of true living, that we who seek Thy service may find Thy peace and grow into the likeness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*C. Jenkins*)

We extend a hearty welcome to the many patriotic organizations present with us this morning.

The rector will dedicate the American Flag and the Post Flag of Hamilton Village Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. These colors are in memory of Technical Sergeant Rodney S. McCaughin. Rodney was baptized and confirmed in St. Stephen's Church. He was a member of the famous 100th Bombardment Group. He completed twelve successful missions over occupied territory. He accomplished his thirteenth mission but was shot down on April 28, 1944. A Memorial Service was held in St. Stephen's for Rodney on Sunday, April 29, 1945. His body was returned to this country and burial service was held in St. Stephen's Church on April 17, 1948.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Melodie" ..... *Salome*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266..... *Dykes*
VENITE—page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 111, page 482
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy"..... *Cesar Franck*
O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
SERMON—"The Strong Name of the Trinity"..... THE RECTOR
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN 268..... *St. Patrick*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 274..... *Jeffery*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Dr. and Mrs. Emory Johnson.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

Music by the TASILO TRIO

GLADYS V. SCHERLE, *Violin,* MICHAEL P. SCHERLE, *'Cello,* J. S. LEEDS, *Organ*

PRELUDE—Allegro, Trio Op. 1, No. 1..... *Beethoven*
Cavatina ..... *Raff*
Adagio Cantabile, trio Op. 1, No. 1..... *Beethoven*
BY THE TRIO
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266..... *Nicaea*
PSALM 29, page 373
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Tours*
SERMON HYMN 288..... *Hanover*
SERMON..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 349 ..... *Watermouth*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
TRIO—"Andante Cantabile, 5th Symphony"..... *Tschaikowsky*
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 179..... *St. Clement*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 270..... *Moscow*
POSTLUDE—"Au Bord D'un Ruisseau"..... *Boisdeffre*

The Rector gave an address on the history of St. Stephen's to the members of the Friendship Club on May 17.

The Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held in St. Stephen's Church on Monday, May 24 from 5:00 to 6:30 P. M. The Evening Meeting will be held in Kugler's Restaurant, 7:00 to 9:00 P. M.

The May Fete of the Episcopal Hospital will be held on May 26 (rain or shine) on the grounds of the Episcopal Hospital, Front and Lehigh Avenue. Luncheon served from 12:00 to 2:00; tea from 3:00 to 5:00; supper from 5:30 to 7:00. All Day Snack Bar.

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(E. B. Pusey, 1800-1882)

Bible Reading: Exodus 3:1-12

The Sermon:

Sooner or later each of us must face the great question of "belonging." Do I own myself? Do I have a quit-claim deed to use my life as if it were my sole possession? Every maturing character soon begins to find the answer, that a great deal of their time and strength belongs to other people: to their own family, their friends, their church, their lodge, their community, their nation, their world. One sure sign of growing up in this dawning sense of responsibility. As St. Paul said, "Ye are not your own."

Then, one day, we face a deeper "belonging." Like Moses in his dream about the burning bush, we hear God bidding us to do some hard job. God told Moses to go back to his enslaved countrymen and "bring them forth out of Egypt." And Moses argues, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, but am slow of speech and of a slow tongue." But the firm, sure voice of God returns, "Who hath made man's mouth? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth...go!" Moses wriggles and squirm, and tries to escape God's loving reach. (You may remember the Negro preacher who said, "Young man, young man, your arm's too short to box with God!") But at last he *sees* the truth. He sees that he belongs to the God Who made him, and knows how to use him, just as the violin belongs in the swift fingers of a Fritz Kriesler, as the scalpel belongs in the sensitive hand of a great surgeon. So our lives belong in the wise hand of God; for only thus can we fulfill our destiny on earth.

Once a man says "Yes" to God's bidding, he begins to find the fullness of joy. To know that God is using you for His ends gives that deep peace of heart that passeth all understanding. Young Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, as a result of hearing Dwight L. Moody speak, put his medical career into the hands of God. Fourteen years after his conversion, Dr. Grenfell for the first time met Mr. Moody face to face. He told the great evangelist about that night so long ago, and Mr. Moody quietly replied, "Good." "What have you been doing since?" "Doing," replied Dr. Grenfell, "Well, I've been living and working among fisherman from the Bay of Biscay to the coast of Labrador, instead of staying in London." "Regret it?" "No Sir, I should say not!" And then Mr. Moody invited the young doctor to come that evening and speak for a few minutes to a great crowd, to tell them what had happened when he put his life into the hands of the God to Whom he belonged. Life's true joys begin when we turn ourselves over to God—for He knows how to use us!

Closing Prayer:

Take us, we pray Thee, O Lord of our life, into Thy keeping this night and forever. O Thou Light of lights, keep us from inward darkness; grant us so to sleep in peace, that we may rise to work according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Tuesday Noon Club for Business Men got off to a good start on May 11th. Forty-two men attended the service and stayed for lunch. Mrs. Theodore Bechtel and a committee of women from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hard of Hearing took care of the Luncheon. This Club is open to men of every business and profession and every denomination. A twenty-five minute service consisting of hearty singing, prayer and sermon by the rector begins at 12:30 P. M. Luncheon is served before and after the service.

The Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church which is responsible for such fine needlework and sewing for the major hospitals of the city has been the beneficiary of a gift from the Mrs. John Coates Brown Estate amounting to $4,050.70. This amount added to their present endowment produces an income of around $250.00 a year. This added to the special offering received each year from the congregation will help greatly in meeting the annual expenses of this fine society.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Romance from a Symphony".....*Joseph Haydn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 108.....*Pleyel*
VENITE—page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 81, page 442
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
JUBILATE, page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"God is a Spirit".....*Sterndale-Bennett*
God is a spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.
SERMON—"Wit" Sunday .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 368.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 267.....*Smart*

The flowers on the Altar today are in memory of Mr. Roland S. Morris.

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Toccata in G".....*Dubois*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579.....*Marion*
PSALM 48, page 399
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 111.....*Melcombe*
SERMON.....THE REV. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 189.....*Unde Et Memores*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 368.....*St. Cuthbert*
POSTLUDE—"Hosanna!" ..... *Wachs*

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(E. B. Pusey 19th Century)

Bible Reading: I John 2:1-25

The Sermon:

Suppose a man with a hidden microphone mingled with an American crowd one day (in the bleachers at a baseball game, for instance), asking this question, "How would you act if you thought you were going to live forever?" There is one answer I am sure he would get, many times, "Brother, if I thought I was going to live forever, I would sure live *differently.*" But that is exactly what Jesus Christ brought to men—"And this is the promise He hath promised us, *even eternal life.*"

Scads of people do not even live with a thought for the rest of their life on earth. Tomorrow morning's bargain sale, Saturday afternoon's horse races, tonight's pleasures—these small, present concerns take up all their thoughts. Some of them play fast and loose with the health and strength God gave them. "Confound these legs of mine," said Lord Northampton, as he came tottering out of Court, having spent his youth in fast living. "If I had thought that they were one day to carry a Lord Chancellor, I would have taken better care of them." Short-sighted living bears a painful harvest.

However, what is done, is done. As Rufus Jones points out, "Our task now is to make sure of the *Henceforth.* In a marvelous scene in his Roman prison, St. Paul said, "Forgetting the things that are behind, I press *henceforth* toward the goal of life for the prize of my high calling in Christ Jesus." After all, it is never too late to remember that God offers us an endless life. As Studdert-Kennedy once said, "I am not the least afraid of hell; but I am terribly afraid that some day some one will look me in the eye and say, "What did you make of your life?"

Remember that you will take into the world beyond, that self which you became on this earth. Apparently that self is *all* that you will take with you—that character, that person you grew into. Therefore, it is well that we live as day-by-day pupils of the Master, letting Him fashion us into something strong, and richly loving. If we let Him do that, we shall *want* to live forever. It was Rendel Harris who once said, very characteristically, "When I pass over, I do not want anyone to sing, 'Now his labor's ended.' I shall at first want to rest a little, and then I shall be ready to go on with God's work in new ways." He was ready for an endless life!

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all who are working for Thee. O Lord, take their minds and think through them; take their lips and speak through them; take their hearts and set them on fire with love to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The monthly meeting of the Vestry was held in the Divinity School at 4:30 P. M., May 10th. The Vestry attended the Chapel Service and had dinner with the Dean and the student body. In the evening the Vestry met the students and enjoyed an informal discussion.

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February 22—Mary J. Allston

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"Those whom God hath joined together."
April 7—Gustav C. Meckling
Jane Norris
April 10—Albert R. Steele
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May 8—Charles J. Guenther
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BURIALS

"The sun is sinking gently in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia."
February 2—Rosa C. Talbot
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155.....*Webbe*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
ANTHEM—"150th Psalm".....*Cesar Franck*
SERMON—"Christian Alumni".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 415.....*Marsh*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 198, verses 1, 2 and 3.....*Gower*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 553.....*Smart*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Offertory in C".....*Loud*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 590.....*Alford*
PSALMS 12 and 13, page 355
NUNC DIMITTIS, page 28,.....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 572.....*Maryton*
SERMON—"When Life Tumbles In".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 581.....*St. Albans*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
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(*Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D., adapted.*)

Bible Reading: John 13: 31-35

The Sermon:

Last week we reminded ourselves that a disciple is a "learner," a teachable person. But just *what* is it that a disciple of Christ learns? What is the major subject in the school of Jesus?

He has told us clearly, many times, in many ways. In the passage you have just read from St. John, He says it again. It was on His last evening on earth with His friends. How are men going to distinguish you, my men, from other men, He asked? Men know how to distinguish a robin or a bluebird from other birds. How are they going to distinguish you from other people? "By this will men know that ye are My disciples," He explained, "if ye have love one to another." Your identifying mark will be a rare and noticeable loving-kindness.

Most human beings are not naturally self-sacrificing, for each creature has plenty of self-interest. But God gave us, in addition to that self-interest, a capacity for deep interest in others. It is the major course in the school of Jesus to master this art of love, this knack of constant concern for the hopes and needs of our fellows. The Master can overlook many a shortcoming, but not lack of love. For the heart can be trained to loving, just as the body can be trained for the playing of a game. Those who gain the habit of living with an ear cocked for the voice of the Master make swift progress in the great art of loving-kindness.

Some people learn that art when they are still very young. When Louis Agassiz (who later became the great scientist) was a boy in Switzerland, he and his very small brother one day decided to cross a frozen lake to join their father on the other side. Their mother, as she stood in the kitchen window, could see them start across. They were too far away to hear her call, and she watched in an agony of fear, for she knew that, a little way out, there was a wide crack in the ice, more than a foot wide. "Louis can get over it," she thought to herself, "but the little fellow will try it, and fall in." She saw them stop and talk together. Then Louis got down on the ice, his feet on one side of the crack and his head and shoulders on the other, making a little bridge over which his brother crept safely to the other side. Louis had learned, at an early age, to put his whole mind on the needs of the "next man," and to take care of them! Put *your* whole heart and mind into learning the high art of love. Your busy life will become simpler and happier, and, what is more important, you will greatly please your Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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Almighty and everlasting God, grant that our wills be ever meekly subject to Thy will, and our hearts be ever honestly ready to serve Thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Roman Breviary, 1099 A D.*)

EDITORIAL

To ears attuned to understanding, the desparate cry of our humanity is a cry for salvation.

It was not by mere chance that communist doctrine which had lain dormant for seventy years, or Fascist doctrine which seemed to have been buried with the middle ages, swept over the world to take possession of the loyalties of men and to be heralded with a religious fervor.

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Into the vacuum in the soul of man rushed the devils of communism and facism. Man must have a faith in something outside himself.

In the truest sense—as is said many times today by thoughtful members of society, statesmen, scientists, historians, social observers—the challenge of these "isms" and of the materialism and amorality which have induced them is a challenge primarily not to the State, but to the Church and to religion. Today the Church must seek partnership with a humbled and spiritual awakening science in making man to understand that man-made security is illusion and in rebuilding the foundations of life.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. James F. Armstrong in memory of her husband, and by Mrs. Clarence S. Slatcher in memory of her husband, Mr. Clarence S. Slatcher. The Memorial Flowers last Sunday were given by Mrs. Casimera Petroski and the Messrs. Adams in memory of Julius and Thomas Adams, and by Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr., in memory of his mother, Mrs. Hattie A. Lovelock.

LAST CALL!!!—Our Year Book Goes to Press—Do we have your correct address and telephone number???

The rector preached the Centennial Sermon at Calvary Church, Tamaqua, on Friday, April 30.

A Choir of 700 voices will sing Dr. Matthews' Anthem, "Lord I Have Loved The Habitation of Thy House" in Harrisburg, on Thursday evening, May 6th. Dr. Matthews will be honored as the outstanding composer and conductor at this occasion by the combined music societies of the State.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 593.....*Stover*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 119: *V, VI,* page 492
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Heavens Are Telling".....*Haydn*

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
Today that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.

SERMON—"On Accepting Life".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 385.....*Haydn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 288.....*Croft*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 597.....*Ewing*
PSALM 119: *X, XI,* page 494
NUNC DIMMITTIS .....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 574.....*Holley*
SERMON—"The Ministry of Encouragement".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 566.....*Galilee*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 464.....*St. Catharine*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Allegro con Brio, 5th Symphony".....*Beethoven*

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CHANGE OF TIME

Daylight Saving begins at 2: 00 A. M. Sunday, April 25th. Pay back the borrowed hour on Sunday, September 26th.

Quietly the home-call came to Helen Swarts in the Episcopal Hospital, April 15th, after a short illness. May her soul rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her. Helen was buried in St. Stephen's plot in Laurel Hill Cemetary.

Service for Technical Sergeant Rodney M. McCaughin was held in St. Stephen's on Saturday, April 17th. Rodney was baptized and confirmed in St. Stephen's. He had completed twelve successful missions over occupied territory in Europe as a member of the famous 100th Bombardment Group. He was shot down on his thirteenth mission on April 28, 1944. A Memorial Service was held in St. Stephen's for him on April 29, 1945. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery following service in St. Stephen's on April 17, 1948.

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(Mozarabic Sacramentary adapted)

Bible Reading: Matthew 11: 20-30

The Sermon:

How did Jesus choose His disciples? For that matter, how does He choose them today? People with a fancy education or an established "position" in the community? People of "substance"? No, these were not the sort He called to make up the twelve. Rather, He specialized on humble folk who were eager to learn; child-like men and women who listened and remembered; teachable people who craved to learn life's answers from Him Who knew them. He called them "disciples", which means *learners.* Do you hear Him calling you? That depends—are you teachable? "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me."

He wants the "meek", the "poor in spirit"—those who know how much they lack; and who have discovered how much He has to give; those who have waked up to the fact that He has "the words of eternal life". In His earthly ministry His time was short, and He naturally devoted it to those who were eager to learn. In the ministry of the Risen Christ today, He walks only with this same blessed company of "disciples"; for the self-satisfied people have already learned all they want to. So it is very simple. No matter "who" you are, or what you have, *if you sincerely want to learn of Him, He calls you.*

Our toughest problem is to form the habit of being teachable. Anyone can get stirred up by a beautiful church service or a stirring radio sermon, and, for the moment, feel humble and eager; only to forget about it the next day, and slip back into self-satisfaction. But to be a true disciple, a continuing student of His day after day, that is another matter. To do this, one must train one's thoughts to walk steadily with Him; must discipline one's mind to turn to Him twenty times a day for counsel and light. One joins His training school, and learns "on the job"; lives with an ear alert for His coaching. Such self-discipline takes time, and bears wonderful fruit.

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Closing Prayer:

"Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine, and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
Thy will be done."

—(*C. Elliott*)

U. T. O.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361.....*St. James*
VENITE, page 9
PSALM 91, page 454
ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord O my Soul".....*Ivanof*
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord,
Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness,
He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever.
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SERMON—"How Christ Found a Rabbi".....Rabbi George Benedict
OFFERTORY HYMN 572.....*Maryton*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 592.....*Vulpius*

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Serenade" .....*Titl*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 179.....*St. Clement*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
HYMN 213.....*St. Agnes*
SERMON—"Choose Life".....The Rev. Alfred W. Price
OFFERTORY HYMN 89.....*Salzburg*
SANCTUS—AGNUS DEI—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 169.....*Nutfield*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Toccatina" .....*Lardelli*

The Memorial Flowers are given by Mrs. William Dickart.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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A qualified voting member of the Parish is one who is a communicant and who is supporting the church by attendance and pecuniary aid. St. Stephen's Church in the City of Philadelphia is an ecclestical corporation incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania. Its governing body has always been the Proprietors of Pews. The present By-Laws of the Church defines a proprietor as a member of the church and renter of a pew or sitting who has paid therefor during the preceding year a sum of no less than Five Dollars ($5.00) per sitting, paid through the envelope system of this church or by contributing not less than the said sum in a manner which identifies in writing the contributor and that the contribution is for pew or sitting rental.

As this is one time in the year when we can meet as a Parish family to consider the "state of the Parish," we hope there will be a large attendance. In addition to the election of vestrymen there will be brief reports by the leaders of our organizations. Those who can come will be assured a profitable and pleasant evening and they will be serving their Parish in an important way.

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Opening Prayer:

O Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send into our hearts, and the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (*H R. L. Sheppard*)
Bible Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

The Sermon:

On these April days, it is not hard to feel "the power of His Resurrection." On any country road, stop for a moment, and drink in the color of the swelling buds against the blue of the sky. We are living in a resurrection-world. But, dull things that we are, we are slow to know the power of His resurrection in our hearts; slow to believe that He can waken a wintry-dead person, and fill him with the spring-fire of awakening life.

But it happens wherever people express their lives in His warmth. This resurrection happens to plain people like us. Take Josefa Ilano, who lives in the Philippine Islands. Some of her family had been Christians, but she had never found a living faith. "My life was completely empty," she recalls. But, during a meeting at the Christian college she attended, one night she heard the words, "I am the Resurrection and the Life...I am the Light of the World;" and then it seemed that Christ's hands were stretched out to her, and His voice said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." So, in her weariness and darkness, she accepted Him as her Lord and Saviour; and there was spring-time in her life. She became a doctor noted both for her skill and for her Christian faith, which she had found by the power of His Resurrection.

Then came a crucial test. In 1946 she was flown to the United States for a speaking tour with two other Christian women, one of them from Japan. On the first day of the tour, at the dinner-table, Dr. Ilano found herself seated next to Mrs. Nemura, her Japanese colleague. Dr. Ilano's mind was filled with memories of horror, pillage, and death caused by the Japanese in the Philippines, and she could not bring herself to speak to Mrs. Nemura. She even avoided her glance. That night they were lodged in the dormitory of a women's college. In the morning, Dr. Ilano heard a knock at the door, and there stood her Japanese colleague, with bowed head asking, "May we go to breakfast together?" The two walked in silence through the long corridor, downstairs and then into a small room, alone. Mrs. Nemura looked at Dr. Ilano, her face filled with humility and radiant love, and said, "Dr. Ilano, will you forgive me and my people for the suffering inflicted on you in the Philippines?" In that moment they both fell to their knees, and prayed as only Christians can who have suffered much; humbly confessing their sins before God, the love of Christ drawing them together. They went to breakfast together, smiling. The people could see what had happened, and were very happy. On that trip the two became fast friends. Out of the dark resentment of Dr. Ilano's heart had come a second resurrection. To those who follow Christ faithfully there come many resurrections as the years pass, and He takes an ever-firmer hold on their willing lives.

Closing Prayer:

Defend, O Lord, us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine for ever, and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come to Thy everlasting Kingdom. Amen (*Book of Common Prayer, adapted.*)

HOW CHRIST FOUND A RABBI

We are privileged to have as our speaker on Sunday, April 18, at 11:00 o'clock an outstanding Jewish Rabbi who has been converted to Christianity. Rabbi Benedict was educated in London and served with high distinction in synagogues in Philadelphia, Richmond, Virginia, and in Lynbrook, Long Island. You will be thrilled with the burning eloquence of this Christ-filled man. You will be gripped with the earnestness of his unique testimony. Do not fail to be present.

Miss Jane Norris and the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling said their vows each to the other before the Altar of St. Stephen's Church, the Rector officiating, on the morning of April 7, 1948.

Copies of George Benedict's book "Christ Finds a Rabbi" are available in the vestibule of the Church. This is a book that throbs with life, the story of the conversion of a Jewish rabbi, the account of the struggle which takes place in every man to come to terms with Jesus Christ. If your faith has grown weak, here is a book to stimulate faith anew.

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1st Sunday after Easter
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11: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude on Easter Hymns....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94.....*Sullivan*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"O Morn of Beauty".....*Sibelius*
SERMON—"First—Stand Still".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 91.....*Palestrina*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 208..... *Dearle*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 88..... .....*Gauntlett*

Our New 1947-48 Year Book is about to go to press. Please notify the Church Office *immediately* of any change in address or telephone number in order that our listings may be correct and up to date. This applies to all persons on St. Stephen's mailing list. Thank you!

Owing to the unusual number of notices appearing this week contributors to the Church Bulletin, Prayer Book Memorials, etc., will be listed in a subsequent issue of the bulletin.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—Romanze—"Eine Kleine Nachtmusik".....*Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90 .....*Neander*
PSALM 2, page 345
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Tours*
HYMN 323 .....*St. Bees*
SERMON .....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 469 .....*Hesperus*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 92 .....*Lux Eoi*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Marche Romaine".....*Gounod*

The Mothers' Meeting will present their Annual Minstrel Show on April 17th. Admission 50 cents. Bigger and better than ever!

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing is sponsoring an entertainment in the Community House, Friday evening, April 9th at 8: 15 P. M. The Philadelphia Light Opera Workshop will present Burnard and Sullivan's Light Opera "COX AND BOX." There will be a card party and refreshments after the opera. Tickets 75c.

The Girls' Friendly Society will have a Card Party and Games Monday, April 5th at 8: 00 P. M. Donation 50c. Proceeds are for the Renovation Fund, Holiday House, Cape May, N. J. Refreshments and Prizes.

Following a short illness after a fall in her home, Miss E. Adelaide Wallace passed to her reward on Maundy Thursday evening. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her sister, Mary. The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God. May light perpetual shine upon her.

The rector has been asked to prepare a sermon for the use of Episcopal Church Lay Readers' Sermon Service on Memorial Day. This service is being increasingly used throughout the Church and is meeting a real need. At present over 1500 sets are sent out each month.

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord, help us to be masters of ourselves, that we may be the servants of others. Amen!

Bible Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7

The Sermon:

The Master of men lived and died for us to "make all things new." And the power of His life today remains so great that it can change stubborn people like us into forgivers. Listen to the story of George and Jimmy, from that thrilling little book, "Come Wind, Come Weather." When the bombing of the English cities began, in World War *II,* George and Jimmy were moved to the country with hundreds of other children. Now these two were tough. They were pug-nosed and grubby, and they loved to fight; and nobody wanted to keep them in their home, until they landed at the home of a mill manager and his wife in Yorkshire.

The woman tucked them in for the night, and went downstairs to listen to the radio. Soon there came thumps and yells from above, and she went up to find them fighting tooth and nail on the floor. She pulled them apart, sat them on their beds, and calmly asked, "Why were you kids moved here from your homes?" "Cos there was a blarsted war on," grinned George. "Right. It's bad enough having a war in the world, without having it in the house as well. Do you think that countries will ever agree if boys like you cannot agree?" They stared at her, solemn and surprised, for they had expected to be thrashed, as they would have been at home. She continued, "Now you sit there quietly, and let that stupid anger die away; and when a better feeling comes, let it show you where *you* are wrong; and never mind about the other fellow. That better feeling you'll get in a minute will be God."

The boys said nothing for a long time. Then George spoke, "I pulled Jimmy's hair, and punched his nose—sorry." "All right," the woman said, "and what about you, Jimmy?"

Jimmy wriggled uncomfortably, "I called George a damn fool before he pulled my hair." "All right, that's finished and done with," the woman went on, "I often get cross and fed up; and then I sit quietly and listen to the Better Voice; and then I know what to do. My husband does the same. It saves a lot of fuss and bother. Good night."

Jesus came on earth to teach quarrelsome mankind to "listen to the Better Voice." Have you learned it, friend? It saves a lot of fuss and bother!

Closing Prayer:

O GOD, forasmuch as our strength is in Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things rule and direct our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Annual Corporate Communion for all the Women of the Diocese will be at Christ Church, 2nd St. above Market, at 8: 00 a. m. on Monday, April 5, followed by Breakfast in the Parish House. Bishop Hart will be the celebrant, assisted by Bishop Remington. The speaker during breakfast will be the Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, Rector of Calvary Church, New York. Please make reservations for Breakfast (.75c) through the Woman's Auxiliary Office at the Church House.

Mrs. David German is to sing the lead in the opera "Lucia Di Lammermoor" at the Academy of Music on April 7.

PARISH MEETING

The rector is anxious to have a record attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. A fine home-cooked dinner will be served, there will be the election to the Vestry, and important mattrs to be discussed. One purpose of this meeting is to show those who help maintain this down-town church by their gifts, attendance, and co-operation, how wide-spread is the influence of the church and what numbers it benefits. Please make no engagements for that night and make it a point to attend. *Wednesday, April 21* is the date. The time is 6: 00 P. M. and the dinner will cost one dollar. Secure your reservation today.

At the early service on Palm Sunday the rector dedicated a beautiful communion chalice of Gothic design presented by Mrs. Roland S. Morris. This family heirloom originated in Dr. Duchachet's rectorship.

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Consolation".....*Max Reger*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 98.....*Praetorious*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 57, page 409
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Thiman*
JUBILATE, page 15.....*Naylor*
ANTHEM: "Sing a Song of Praise".....*J. E. West*

Sing a song of praise.
Bless the Lord in all His works.
Magnify His name and show forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia.
Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"Iron Chariots".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 92.....*Sullivan*

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Gavotte, from "Mignon".....*Thomas*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 345.....*Dominus Regit Me*
PSALM 59, page 411
NUNC DIMITTIS, page 28..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 348.....*Eudoxia*
SERMON—"When Life Kicks Back".....THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE
OFFERTORY HYMN 415.....*Martyn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
ALTO SOLO—"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"..... *Handel*
IDA HARDING
RECESSIONAL HYMN 282.....*Lauda Anima*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Bridal Song".....*Jenson*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Maisie Seighman in memory of her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Reed.

We wish to thank the following persons for their Prayer Book Memorials: Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin (10), Mr. William J. W. White (5), Mr. C. J. Guenther (5), Mrs. Henry Thomas (1), Mr. and Mrs. Warner Aust (1), Mrs. Augusta G. Balsley (1), Anna J. Loos (2), Mrs. Lily B. Clayton (1), Mrs. Stella M. Weber (1), Mrs. David Magee (1), Mrs. M. D. Sinclair (1), Miss Mary H. Brosamle (1), Mrs. Elizabeth Hewett (1), Mrs Elizabeth M. Tinsley (2), Miss Frances E. Tinsley (2), Mrs. George Sinnamon (3), Miss Susan C. Thackara (2), Episcopal Chapel for the Hard of Hearing (6), Mr. H. Powers (2), Mrs. H. Powers (3), Mr. William H. Ruhl (1), Troop 2 Boy Scouts of America (1), Miss Carrie Grouse (1), Mrs. Mary McEwen (1), Mr. George Aeugle (4), Miss Violet M. Hursh (2), Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Slatcher (2), Mr. Frederick B. J. Crouse (2), Miss Hilda Yeutter (2), Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr. (10), Mr. Edwin S. Heins (1), Mrs. Florence M. Morris (1), Anonymous (2).

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Bible Reading: Galatians 6: 1-11

The Sermon:

When St. Paul wrote a letter to his friends in the newly founded Christian churches, they listened, because St. Paul knew what he was talking about. This time he was writing to the Galatians, who had started out enthusiastically ("ran bravely"), taken on the ways of Christ, and now showed a tendency to slip back into old ways. He protests, "I marvel that ye are so quickly removing," but then, instead of scolding them, he quietly points to one of the unshakable laws of God—"Remember, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Paste that in your hat, says St. Paul. Think it over!

Usually this law of God is shaken at men like a fist—to convince them that if they do evil, they will reap trouble and distress. That is, of course, true. We all saw it, in a vivid incident, part-way through World War II. The Germans had overcome France, and the French leaders must now come to surrender to the Nazi chiefs. The meeting-place was an old railway-carriage, in which the victorious allies of World War I had forced humilitating terms on the beaten Germans; a railway-carriage which the French had made into a shrine of vengeance, placing on it a tablet which read, "Here, on November 11, 1918, was frustrated the criminal arrogance of the German imperial reich, defeated by the free peoples which it sought to enslave." So, now, in 1940, Hitler sat in the same chair from which Foch had humiliated the Germans, and proudly demanded unconditional surrender. Unfortunate France was now sowing the harvest of its own hatefulness.

But this mighty law of reaping-the-harvest-of-one's-own-seeds is equally true of goodness and love. So. St. Paul pleaded, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." And the Christians all along the Mediterranean shores believed him; and went at their tasks of sowing shining faith and loving deeds. And seventy years later, a pagan Athenian orator, Aristides, wrote, "The Christians know and trust God. They placate those who oppress them, and make them their friends; they do good to their enemies. Their wives are pure, and their daughters modest. Their men abstain from unlawful marriage. They love one another. He who has, gives ungrudgingly to him who has not. If any one among them is poor and needy, they fast for two or three days, that they may supply him with the necessary food. But the good deeds they do, they do not proclaim them in the ears of the multitude, but they take care that no one shall perceive them. Truly this is a new people and there is something divine in them." This was the harvest of shining faith and loving deeds! It always is!

Closing Prayer:

Eternal Father, unto Thee we commit ourselves; use even us with our ignorance and frailty to accomplish Thy holy will; and hasten the day when all shall dwell together in mutual helpfulness and love; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62.....*Teschner*
VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
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ANTHEM—"The March to Calvary" from "The Crucifixion".....*Stainer*
SERMON—"Not By Might, Nor By Power".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 336.....*Conkey*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 64.....*Dykes*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Entree De Procession".....*Batiste*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65.....*Horsley*
KYRIE—SANCTUS—AGNUS DEI .....*Willan*
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COMMUNION HYMN 479 in place of Gloria.....*Love Divine*
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Opening Prayer:

Come in, O Christ, and judge us; come and cast out for us every sin that hinders Thee; come, purge our souls by Thy Presence; come, be our King for ever. Amen. *(Phillips Brooks).*

Bible Reading: Matthew 21

The Sermon:

As we come to Holy Week, we may wonder what is the mysterious power of the Cross. A Hindu scholar once gave a clue to it as he wrote, "There is in Christianity a doctrine which I believe is peculiar to that religion...the doctrine that God can take what is bad, and bring good out of it."

Through the Cross, we see the transforming power of God. Calvary looked like the black defeat of all that is high and holy; looked like the dismal end of the golden dream of God's Kingdom on earth; looked like the finish of the Matchless Christ. It looked so dark that even the faithful disciples took to their heels. Yet, out of the dark stuff of Calvary, God fashioned a Triumph—love defeating hate, faith overcoming doubt, life rising out of death. So, ever since that day, Christian men have been able to say to suffering folk, "If God could make something so glorious out of the first Calvary, surely He can make something out of your lesser Calvary, if you will let Him." One day a man and I looked at a small silver cross together; and he was deciding whether he would let God make something out of his Calvary of broken dreams and broken health. God *can* take what is bad, and bring good out of it.

For it is Love on the Cross that redeems, and cannot be killed or defeated. At long last love is always stronger than hate—even though it may take months, or years, or even centuries. In the long run, love wins against all odds. Out on the Pirate Coast the Arabs resisted Christianity for nearly fifty years, though the medical missionaries worked among them faithfully and with skill. Then one day Paul Harrison saved a small Arab girl's life by the gift of a vein from his own arm, after the girl's own father had refused to make the sacrifice himself. With the new vein, she recovered. That simple act of sacrifice opened the eyes of the Arabs to what the Cross means. Love incarnate was too strong for them, and swept aside their resistance. They began to walk straight into the Kingdom of God, until, soon, there were forty Christians where, for nearly half a century, there had been none.

God can take any person, any situation, and bring out great and glorious good. All that is required is some one with the Spirit of the Cross in his heart. That "some one" could be *you.*

Closing Prayer:

Look down, O Lord, from Thy heavenly throne, and illumine all darkness of this night with Thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

The Middle Aisle of the Church will be reserved for Men on Good Friday

Monday through Thursday, 12: 30 P. M.—
The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey.

Maundy Thursday—
Holy Communion at 1: 00, 5: 15 and 8: 00 P. M. Music and sermon by the rector at the evening service.
Healing Services, 1: 15 and 5: 30 P. M.

Good Friday—
10: 30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by the Rector.
12: 30 P. M.—The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D.
1: 00 P. M.—Stainer's "Crucifixion" under the direction of Dr. Matthews.
Soloistss
RAY ESCANDEL, *Tenor*
ROY WILDE, *Baritone*
2: 00 to 3: 00 P. M.—Bishop Remington.

Saturday—
12: 30 P. M.—The Rector will preach.

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"No longer strangers, but members of the household"

Mrs. Lily B. Clayton
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EDITORIAL

It is a tragedy that we, as Americans, fail to see the issue of national civil rights in a world context.

A friend, who was in London at the time of our horrible lynchings a year or two ago, told me recently of the report of this lynching in British papers and of the reaction of the British people. They simply could not understand the inconsistency between our professions and our tolerated practices.

If that be true of people who are friendly to us and to the ideals of democracy, what of the reaction of the hundreds of millions who are evaluating the choice between democracy and communism. We may be sure that they hear or read all of the vivid details of the atrocious violations of civil rights and liberties with which we are too familiar.

While the House Committee on un-American Activities is beating the bushes for communists, Congress hesitates to face seriously the most thoroughly un-American activity of all—the denial of civil rights to individuals who are freeborn American citizens.

If there is one concept before all others that is the keystone of democracy, it is the dignity of the individual. By the same token, if there is one concept which, above all others, makes totalitarianism, communism or facism, repulsive, it is the submergence of the rights and dignity of the individual in the supposed interest of the dominating group which considers itself to be the state.

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VENITE—Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 72, page 426
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"God So Loved The World".....*Stainer*

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

SERMON—"The Adventure of Life".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 407.....*Knecht*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 406 .....*Baker*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"There is a Green Hill".....*Gounod*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59.....*St. Flavian*
PSALM 42, page 392
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HYMN 435..... *Rest*
SERMON—"The Dull Ache of Loneliness".....Dr. Alfred W. Price
OFFERTORY HYMN 567..... *Dulce*
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 449..... *Olivet*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Processional March".....*Kinder*

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Bible Reading: I Corinthians 13

The Sermon:

Up State the highway snow-plough breaks out the driveway for each home along the country roads, so that the people can get out. Suppose, one day, you saw that powerful plough come part way in your driveway and then stop; and the driver got out and tried to shovel his way by hand through the deep drifts; and finally gave up, shaking his head with discouragement and drove away. You would think the man crazy.

Yet see how curiously Christian folk act. In the life of Jesus, God revealed to men the most tremendous power there is—the power of love. Jesus lived that life of love, right among people; demonstrated its incredible power. Men have never forgotten that Life. They have written books about Him, worshipped Him. They have done almost everything except to follow in His steps and use the power He showed them. When some one is hateful, the average Christian makes a little stab at being loving, goes a little way in Christ's spirit, then tries slapping back; and finally gives up, shaking his head sadly.

Real love never gives up. That is what St. Paul meant when he said that it "never faileth". He meant that genuine love never quits. He did *not* mean that love succeeds every time, right away; even Jesus could not win the Scribes and Pharisees, and they crucified Him. But, in the long run, over the centuries, love has a way of winning. Even in our short lives, if we are in earnest, honest love wins remarkable victories. So, in these Lenten days, look at your problem in the light of the Star. Some one has closed his heart against you in resentment. You did try love for a while, and then quit, discouraged. Underneath the Star, that old trouble challenges you to try again. Let me tell you a story.

A Protestant girl was deeply in love with a fine Roman Catholic boy, and engaged to marry him. Her mother swore that she would never speak to her again. The girl consulted her minister, asking what she could do about her mother. The minister said, "The Book I trust promises that love never faileth. Write your mother every Thursday—a newsy, gay, loving letter, *every* Thursday until she opens her heart to you. She will not be able to withstand real love. Will you do it?" The girl promised. A year later he met her, and simply asked, "Every Thursday?" "*Every* Thursday", she replied. Week after week she wrote her Thursday letter of love, until one day, several years later, the girl and her husband went to see the mother. As they came up the front walk, the door flung open, and the mother ran out to meet them; and flung her arms around the girl, and kissed her. Honest, enduring love wins breath-taking victories like that. Try it, yourself!

Closing Prayer:

O Christ, our only Saviour, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, and the fire of courage in our lives; Thy word on our tongues, and Thy love in our hearts. Amen.

The rector preached at Trinity Church, Ambler, Wednesday night and the Church of the Atonement, West Philadelphia on Thursday night. He will adress the Torch Club March 15th on the subject of St. Stephen's history. Last week the rector on invitation of Dean Thomas addressed the members of a graduate class in theology at Temple University on the subject of Spiritual Healing.

WEEK FOR THE BLIND

The Episcopal Churches will sponsor the first day of the Week for the Blind on Monday, March 15th at Gimbel's Auditorium—10: 30 A. M. to 4: 30 P. M. Members of St. Stephen's are asked to make their contributions through Mrs. Carrie Buehler. Luncheon will be served each day.

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The front elevation of this church may be seen at the Academy of the Fine Arts. About one-third of the pews are already subscribed for, and those who may be desirous to procure seats will make application to either of the committee, or at Mr. Potter's book store in Chestnut Street near Third Street.

This church is most conveniently situated, and being a beautiful specimen of Gothic architecture, will, with its lofty spires, conduce to the embellishment of our populous city. —*From the National Gazette,* May 20, 1822.

The Illustrated News of July 9, 1853 carried an interesting article on St. Stephen's Church. The following anecdote is from this article: "There is a somewhat curious and characteristic anecdote told of the well-known Philadelphia millionaire Stephen Girard, in reference to the towers of St. Stephen's Church. These towers were not built until the building was transferred to the Episcopalians; and when their erection was contemplated, a committee called on Girard, soliciting his aid, to which he replied with a contribution of $50.00. Somewhat disappointed with the sum, they intimated their discontent, when the banker requested permission to look at the check, which was instantly granted. It was not, however, replaced by a larger, but at once destroyed. We should, perhaps, apoligize for mentioning this anecdote, were it not already so well known."

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125th ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, March 7, will be the climax of our 125th anniversary observance. At nine o'clock there will be a corporate Communion and breakfast for the members of the 1948 Confirmation Class, their friends and others who would care to come. Breakfast will be served in the Community House following the service.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. Charles L. Taylor, Th.D., D.D., Dean of the Cambridge Theological School who will preach the sermon on Sunday morning, March 7. The rector was graduated from this, the most outstanding School of Theology in America, in June 1929. Dr. Taylor was then a Professor in Old Testament. Two years ago he was elected to succeed Bishop Dun as Dean of the school. He is one of the youngest men in the history of the school to be elevated to this highly responsible position.

Our hearty thanks and gratitude is extended to the Mothers' Meeting for their generous gift of $250.00 to pay for the new choir vestments. At first the sum of $125.00 was voted as an Anniversary gift; then for good measure this sum was doubled. Many, many thanks!

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation $50.00 from the Woman's Auxiliary of the Hard of Hearing for the Anniversary Fund.

The memorial to Dr. Grammer on the south side of the east wall is a relief portrait, larger than life size, of Dr. Grammer, preaching from the pulpit. This panel of Italian marble matches that of the panel of Augustus Saint-Gaudens on the north side of the chancel. The inscription may be found in the special Anniversary Service leaflet. Mr. Louis Milione, Philadelphia's distinguished sculptor, has put a year of painstaking work on this likeness of Dr. Grammer, and his unexcelled craftmanship has added another masterpiece to the rich collection of art in our church. With only a photograph of his subject, Mr. Milione, neverless, with consummate skill, presents the former rector with convincing faithfulness of portraiture. He is still preaching to his interested flock the things that belong to their peace. To Louis Milione's purity of line and perfection of technique, is added the overtones of a precious benediction of one who came to mininster among us.

The cost of this memorial was borne by the few but faithful friends who remain from the great days of Dr. Grammer's rectorship.

The grand climax of our celebration will take place at eight o'clock with the Musical Festival in memory of David D. Wood, blind organist of St. Stephen's Church for 46 years. Music will consist of Dr. Wood's own compositions with choir and special soloist under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews. Short addresses will be made by Dr. Edward E. Allen, Emeritus-Director of the Perkins Institute of the Blind, Boston, and Mr. H. B. Rumrill of Berwyn. Dr. Rollo F. Maitland, Organist and Choir Director of the Church of the New Jerusalem, 24th and Chestnut Streets, will play an offertory during the service and at the close of the service will improvise on an original theme by David Wood.

Dr. Maitland was Dr. Wood's star pupil at the School of the Blind. In fact his whole musical education was supervised by Dr. Wood. He imbibed the great spirit and touch of his teacher and helped Mrs. Wood in writing down the accompaniments of anthems that Dr. Wood had not published. We extend a hearty welcome to Dr. Maitland.

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From its foundation, St. Stephen's has always stood for an alliance between Christianity and the Arts. It has believed that religion should nourish a large and rich culture and that the Arts should contribute to worship. Its artistic memorials have given the church a distinct place in Philadelphia. Many refer to it as the Westminster Abbey of America. St. Stephen's is not only a temple of worship, but it is also a shrine of the most refined and spiritual beauty.

CONFIRMATION

THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART, D.D.

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"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

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*Confirmed in Bishop's Chapel on February 2, 1948

We congratulate this splendid group and welcome it wholeheartedly to the duties and privileges of our corporate life together.

COMMUNICANT'S PACKET

The members of the Confirmation Class of 1948 have received a packet containing the following:

1. A copy of the Diocesan News.
2. A copy of our national missionary magazine "Forth".
3. Forward Movement Bible Readings.
4. Book of Common Prayer.
5. Confirmation Certificates.
6. "Instructions in the Life of Prayer" The Forward Movement.
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17. "The Holy Communion"—The Rev. William Galpin.
18. "The Episcopal Church"—The Presiding Bishop's Committee.
19. "Why I Love The American Episcopal Church" The Rev. Francis C. Capozzi, A.M.
20. "Our Home"—Forward Movement.
21. "Why Export Christianity?"—Forward Movement.
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24. "After Confirmation, What?"—Bishop Thomas F. Davies.
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29. "Confirmation"—Forward Movement.
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31. "The Split between Roman Catholicism and Christ"—The Lutheran Press.

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CORPORATE COMMUNION

The members of the 1948 Confirmation Class will receive their first Communion on Sunday, March 7th at 9:00 A. M. Following the Communion Service breakfast will be served in the Community House. Everyone is welcome to attend the breakfast provided we are notified in advance. This is a fine opportunity for our parishioners to meet the members of the Confirmation Class, and to make their Communion an expression of thanksgiving and re-dedication on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of St. Stephen's.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

There are still tickets available for the 125th Anniversary Dinner to be served in the Community House on Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 P. M. The price is $1.50. Two addresses will be made. Mr. Raspin will speak about the great laymen who have served St. Stephen's during the 125 years of our history.

Brother Hance of Pittsburgh will tell us of the great miracle that happened to one of St. Stephen's boys who gave his life to God. Don't miss this event!

DR. MATTHEWS TO BE HONORED

On May 6, the State Federation of Music Clubs will hold their annual convention in Harrisburg. At that time Dr. Matthews will be honored by being designated as this year's State Conductor and Composer. Dr. Matthews will conduct in the Forum Auditorium in Harrisburg a chorus of eight hundred voices in the singing of his newest anthem, "Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house."

This anthem was written for the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of St. Stephen's Church and will have its premiere tonight at the Service of Thanksgiving in memory of Dr. Grammer and will be heard again next Sunday morning, March 7.

ELIZA HOWARD BURD

We welcome the members of the Burd School and many of the Alumnae to the service this Sunday morning on the 155th birthday of Mrs. Burd. The School is now in its 92nd year. It had its origin in a private school for fatherless girls opened in the year 1856 by Mrs. Burd on Sansom Street near her Chestnut Street residence. Mrs. Burd was the mother of eight children, all of whom died in early life, the last in 1845. In 1849 she lost her husband, who never rallied from the shock of his last child's death. Left solitary in her old home, Mrs. Burd devoted herself to the church, works of charity, and in conducting her school, studying meanwhile how her wealth might best be used. Following her death on Good Friday, April 6, 1860, it was disclosed that she left practically her entire fortune for the building and endowment of a school where fatherless girls should be educated and prepared for life. The Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church were named Trustees and under the trust, the founder's wishes have been strictly followed.

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11: 00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Lento" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 535..... *Walter*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 107: 1-16, page 476
BENEDICTUS ES .....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"God Be Merciful Unto Us".....*David D. Wood*
God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise thee, O God; yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
SERMON—"Of One Blood".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 536.....*Bourgeois*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567.....*Dulce Carmen*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER and SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"The Lost Chord".....*Sullivan*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 257.....*Lancashire*
PSALM 38, page 387
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Tours*
SERMON HYMN 556.....*St. Andrew of Crete*
SERMON.....DR. GEORGE M. LAMSA
OFFERTORY HYMN 172.....*Merrial*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 542.....*Duke Street*
ORGAN POSTLUDE—"March in F".....*Kroeger*

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Opening Prayer:

Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of love. Amen. (Christina Rossetti, adapted).

Bible Reading: St. Mark 14: 32-42

The Sermon:

A young housewife searches eagerly for a recipe—she wants to know the secret of making a dish to please her husband. With even greater eagerness, men and women seek for the recipe for peace-of-heart. The great difficulty is that there are many inferior recipes for this; and they do not produce true, deep-down peace-of-heart. Jesus taught that secret.

Two plain, everyday folk, a lighthouse keeper and his wife, once lived on the rocky Maine coast. Early one stormy February morning the wife woke to the sound of gale-driven waves thundering against the rocks. As soon as it was light enough, she looked out, and to her horror saw a small vessel pounding to pieces on a nearby reef, hammered by the smashing seas. One mast had already gone over the side; three men were lashed to the other mast; and the waves breaking over them. Her husband was still sound asleep—would she wake him? If she did, she knew that he would get the life-boat out, and struggle out into the wild storm to try to rescue those men. Would she wake him? If she let him sleep, soon there would be no need of rescuing those men, for the mast would break off, and they would be beyond rescuing. Would she wake him? Turning away from the raging sea, she looked long and hard at the kindly, weather-beaten face of the man she loved, safe in his bed. Would she wake him?

Suddenly she made up her mind. She turned and roused him quickly; pointed to the men on the wrecked craft. A few minutes later, with her heart in her mouth, she was watching him inching the little skiff out through the mountainous seas, as he bent to his oars. With a veteran seaman's skill, he fought his way to the wreck; took off the half-frozen sailors, and turned back. Once they disappeared completely from sight behind a mountainous green sea, but, somehow, they came through safely. Soon she was getting them warm and dry around the kitchen stove. Then it was all over; and she breathed a sigh of relief. Now, she knew, that, if she had let him sleep while those sailors died in the storm, he and she would never have had peace in their hearts again. Always before her eyes would have been those men, tied to the mast; the men she had let die. Always in his mind would have been that lost opportunity to do his duty. But now they could both remember that they had dared to do the job God had entrusted to them. And peace was deeper in their hearts than ever before.

The recipe for peace-of-heart is a very simple one. Jesus revealed it in the Garden of Gethsemane. For there He saw His duty, the God-given duty He did not want to do; but He knew the secret of peace, and said, "Thy will be done"; and did it. *That* is the secret of peace.

Closing Prayer:

May God, Who commanded the light to shine out of the darkness, shine in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, to all people. Amen.

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CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, February 29th at 11: 00 o'clock to administer the rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday mornings, and at Mr. Meckling's Class in the afternoons. At this eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier."
January 30th—Susan Elizabeth Smith
February 8th—Stephen Charles Blomquist

Marriage

"Those whom God has joined together"
January 26th—Robert Raymond Frazer
Eva Mary Huey

Burials

"The sun is sinking gently in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia."
January 28th—Harriet Stapleton
29th—Elizabeth Brunner
February 5th—Katharine E. Hennis
12th—Theodore Janney

New Communicant

"No longer strangers, but members of the household"
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First Sunday in Lent
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude "Our Father".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 58.....*Langran*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Incline Thine Ear".....*Himmel*
Incline Thine ear to me, O Lord make haste to deliver me. O save me for Thy mercies' sake.
SERMON—"The Miracle of Renewal".....DR. JOHN GAYNER BANKS
OFFERTORY HYMN 516.....*Stoerl*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 198.....*St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 343.....*Dykes*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P.M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY DR. JOHN GAYNER BANKS

PRELUDE—Andantino, from "Fantasia in C Minor".....*Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 423.....*Federal Street*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 409.....*St. Crispin*
SERMON—"The Healing Program of Jesus".....DR. JOHN GAYNOR BANKS
OFFERTORY HYMN 334.....*Penitence*
SANCTUS—AGNUS DEI..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 198.....*St. Flavian*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 407.....*St. Hilda*
POSTLUDE—"Offertoire in E".....*Batiste*

The rector will preach at Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh during the week of February 16-20 inclusive on the subject of "Religion and Health".

WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?

Because Confirmation (the New Testament name is "the laying on of hands") brings to the recipient the gift of spiritual strength through the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It is not the equivalent of the ceremony of "joining the Church" used in some other Christian bodies; rather is it the ordination service to the priesthood of the laity, their call to active service as trained soldiers of Christ.

There is still time to join the Class to be presented to Bishop Hart on February 29 at 11: 00 o'clock.

ANNIVERSARY FUND

The rector would remind the members of the parish that there is still need of gifts to meet the expenses incident to th 125th Anniversary Celebration. Each member is to receive a 48-page illustrated booklet of the history of St. Stephen's and the four anniversary services will be printed in an attractive booklet and mailed to each family. Together with the extra music and publicity costs the need for a generous offering from each family is imperative. We have received $500.00 to date. We need in the neighborhood of $1,500.00.

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O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the Light of the World, illumine our minds, we beseech Thee, with the brightness of Thy glory, and guide our feet into the way of peace; for the honor of Thy Holy Name. Amen. (John W. Suter)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 2: 1-12

The Sermon:

I suggest that we go into the great season of Lent with the story of the Wise Men in our thoughts. For it is the story of Three-Men-In-A-Rut. They were men who earnestly sought what is right and true. But they had sunk into a rut, trying to solve old problems in old ways, and they were *not* solving them. So, in their discontent, they sought new light. In the familiar sky they saw a Star brighter than the rest; and followed it across the weary miles, until it brought them to the Manger. There they found God in the form of a Baby; God Who would grow up among men and show Himself to them as Companion, as Pilot through stormy days. Under the Star of divine love, they saw life in a new light.

The world today gropes in an Old Testament twilight, seeking to solve the old problems of mankind in outworn ways—in warring, hostile ways, with blind fists and blind words. As a result, hosts of people find their lives in a tangle, and the affairs of nations snarled up in a mess. The most hopeful sign is the deep discontent in the hearts of men; the knowledge that we must find different ways of tackling our problems.

It is simple, if your discontent is honest and deep enough. Let Lent be seven weeks when you look at all problems in the light of the Star, in the Light which shines from the life of the Son of God. Take the weather, for instance, the commonest cause of men's complaining; especially at just this season of the year. Under the Star, the weather becomes a clue to the spiritual climate in which God means us to live—storms to test us, glorious days of sunlight to delight us; ever-changing weather, to train us to be ready for anything. Take suffering, which can so easily make you bitter. Under the Star, it becomes a challenge to your faith, a glorious chance to prove God's resources within you. The story is told of a gallant old lady, very fond of golf, who was suddenly afflicted with a painful and malignant malady. To the young clergyman who visited her, she remarked, "Young man, I'm in a bunker; now watch me use my niblick!"

Yes, if you will step out into Lent with the Star to guide you, life will take on a very different look. Even hardships will be welcome; with God in your heart, they can be beaten, with zest in the struggle.

Dr. Grenfel was lecturing one day about his great work in the frozen wastes of Labrador, when a sentimental woman gushed, "Oh, Dr. Grenfel, how nobly you are sacrificing yourself to those poor people". Dr. Grenfel looked at her with pity as he replied, "Madam, you do not understand. I am having the time of my life in Labrador." Under the Star, you see life in a new light, and you do have the time of your life!

Closing Prayer:

Show us Thy ways, O Lord, and teach us Thy paths, that, walking in the radiant light of Thy Presence, we may find the fulness of joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (John W. Suter)

HEALING MISSION

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. John Gayner Banks, D.Litt., who is to conduct a Healing Mission in St. Stephen's Church, Sunday, February 15th through Friday, February 20th. He will preach at 11: 00 A. M. and 8: 00 P. M. on Sunday, February 15th and at 10: 30 A. M. and 12: 30 and 8: 00 P. M. each weekday. Dr. Banks is the Director of the Fellowship of St. Luke. (Church Society for the promotion of Divine Healing) with headquarters in San Diego, California. He is the author of several books and the editor of *Sharing*, a monthly magazine devoted to Healing and the Spiritual Life.

The purpose of this Mission is to offer to all peoples in the Name of Christ and His Church the healing power of God. It complements the best medical advice which each may receive. The power of the Healing Christ has always been latent in the Church. Never have more people been in need of this strength for body, mind and spirit than today.

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ANTHEM—"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men".....*Vaughan Williams*
Let us now praise famous men and our father that begat us. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power. Leaders of the people by their councils, and by their knowledge. Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing. All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore. (Ecclesiasticus XLIV)
SERMON: "Abraham Lincoln And The Unfinished Task".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 519.....*Ton-Y-Botel*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 563.....*Douglas*

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Cradle Song".....*Spinney*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 557.....*St. Gertrude*
PSALM 111, page 482
NUNC DIMITTIS.....*Tours*
SERMON HYMN 558.....*University College*
SERMON: .....DR. GEORGE M. LAMSA
OFFERTORY HYMN 568.....*St. Dunstans*
DOXOLOGY
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 259.....*Waltham*
POSTLUDE: "Bridal Song from Rustic Wedding Symphony".....*Goldmark*

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Bible Reading: St. Luke 2:7-14

The Sermon:

As they looked back, years afterward, and the shepherds tried to describe that wondrous scene, all they could say was that the "glory of the Lord" shone round about them. It was something that made them forget all their small desires and petty affairs. It was the Light of a God so great that it lifted them out of their narrow minds, their irritations and grudges, into a high and holy largeness of spirit which crowded out all littleness. They were never the same after that majestic view of the heavenly host.

The hostess of a passenger airplane over Europe tells the story of a man who was caught in the underbrush of small-mindedness. As a matter of fact, he was a man who was famous, far and wide, as a leader in the industrial world. He dictated to the hostess a hard and nasty note, discharging one of his employees, accusing him of neglecting his work. It was a mean, bullying letter. When the hostess came back with the typed letter, she called the man's attention to the view through the cabin window—brilliant sunlight on fluffy white clouds, a patchwork of deep green countryside stretching away into the distance, and then, a hundred miles away, the majestic snow-capped line of the Alps, standing out clear-cut against the deep blue of the sky. The great man looked, spellbound, at that wondrous scene. He said nothing for fully five minutes, gazing at the breath-taking beauty of the scene. Then he looked at the nasty letter he had written, and deliberately tore it to bits. Through lifting his eyes to the everlasting hills, the glory of God had reached him, and lifted him out of his smallness.

Every effective Christian has his ways of lifting his eyes to find the glory of God. Some turn to the Bible, which is filled with that glory; to some familiar passage, like I Corinthians 13, or Isaiah 40, or Psalm 23, or Revelation 21. Some turn their steps toward a quiet church, where they have found God many a time before; and sit there quietly, open to God in His House. Another may seek out a little child, and be lifted up by the honest love and trust of those eyes. Be sure that you have a tried and trusty way of finding God's glory. And, especially when you get prickly with irritations, *use* it!

Closing Prayer:

Grant, most gracious God, that we may love and seek Thee always and everywhere, above all things and for Thy sake, in this present life; and may at last find Thee and forever hold Thee fast in the life to come. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Archbishop Bradwardine, 1292 A.D.*)

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society will have the Fancy and Useful Articles Booth at the G.F.S. CARNIVAL, February 7th, 2:00 P. M. to 11:00 P. M. at the *Y.W.C.A., 5820 Germantown Avenue*. The proceeds are for the repair and painting of the Holiday House, Cape May, N. J.

Thousands of boys in Scout uniforms will attend service in their local churches Sunday morning or evening, February 8th. Scout Sunday reminds us of the Scout Oath and Law—the code of living which has affected the lives of 14,000,000 of our citizens. We are happy to welcome the members of Troop No. 2 of our parish this morning.

Wednesday, March 3rd is a date you will not want to miss. Our 125th ANNIVERSARY DINNER will take place that evening. The cost will be $1.50 per plate and the reservations will be limited to 150.

Please, therefore, *make your reservations promptly* that you may not be disappointed.

On five Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 11th, the Rev. Mr. Meckling will conduct a class in religion for young people.

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Harmonies du Soir"....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 558....*Gauntlett*
KYRIE....*Willan*
ANTHEM: "At Thy Feet"....*J. S. Bach*
SERMON: "Whl People Go To Church"....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 576....*Tertius Noble*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 197....*Traditional French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 563....*Douglas*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Charles E. Campbell in memory of her family.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Minuet"....*Berenice*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 597....*Ewing*
PSALM 139, page 514
NUNC DIMITTIS....*Tours*
HYMN 565....*Fortitude*
SERMON:....DR. GEORGE M. LAMSA
OFFERTORY HYMN 560....*Pentecost*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 591....*Beulah*
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Festival March"....*Teilman*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Bless us, O God, with the vision of Thy being and beauty; that in the light of it we may learn to think Thine own thoughts after Thee, and in the strength of it way do our work without haste and without rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Henry S. Nash.)*

Bible Reading: I Corinthians 13.

The Sermon:

In the Adirondack Mountains of New York State, Mount Marcy towers above all the others—the Indians used to call it the "Cloud-Cleaver". It is interesting to know that this mountain was named after William Marcy who in his youth was considered the worst boy in town. Hadn't he and his gang driven the school teacher out of Southbridge, Massachusetts, one winter! After that the shrewd Yankee school board looked very carefully for a new teacher, and hired a man named Salem Town. Then the whole town watched to see which would win, Bill Marcy or the new teacher.

Years after the Governor of Massachusetts was giving a great reception to a famous man who had been a Senator in Washington, three times Governor of New York, and Secretary of State of our nation. The name of the famous man was—the Honorable William Marcy. Near him on the platform was an old man, now retired from teaching—a Mr. Salem Town. The presiding officer turned to them, asking, "Do you two men know each other?" And the Honorable William Marcy, looking at old Salem Town, said, "This is the man who made me. When I was a boy, not even my father and mother saw any good in me. He was the first who believed in me. Whatever I have attained I owe to him more than to any other person."

Do you wonder that St. Paul said, "And the greatest of these is love"? Here was the toughest boy in town, really a hard egg. His own father and mother could not do anything with him. The old women sat around with tongues clacking, saying that he would come to no good end. The men around the stove of the country store talked about "bad Bill", and shook their heads. Then the new teacher came along, and took a liking to this young roughneck; saw golden possibilities in the rough ore of this youngster, just as Jesus did in some of His young fishermen friends. Before Salem Town came, Bill Marcy had begun to agree with the neighbors who called him bad; but Salem Town trusted Bill, and loved him wisely, until at last Bill began to believe in himself. Severity and punishment had made Bill a rebel. Hate had made him bitter. Distrust had made him tricky. But love at last made a man of him. So there is deep common sense in St. Paul's words, "And the greatest of these is love."

There may be somebody who troubles you, some one who is making a rather bad mess of things. Remember Bill Marcy! Remember that you cannot force that person to be better; cannot argue him into new ways; and anger will only make him worse. You have only one chance—you can love that person into new character. Honest love and trust can transform him. St. Paul learned that secret from Jesus; and it is yours for the asking.

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who art Love, grant to Thy children to bear one another's burdens with such good will that Thy peace which passeth understanding may keep our hearts and minds close to Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Wednesday Night Club will celebrate its anniversary on Saturday, February 14th with a Formal Dance in the Community House. Orchestra and Refreshments. Admission $1.00. Members and friends are cordially invited. The Club is for older young people and meets every Wednesday, 8: 30 P. M., 3rd floor of the Community House.

We are desirous of learning whether there are any additional members of the parish interested in joining the Confirmation Class. If so, will you please make yourself known to one or the other of our ministers.

The weather has not been kind to our services, Sunday or Week-Day, and we ask our people to make the effort to improve attendance.

Dr. George M. Lamsa is to give a series of Bible Lectures in St. Stephen's Church on the first four Sunday Evenings in February, beginning February 1st.

Dr. Lamsa is a native of Assyria and speaks the language of the Aramaic people who dispersed from Palestine near the close of the first century A. D. In the mountainous seclusion of Dr. Lamsa's homeland, his ancestors perpetuated the idiomatic language and the religious customs of this earliest Christian people. From this historic land, Dr. Lamsa, speaking the language of Jesus, comes to our western world to interpret the gospels according to the Aramaic tradition. If you have heard Dr. Lamsa you will want to hear him again. If you have not heard him, here, indeed, is a new and vital interpretation of Jesus of Nazareth.

PARISH REGISTER

JANUARY

Burial

"The sun is sinking gently in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

January 17—John H. Patterson

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Idyl"..... *Cyril Scott*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 577..... *Handel*
VENITE, page 9..... *Chant*
PSALM 119: V,VI page 492
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11..... *O Quanta Qualia*
JUBILATE, page 15..... *Mozart*
ANTHEM: "I Will Sing New Songs Of Gladness"..... *Dvorak*
SERMON: "Miracle-Men"..... By One of Them
OFFERTORY HYMN 565..... *Felby*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 560..... *Boyd*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in memory of her mother, Louise V. Sausser.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Serenata"..... *Moskowski*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 550..... *Marlow*
PSALM 27, page 371
NUNC DIMITTIS..... *Tours*
HYMN 576..... *Ora Labora*
SERMON..... The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 555..... *Heath*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
QUARTET: "I Will Lay Me Down In Peace"..... *Gadsby*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 577..... *Christmas*
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Die Meistersinger March"..... *Wagner*

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Are you supporting your Church with your prayers, time and money? The Church needs your help in every way. If you are not yet pledging to the financial support of the Church, begin today.

The Gallilee Mission will hold its 51st Anniversary Service on Sunday, January 25th, at 8:00 P. M. at 821 Vine Street. Mr. I Smith Raspin and the Rector are members of the Board of Directors.

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of St. Stephen's Branch of the GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY and to the two members who are to be inducted this morning.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Elmer Carll in the passing of her brother, John Patterson.

CONFIRMATION

There are many people today not attached to any church, but are Christian men and women; they occasionally attend services but are drifters. Some of them were regular and devoted members of churches in the places from which they came. We would have such people identify themselves with St. Stephen's Church and take a stand for Christ and His Church.

Other people are regular attendants at the services of St. Stephen's but have never made any public profession of religion. They march along with the army but are not in uniform. When asked if they attend church they hesitatingly reply that they "go to St. Stephen's"! They inwardly feel that they are not sons of the house! For their own sakes as for the good of the Church it would be wise for such people to take a definite step.

Children grow up and reach the age of decision. They then take upon themselves responsibilities which were put upon them by parents and teachers. That age, roughly speaking, is about fourteen.

The visit of the Bishop to the Parish on February 29th is the occasion for all the people to take their places among the organized followers of Christ. Some do it by Confirmation and others by Letters of Transfer or in other ways: but the important thing is for all to join the fellowship of the disciples under the leadership of the Master.

Confirmation classes are being held every Sunday at 10: 00 A. M. in the Rector's Study. All are welcome whether or not they have been confirmed, whether or not they have any intention of being confirmed. Such subjects as these are being considered: Faith, Morals, Sacraments, Church History, the Prayer Book, etc.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today is Theological Education Sunday throughout the Episcopal Church. The purpose of this emphasis is threefold: (1) to acquaint the Church with the work of the Seminaries, (2) to interest men in the ministry, and (3) to encourage offerings to augment funds needed to support the Seminaries. Most parishes will take up special offerings today.

Since 1890 membership in the Episcopal Church has increased 300%. In the same period the number of ministers has increased from about 4000 to about 6000, a gain of only 50%. Of these 6000 only 3500 give their full time to one parish.

The war cost the Church about 500 ministers. Although some 600 Episcopalians in the armed forces stated their intention of entering the ministry, today's crowded seminaries barely supply enough men to meet the normal current demand for ministers. The losses in the past years are as far from being made up as ever, while new undertakings are either seriously hampered or completely prevented by the lack of trained men.

Our eleven seminaries need more men—the best available. They need your financial support! The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. If you cannot attend service this Sunday, please mail your gift to the Church Office.

EDITORIAL

Without a doubt, one of the great books of the century is Arnold Toynbee's "A Study of History". It is an encouraging fact that this significant book, in its one volume reduction is being widely read in the United States, as is testified by its high place on the best seller list.

While perhaps Professor Toynbee has a tendency to force himself to the discovery of a rhythmic pattern running through all civilizations, the book and the author are awe inspiring for the sweep of comprehension presented. Here is a man who moves familiarly through epochs and civilizations as most of us ordinary mortals move through moments and city blocks. We desperately need his historic perspective in our attempt to understand the great movements and issues of our time.

There is great stimulus for the Christian in this book. The stimulus of warning, as well as encouragement, is written large on its pages. One lays it down with the consciousness that Christianity *is* the saving factor in our civilization, that the Church *has* an unprecendented opportunity, but that *if the Church is to meet this opportunity it must drastically overhaul its strategy from top to bottom.*

In what might be considered almost a postlude to *"A Study of History"*, Toynbee, in a recent issue of the *New York Times' Sunday Magazine*, laid down a threefold formula of accomplishment necessary to the preservation of our civilization: First, the achievement of some form of world government; two, the establishment of a working relation between the free enterprise of the West and the socialism of the East; Three, the shifting of the structure of our society from material to spiritual foundations. Here are three great aiming points for a Church, whose function it is to save the world and not just to save men out of the world.

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Adagio from Violin Sonata".....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 54.....*Dulce Carmen*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 90, page 453
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM: "In The Beginning Was The Word".....*David D. Wood*

In the beginning was the Word, and The Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in His name. Arise! Shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

Soprano Soloist—MARJORY HENNIG

SERMON: "The Beginning of the Gospel".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 402.....*Munich*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 587.....*Smart*

The flowers on the Altar this morning are given by Mrs. Craig Atmore in memory of her husband.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE: "March of the Magi".....*Dubois*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 53.....*Salzburg*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
HYMN 212.....*Bread of Heaven*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 485.....*Abends*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
TENOR SOLO: "If With All Your Hearts".....*Mendelssohn*
LESTER HENNINGER
SANCTUS .....*Willan*
AGNUS DEI.....*Willan*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 545.....*Zoan*
ORGAN POSTLUUDE: "No. 20, C Minor".....*Chopin*

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. Eleven hundred copies are printed each week. Some 675 are mailed to individuals and families to people who live in eighteen of the forty-eight states in the country, and in addition, to people in Canada, Japan, and the Phillipines. It goes not only to members but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It costs $30.00 a week to print and to mail this publication. There are some 44 issues a year at a total cost of $1320.00. Last year the total received from individuals was only $255.85. If every family would give $2.00 a year the cost would be met. Of course a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a check of $25.00 received today by the Rector from an individual in the parish will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing make this appeal necessary.

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Opening Prayer:

O God, from Whom all good things do come; grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration, we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary).

Bible Reading: Philippians 4: 1-8

The Sermon:

There is an old legend of the Franconia valley, that some day a child would be born who would grow up great of heart, an illustrious person. He could be recognized because his features would resemble the Great Stone Face. The dwellers in the valley cherished the legend, but the years passed, and nothing happened.

Then, one day, they had word that a man who had grown up among them was coming home to live—a great merchant now, having amassed a vast fortune. Crowds cheered him as he drove up Main Street in a shining coach-and-four. And people said to each other, "This is he!"—all except Ernest, a young town boy who had always dreamed of the legend. Ernest could not see. in the mean. pinched face of the millionaire, any resemblance to the Great Stone Face. After a time, the disappointed people agreed with Ernest. In later years, there came another former town boy—now a famous soldier, known in all the capitals of the world. Once more their hopes were fanned into a blaze, but Ernest, who kept on dreaming the Great Stone Face, shook his head, and once more was right. Finally the town welcomed home a famed politician, a man with a golden voice and an ability to stir peoples' hearts—men were saying that he might be made President. But Ernest reluctantly shook his head once more. So the people became disgusted with the lovely old legend, and decided to put no more faith in it.

By this time Ernest was an old man. He had lived his whole life right there—a life of friendship and goodness and understanding, of quiet and loving faith in the old legend. One rainy day, when the farmers were gathered at the grocery store, a stranger came in. He heard them complaining about the old legend, and how it had never come true. Suddenly the stranger rose to his feet, and pointing to Ernest, who sat quietly to one side, declared, "Gentlemen, you must have a touch of blindness. *There* is the man you waited for so long, the man whose features are those of the Great Stone Face." Stunned with surprise, they looked, and saw that Ernest was the image of the Great Stone Face. Suddenly they realized how great a heart he had, living his quiet and generous life among them. All through the years he had kept that dream in his heart—so he had become like the dream.

"Think on these things", wrote the Apostle, the things that are true and honest and just and pure and lovely, because *you will become like the things you most think of.* Put the matchless Master of men at the center of all your dreams and thoughts—and you will become like Him. Think of Him, rather than cheap and hateful things, for you will become like the object of your thoughts. Think on these things!

Closing prayer:

Fortify us, O God, with the courage which cometh only from Thee; that in the midst of all our peril and perplexities we may find that peace which only Thou canst give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The rector will preach at the annual CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE at Grace Church, Plainfield, New Jersey, on Sunday evening, January 18th.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 52.....*Kocher*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 56, page 408
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
JUBILATE, page 15.....*Naylor*
ANTHEM: "Light of the World".....*Edward Elgar*

Light of the world, we know Thy praise
The angels and archangels raise
And all the host of Heaven,
More worthily than our faint hymns,
Whose jaring sound that glory dims,
Which God to Thee has given.
But Thou didst not disdain to take
Our low estate, or e'en to make
The tomb Thy resting place
So Thou might bring into our night
The dawn of Thine eternal light
To shine upon our face.
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, is Lord
But Thou O Son of God.
Thy Word is now our sovereign law.
Therefore we thank Thee and we pray
Thy Light may shine unto the Perfect Day
On us for evermore.

SERMON: "Let Your Light So Shine".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 329.....*J. S. Bach*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 153.....*Werner*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Isabel Kirkpatrick in memory of members of her family.

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE: "On Wings of Song".....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 48.....*Stuttgart*
PSALM 66, page 417
NUNC DIMITTIS—page 28
HYMN 430.....*Lux Benigna*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 574.....*Holley*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
ANTHEM: "Before the Ending of Day".....*Thiman*
with Alto Solo by Ida Harding
RECESSIONAL HYMN 53.....*Salzburg*
ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Bourreé in G".....*Handel*

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The year 1947 has again been a banner year for St. Stephen's in missionary giving. Our missionary quota of $5,100. has been met (an increase of $600. over 1946). This includes $1,000. for the Episcopal Hospital. Besides this $1,515.30 was given for "Specials", such as $1,404.30 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for world relief, and other projects such as the Divinity School, G.F.S. Trailer, etc. The total for the year 1947 is $6,615.30. Congratulations to you who have made this possible.

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Bible Reading: Matthew 2: 16-23

The Sermon:

The Christian Faith began among thorny difficulties. It began with an inn-door closed in the face of the unborn Babe. It continued with flashing swords which sought to liquidate the Holy Child. It went on with a flight in the night, as Joseph and Mary sped away to carry their Babe to the safety of distant Egypt. A few years passed, and the bread-winner, Joseph, died, and the Oldest Son took up the burden of providing for that large family. So the Christian faith went on, through the ranks of the angry, hostile Scribes and Pharisees, through the desertions and denials and betrayals, through Gethsemane to Calvary itself. The Christian way seemed to have a genius for landing in grave difficulty, and an equal genius for overcoming it!

So Christian folk have always felt *at home in difficulty.* You may remember, in the unforgetable "Uncle Remus Stories" (now singing through all the nation's dance-halls in a popular song), how Brer Fox was determined to bring Brer Rabbit's career to an end. Brer Rabbit very shrewdly pleaded with the fox *not* to throw him in the briar patch; let Brer Fox do anything else to him, but, please, not that! So the fox threw him plumb into the middle of the briar patch, with all its brambles and thorns; and Brer Rabbit scrambled to his feet, shouting joyfully, "Bred en bawn in de briar patch, Brer Fox! Bred en bawn in de briar patch!" The fox should have remembered that Brer Rabbit was quite at home in the difficulties of the briar patch, for he had grown up there.

Some one has said that, if you try to be a Christian, you will always be in difficulties. That is true. You will always be deep in the difficulties of others, because you care enough about them to help them work their way out. You will always be finding yourself on steep paths, because Christ has a way of leading His people up to high joys and far views; and that always takes climbing. But the Christian, like the mountain climber, is at home in difficulties. He loves the far view, the glory of overcoming tough slopes; the thrill of knowing that, with Christ as guide, no difficulty can lick him.

I do not remember that Uncle Remus ever mentioned Brer Rabbit's religion. But I do know that you and Brer Rabbit have a lot in common. You both know your way around in the briar patch!

Closing prayer:

Now the GOD of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Give courage, O merciful Lord, to thy people; wisdom to the perplexed, endurance to the sufferers, fresh vigor and interest in life to those who have lost heart, a sense of Thy Presence to the lonely; and bless and prosper all of this household of faith.

Second Sunday after Christmas
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on page 106.

9:45 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE "Noel".....*Henry Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49.....*Mann*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
ANTHEM: "The March of The Three Kings".....*Old Provencal*

"This highway beheld at break of day
Three Eastern Kings go by upon their journey.
This highway beheld at break of day
Three Eastern Kings go by in rich array
With courage high all their guards passed by,
Their knights-at-arms with squires and the pages,
With courage high all their guards passed by
With gilded armor shining like the sky.

Wondering then I watched the mighty men.
I stood amazed as the knights were passing,
Wondering then I watched the mighty men.
And as they passed I followed them again.
They journeyed far to the guiding star
That shone where Jesus was lying in a manger
And far away where the Christ Child lay
They found the shepherds come to watch and pray.

Gaspard old had brought a gift of gold.
He said "My Lord, Thou art the King of Glory".
Gaspard old gave Christ his gift of gold
And that this Child would conquer death he told.
Then incense sweet at the Christ Child's feet
King Melchior placed, saying "Thou art God of armies.
Although He lies here in humble guise,
This little Child is God of earth and skies."

SERMON: "The Adventure of Life".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 46.....*Harding*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 213, verses 1, 2, and 3.....*Dykes*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 48.....*C. F. Witt*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 46.....*Morning Star*
PSALM 90, page 453
NUNC DIMITTIS—Page 28
HYMN 54.....*Dulce Carmen*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 51.....*Three Kings of Orient*
DOXOLOGY
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 49.....*Valour*

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services: the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications, and so dispose the way of Thy servants, that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.)

Bible Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7

The Sermon:

A solitary house stands at the end of a long peninsula, jutting out from the coast of England. On its rear door, as you approach from the land side, you find written, "This is the last house in England". Sadness touches your heart for a moment—you have left behind England, with all its brave and pleasant people, its ancient churches, its quaint country lanes and cottages. But go around to the sea side of the house, and on its front door you will see, "This is the first house in England." And now all England, with its rich treasures, lies before you. New Year's Day is like that house. Looking to the past, "This is the *last* house." But looking forward, "This is the *first* house."

On New Year's Day it is altogether natural and right that we should think of bygone days. There will be sadness as we do this, of course, as we remember glorious people who once companioned our days, and lent music to our living. But there will be also deep joy. On the wall along side of my study desk, I like to look at the pictures of five men I loved—men of rich talents, of gaiety and warm hearts, of large vision, of unfailing kindness and understanding, of solid faith in God and His way of doing things. I look back on New Year's Days that were the "last house" of earthly companionship with them; and I am sad, and wonderfully grateful.

But, for the Christian, New Year's Day is always the "first house" also. It is always the beginning of something full of promise. For God has a miraculous way of "making all things new". Some stubborn, tangled problem lies heavy on your heart; and suddenly, in the light of faithful praying, God reveals new possibilities, and you begin to see a way through.

Perhaps you feel "heavy with years", and your son (or grandson) comes in to see you, and you wake up to the fact that your love warms him at his chilly times; that you are the living link with past days which he cherishes; so you look ahead with quickened joy. Perhaps you are reading your Bible, with a rather leaden heart, and you come upon those words, "With God all things are possible"; and you find yourself actually anticipating a new hobby, new friends, new truths, new beauties, new victories.

Don't you dare to linger too long at the back side of that house, my friend, and get stuck there. For all those who follow the Master, New Year's Day is the "first house", a day of new beginnings. "Behold, I make all things new".

Closing Prayer:

All through this year, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for Thee. And every life I touch do Thou by Thy Holy Spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES. The Rector's Confirmation instruction class will meet in his study every Sunday morning at 10: 00 o'clock beginning January 11. Attendance upon the instruction class does not commit you in any way. However, the rector desires the opportunity of presenting the why and wherefore of this subject. Confirmation is a service in which you are asked to come and receive God's blessing at the hands of one of the Church's chief pastors, the present day successor of the apostles. The service has come down through the ages. Today more than three-fourths of the total number of Christian people are confirmed.

The new 1948 Birthday Calendar is now available. The price is 25 cents, and the proceeds are for the Church School missionary offering.

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October 24, 1948
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11: 00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Improvisation on "Gaudeamus".....*Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434.....*Dykes*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 116, page 486
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness".....*Dvorak*

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psalter. Every day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy Holy Name. Great is God and great His mercy; who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful past our knowing. Yet, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory.

SERMON—"The Desire For Safety".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 289.....*Croft*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 288.....*Croft*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Largo," from Xerxes.....*Handel-Kratf*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 396.....*Aurelia*
PSALM 139, page 514
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Tours*
SERMON HYMN 407 .....*St. Hilda*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 483.....*Consolation*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 275.....*Cape Town*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 394.....*St. Asaph*
POSTLUDE—"Hornpipe" ..... *Handel*

THIS IS THE SUNDAY when the women of the parish have an opportunity to present their UNITED THANK OFFERING. This offering makes possible each year a tremendous and inspiring part of the church's missionary work. It supports the women missionaries both at home and abroad. Envelopes are in the pews and your offering may be presented today or sent to Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, the Custodian, 4504 Chestnut Street.

The fifth broadcast in the series "Great Scenes From Great Plays" sponsored by the Episcopal Church will be given Friday, 8: 00 P. M. over WIP entitled "On Borrowed Time", with that distinguished actor, Mr. Boris Karloff, as star. The Bible says, the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death and the theme of this play presents the message that death is not the end of life, but the beginning of a larger life...a truly inspirational thought for us all.

We acknowledge with appreciation the gifts of the following persons to the Benevolent Society: Mrs. Charles Hutt, Mrs. R. C. Williams, Jr., Mrs. John Smyth, Miss Marion Slatcher, Miss Emily L. Grothelhen, Mrs. Blanche C. Piper, Miss M. K. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Miss Katharine Fetzer, Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, Miss Helen Haubert, Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Miss Hilda E. Yeutter, The Misses Elizabeth J. and Margaret Davis, Mr. Carl H. Johnson, Mrs. Kathryn Schrott, Mr. Luis P. Stumpf, Miss Susan C. Thackara, Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong, The Misses Daley, Mrs. G. R. Bishop, Mrs. Harry Lyster, Mr. Clarence P. Garrett, Jr., Miss Elsie Dahl, Miss Mary Swift, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. Carl Merris, Miss Mae Sneddon, Miss Jane S. McEldowney, Mrs. Martha Atherton, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Mrs. H. J. Hauger, Mrs. T. S. MacGoldrick, Mrs. Mildred K. Steele, Miss Gertrude McClellan, Miss Marion Headman, Mrs. J. C. Beatty, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Minnie Corrigan, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Schantz, Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis, Mrs. J. C. Funck, Mrs. Jesse Darlington, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Grant S. Hanley, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Miss P. S. Leypoldt, Miss Mary Millham, and four Anonymous donors. Our thanks also to Mrs. Leon Merrow and Mrs. Edwin C. Jones for their *Church Bulletin* subscriptions and to one Anonymous contributor to the *Church Bulletin.*

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Do you know it is given in thanksgiving to God for His gifts so freely given us?

Do you know it helps send 200 women missionaries all over the world?

Do you know it provides tools and necessary equipment for their work, such as typewriters, mimeographs, gas for their cars, recreational equipment, refrigerators to aid in their teaching, and furniture for their homes?

Do you know that a microscope and nurse's bag reached Miss Olive Brower, Nenana, Alaska, right in the midst of a typhoid fever epidemic when they were desperately needed?

Do you know the U. T. O. erects buildings on the mission field, repairs others, and provides special equipment such as motors, organs, stoves, or even a freezing unit or a skeleton.

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Do you know that in co-operation with other Communions, Women's Colleges are being supported in India and China?

Do you know what other mission projects are being aided through the U. T. O. in this country and overseas?

Do you know that the United Thank Offering takes your gifts where you cannot go yourself?

Do you know that your U. T. O. is yourself in action?

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We request the hearty co-operation of all parents in the plans of our Sunday School which meets in the Community House every Sunday at 11: 00 o'clock. Do not send your sons and daughters to St. Stephen's. Come with them. The education of your children in the love and service of God is a shared responsibility. Parents and Church must work together at it. The Church can never be the sole agent.

THE RECTOR'S OFFICE
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You and I have reason to rejoice that we are members of a Church which is so vigorously serving God and man as is portrayed in our annual booklet *Our Church In Action.* We receive light and strength from God through St. Stephen's, and in turn, by our loyal and generous support of the Church, spread His light and strength far and wide through our community and the world. Thus Christ says to us: "You are the light of the world."

Loyalty Sunday is a major means of keeping that light burning brightly in ourselves and others. So I urge you to sacrifice everything to be present Sunday morning, October 31st, at eleven o'clock and to pledge, on faith, for 1949. I feel confident that I can count on your loyalty and presence at this great service.

Yours affectionately,

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ALFRED W. PRICE.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86, page 447
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Gaul*
JUBILATE, page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM: "Let All The World In Every Corner Sing" ..... *Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly,
The earth is not too low
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out,
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part. Amen.

SERMON—"Recreation For the Family" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 504 ..... *Rhosymedre*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 578 ..... *Pleyel's Hymn*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 256 ..... *Melcombe*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 395 ..... *Cloisters*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 415 ..... *Martyn*
SANCTUS—AGNUS DEI—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 167 ..... *Diva Servatrix*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 426 ..... *Aughton*
POSTLUDE—"Menuetto" ..... *Wagner*

DID YOU KNOW?

...that the Rector gives a series of lectures each year for those who want to know more about the Episcopal Church? Some people who come to the Confirmation Class know that they want to become members of the Church, but others are looking for more information. The class will begin after Christmas, and if you would like to be notified, give your name and address to the Rector.

...that there are still a goodly number of new Prayer Books that are available for memorials. The cost is one dollar and an attractive marker is placed in the Prayer Book. The book may be placed in the pew where you are accustomed to sit.

...that you may "park" your baby or young child in our nursery under the watchful eye of a competent person while you attend the morning service.

...that St. Stephen's has a Business Men's Club the object of which is to promote Christian fellowship among men in our business district. Some eighty-five men have signed membership cards. It is opened to all men whatever their denomination may be. A fine lunch is served by a committee of our women on the second floor of the Parish House before and after the 12: 30 P. M. service in the church. If you are a business or professional man, you are urged to join this splendid group.

EDITORIAL

The world must have an alternative to chaos. It is a matter of life or death for humanity.

But that alternative will be found only if it is sought on profound levels and it will be effective only if it is courageously applied by enough people.

All too many are hopefully expecting that someone will suddenly find a magic formula—that science or statesmanship will discover a process which can be applied with a minimum disturbance to the routine of life.

The alternative to chaos is not novel. It has existed throughout the life of our civilization. If it is not recognized, it is largely because it is too familiar and because it makes revolutionary demands upon the life of the individual as upon society.

Man must choose between his animal and higher natures. He must choose between the material and the spiritual. He must choose between God and Mammon. He cannot serve both. He faces that choice in his personal life, his family life, in his quest for pleasure, in business and political and social life. Wherever he is, he faces that choice. It is God or Mammon, the material or the spiritual. In neither case can it be both.

The choice is not registered by simple assent. It can be registered only by a way of life constantly growing through studied improvement.

And, socially, that alternative will appear when the leaven of dedicated individual lives is potent enough to leaven the lump.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Many churches are celebrating Youth Sunday on October 17th. Here at St. Stephen's we call it Family Sunday. The subject of the family is not an exciting one. It is literally a simple, homey subject. It calls upon us to turn our attention to our own household. It reminds us of the dining room, the kitchen and the sitting room, the places where the family meets, and raises the question as to what goes on there.

The rector hopes that many of the people of the parish will gather in church by families that day and make this a memorable and inspiring occasion.

ALICE B. WOOD

Members of St. Stephen's will be sad to learn of the passing of Mrs. Alice B. Wood on October 5 in her home on North Park Avenue.

Mrs. Wood was the widow of Dr. David D. Wood, blind organist of St. Stephen's for 46 years. All her life, she loved the Church and worked in its behalf. A charter member of the Girls Friendly Society she compiled and contributed to a splendid edition of the Friendly Song Book which is used throughout the Church. Many a parish group will recall her talks on music and other subjects which came alive under her engaging personality. They will recall the bright twinkle in her eyes and a warm friendliness. She was a charming, cultured, spiritual, interesting person. Such women make a parish rich.

HOWARD B. NEWMAN

Most of you probably did not know Howard B. Newman. But as members of St. Stephen's, you have been beneficiaries of his skill and devotion. He passed to his reward in September.

Mr. Newman was a very skillful commercial artist whose office was in the Victory Building. He had a genuine interest in St. Stephen's and he went out of his way to do us many kindnesses. He has been responsible for many drawings of the church's interior as well as most of the eye-appealing designs which have accompanied the rector's printed publicity.

Although Mr. Newman was a member of another church, he liked to come here during the week and worship with us. His quiet, serene presence was an inspiration to this writer. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Louise Costello in the passing of her mother. May God's comfort and guidance be with Louise and may He rest the soul of her dear one in peace!

We acknowledge with thanks the *Church Bulletin* Subscriptions of Mrs. J. Granville Leach, Jr., Mrs. Helene M. Wong, Mrs. Sarah V. Adams, and an anonymous contributor. Owing to lack of space the names of contributors to the Benevolent Society will be printed in a subsequent issue of the *Church Bulletin*.

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What we are praying for—God's Healing, see.
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October 10, 1948
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11: 00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude" ..... *Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 50, page 401
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *J. Sebastian Matthews*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"In Faith I Quiet Wait" ..... *J. S. Bach*
SERMON—"Admiral of the Ocean Sea" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 442 ..... *William Tans 'ur*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 361 ..... *St. James*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Croyder in memory of Mrs. John Coats Brown.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Prelude in F Major" ..... *Dubois*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 350 ..... *Jubilate*
EVENING PRAYER—Page 21
PSALM 145, page 520
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
CREED AND PRAYERS
SERMON HYMN 423 ..... *Federal Street*
SERMON ..... THE REV. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 385 ..... *Austria*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 348 ..... *Eudoxia*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 599 ..... *Vigiles Sancti*
POSTLUDE—"Te Deum Laudamus" ..... *Claussmann*

The third coast-to-coast program in the radio series "Great Scenes from Great Plays," sponsored by the Episcopal Church, over Station WIP on Friday evening from 8: 00 to 8: 30 E.S.T., will be "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." Basil Rathbone and Beatrice Straight have the leading roles.

Not miracle healing but medicine for the soul is the underlying theme of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." This is why this religious message stresses the fact that through the help of God and the Church, by seeking the advice of an experienced clergyman, many have found their way to better physical health through better health of mind.

St. Stephen's School of Religion got off to a good start last Sunday. One child attended the Nursery School, thirteen Kindergarten children were enrolled, and a number of new pupils were enrolled in the Junior and Intermediate Departments. The new hour of 11: 00 A. M. seems to have met with enthusiastic response.

The attendance last week at our services was as follows: Tuesday, 12: 30 P. M., 40; Wednesday, 12: 30 P. M., 57; Thursday, 12: 30 P. M., 72 and 17 at 5: 30 P. M.; Friday, 12: 30 P. M., 37; Sunday, 9: 00 A. M., 21; 11: 00 A. M., 251, and 7: 30 P. M., 74. In other words 569 people attended our regular services. For this time of year this is very encouraging.

The rector dedicated a beautiful tombstone to the memory of Mrs. James Carrigan on Sunday afternoon, October 3rd.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Who art the Light of minds that know Thee, the Joy of the hearts that love Thee, and the Strength of the lives that serve Thee; Help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee; so to love Thee that we may joyfully serve Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Gelasian Sacramentary*)

Bible Reading: John 14: 15-27

The Sermon:

We live in a threatening world. Thunder clouds tower against our sky. Our world seems filled with dangerous forces, seeking to divide and weaken us: in the United Nations, in our own land, and even in the Church of God. It would be very grim indeed if we could not look at our world through the eyes of Christian faith!

As Jesus sat with His disciples one day, He was thinking of the time when He would no longer be with them. He had been their "Comforter," their *strength-giver*. Now, preparing for the day when they could no longer walk with Him along the country roads, He promised, "I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." On the Day of Pentecost, the early Christians first experienced this new strength-giver, this Holy Spirit of God, which enables believers to face the darkest thunderclouds with quiet confidence.

Jesus explained very clearly what a person must do in order to receive this Comforter in his heart. "If a man love Me, he will keep My words, and My Father will love him, and we will come to him, and Make our abode with him." In short, if a man desires the sustaining strength of God's Spirit in his heart, he must first become an obedient disciple. *He must be in tune with God.* If you live in the country, and want a good water supply in your kitchen, you have to find a spring which allows a downgrade to your house, for water will only run downhill. If you want the Spirit of God in your heart, you must be obedient to His commandments, for God can dwell only with those wills that are in tune with Him.

There was once a famous Chinese philosopher named Lu Chu. He had a disciple who was so self-satisfied and smug that he had not even guessed that a man, in order to be wise and strong, must look to God, and depend upon divine aid. How could Lu Chu teach this conceited man? Suddenly he had an inspiration. He took two lutes and tuned the strings so that the two instruments were in perfect accord. The more precious one, his "master-lute," he placed in the hall; the other, in an adjoining room. Then he struck a note on the master-lute, and immediately the other lute spoke up in response. He struck another note, and the other echoed it melodiously. Then he "un-tuned" the other lute, and now, when he struck a note on the master-lute, the other gave forth only a jangle. For the making of music there must always be harmony with the master-instrument. So the Christian, to have God's strength-giving Spirit within him, must simply be in tune with God. And where men and women are true, obeying Christians, God's Comforter unites them into an unbeatable company of believers, strong against the evil forces of division!

Closing Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst pray for Thy disciples that they might be one even as Thou art one with the Father, draw us to Thyself that, in common love and obedience to Thee, we may be united in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that Thou art Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.
(*Selected*)

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Last year the Benevolent Society sent over four thousand articles to Jefferson, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian, Woman's and Price hospitals, and Visiting Nurses' Society. The material for these garments was furnished by the hospitals, and the Benevolent Society paid women to sew these articles in their homes. These needy women were paid $455.90 for this great amount of sewing.

Five hundred dollars will just about cover expenses for the season 1948-49. Your contribution will help the needy workers who do the sewing and also the hospitals who desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante from 6th Sonata".....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288.....*Croft*
VENITE—Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 96, page 459
BENEDICTUS ES—Page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS—Page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes".....*Webbe*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

SERMON—"What God Hath Joined" (A Vermont Sermon).....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 564.....*Haydn*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 346.....*St. Elizabeth*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Paul Downward in memory of Caroline Miller Johnson and Rachael Hollingsworth Downward, and also in loving memory of Anna C. Eisenbrey.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Morning Mood" .....*Grieg*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 553.....*Lancashire*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 349 .....*Watermouth*
SERMON .....The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 345.....*Dominus Regit Me*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
BASS SOLO—"I Sought The Lord".....*MacFarlane*
Clifford Sylvester
SANCTUS AND AGNUS DEI .....*Willan*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 178.....*Vesper Hymn*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 336.....*Rathbun*
POSTLUDE—"The Lost Chord".....*Sullivan*

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The Burd School was officially opened for the year 1948-49 by the rector on Wednesday morning, September 8, at the Chapel Service. Twenty-seven girls matriculated from the ages of five to seventeen.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new Directoress, Miss Charlotte U. Day. Miss Day is a native of the state of Maine, and taught for some years there. She comes to us from the Greer School in New York where among other activities she has had unusual experience in the field of religious education and Young People's Work. We are indeed fortunate to secure Miss Day and look forward to a constructive and happy administration.

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Bible Reading: I John 5: 1-12.

The Sermon:

There comes a time when "the world" seems too much for us. Life pushes us around; circumstances "break" against us; the winds are contrary. We cast about us for some power that will enable us to stand our ground. And perchance there comes to our minds an ancient word, like stirring music for weary, marching feet, "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world; even our faith."

Recently I came across the story of the greatest oratorio ever written. After forty years of brilliant success, the great composer Handel was down and out. His health was broken. His main financial supporter, Queen Caroline, was dead. He was deep in debt, and hungry. He felt a hundred years old, and hopelessly tired. There was no fire of inspiration left. As he walked by a London church one day, he groaned, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Hopelessly he returned to his shabby lodgings. There, on the desk, he found a bulky package. He broke the seal, drew out the contents. Here were the words for "A Sacred Oratorio." The author was asking Handel to write the music for it. He grunted indignantly. He was not a specially pious man, and just now, was in no mood for religious meditation. Why hadn't the author written an opera instead of this religious stuff? But, as he began to turn the pages, a passage caught his eye, "He was despised and rejected of men...He looked for someone to have pity on him, but there was no man; neither found he any to comfort him...He trusted in God...God did not leave his soul in Hell...He will give you rest." with meaning: "Wonderful, Counsellor...I know that my Redeemer liveth...Rejoice!....Hallelujah!"

Handel could feel the old fire rekindling. In his mind wondrous melodies tumbled over one another. Grabbing a pen, he started writing with amazing swiftness, page after page. For twenty-four days he labored, night and day, pausing only occasionally for rest or a bite of food. At the end of the twenty-fourth day he threw himself on his bed exhausted. On his desk lay the score of "The Messiah," the greatest oratorio ever written. His last years were beset with many difficulties, but he never again gave in to despair. His resurrected faith remained, victorious, to the last.

"This is the victory"—God touching the broken spirit of an old man, and filling it with quickening life. You may be old, or young—at any age, if you will let God touch your wintry despair with His love, you can have spring." No matter how tough the world seems, or how many times it has beaten you, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith!"

Closing Prayer:

O God, take our minds and think through them. Take our lips, and speak through them. Take our hearts and set them on fire with love for Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*W. H. Aitken, adapted.*)

A NURSERY CLASS

Beginning October 3, we shall provide a Nursery Class for babies and little children in the Community House from 11: 00 to 12: 15 A. M. each Sunday, thus enabling their parents to attend the Church Service at that hour.

EPISCOPAL RADIO HOUR

On Friday, October 1, at 8: 00 P. M., the Episcopal Church will take to the air over the Mutual System. The program will be entitled, "Great Scenes from Great Plays," and will include such actors as Walter Hampden and Basil Rathbone.

After the presentation of the program there will be "commercials" which will invite listeners to attend the local Episcopal Church. Booklets will be distributed to listeners who request them. These booklets will give a birds-eye view of the Episcopal Church and will list local Churches. More details later.

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 195-96

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Thou Holy Mystery".....*Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155.....*Webbe*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 121 and 122, page 502
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Brother Man".....*Shaw*

O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother; Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there; To worship rightly is to love each other, Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Follow with reverent steps the great example Of Him whose holy work was "doing good;" So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple, Each loving life a psalm of gratitude. Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clamour Of wild war's music o'er the earth shall cease; Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, And in its ashes plant the tree of peace!

SERMON—"LIFE TAKES A HOLIDAY".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 434 .....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 578 .....*Pleyel*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE: "Andante, Sonata Op. 26".....*Beethoven*
"Evening Star," (Tannhauser).....*Wagner*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 433 .....*Langran*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 572 .....*Maryton*
OFFERTORY HYMN 597 .....*Ewing*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 172 .....*Merrial*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 426 .....*Aughton*
POSTLUDE—"Song Without Words".....*Tschaikowsky*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Gertrude McClellan in memory of Miss Lillian Hastings.

We acknowledge with thanks the Church Bulletin Subscription of Mrs. Mabel Gibbs Weeks.

The Board of Managers of the Burd School regret to announce the resignation of Mrs. Sarah Dodge who is to be married shortly. Mrs. Dodge has done a magnificent job in the year that she has been with us and we are exceedingly sorry to lose her. We wish her all happiness.

ALTAR FLOWERS

One of the most appropriate memorials is the gift of flowers for the Altar. Arrangements may be made with Mrs. William B. Campbell, Chairman. The cost is three dollars. August 1, 8 and 15 are available.

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July 4—Mrs. Harry J. Hauger
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25—Mrs. Mary McEwen
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29—Mr. C. J. Guenther

EDITORIAL

A last editorial is most difficult to write—even when there is to be only a two month's interval before one will speak again. Two months in this rapidly moving and eventful world is a long time and so many things want saying.

What of those thirteen youngsters from one police precinct who, over a recent week-end, were hospitalized with knife or gunshot wounds? Thousands of children are in that area—and there is play space for less than two hundred.

What of the plight of the hundreds of thousands of homeless families? The powerful opposition wants to strike out the provisions of the T-E-W Bill (which would provide a limited amount of public housing for those for whom private industry cannot build), but retain guarantees for loans on more expensive private construction.

What about the Rail Strike, called by a Union which will not allow in its own Union-owned hotels to be unionized?

What about the justly merited pensions of coal miners and John L. Lewis' coming bid for power?

What of Palestine and Europe and of the ideological struggle?

What of this threatening atomic age which has filled our hearts with fears—but scarcely altered our patterns of life?

And what of a Church which, in spite of the awesome inperatives of the day, lingers complacently in parochial and denominational isolation?

Shall we cry "Peace" when there is no peace—or shall we face life in its fullness and go forth unitedly in the name of Christ, to save the world?

To be a rector of a mid-city church has been in a very real sense a vantage point. One sees the city as a whole, is appealed to in behalf of its victims of injustice and under-privilege, is called into its by-ways and streets of shadow. And one sees, as perhaps nowhere else individuals from all denominations, conservative and liberal, high churchmen and low churchmen, and one comes to recognize those who have the spirit of Christ and for those for whom Christianity is "just words" or something to be exploited.

And now since with this issue we suspend until fall, one gives a last brief report before the Bulletin is silent:

The humanity I see was never more bewildered, never more uncertain and insecure in the depth of its soul. The multitudes around us are in the valley of indecision, milling to and fro, listening eagerly for a confident voice that shall proclaim "This is the way, walk ye in it."

By that token there never was a harvest so ripe as today. But as I look toward the Church I do not see the laborers coming forth to the harvest. I see most members of the Christian Churches half-hearted or engrossed in institutional life—parochial or denominational. I hear them speaking with uncertain sounds, not sure that Jesus is the answer. I do not see them listening to the "still sad music of humanity."

And I conclude that these things we need most: A new sense of the authority of Jesus, with a complete committment to Him; a movement out of the churches and on to the establishment of the Kingdom of God; the rule of Christian principles over every area of life; a strategy of unity through which, like soldiers marching to the front, we hail each other as comrades and keep contact with each other.

God grant that before it is too late these things may come to pass.

PARISH VISITOR

After ten years of faithful and devoted service as Parish Visitor, Mrs. Mearns has resigned her position as of September first. Mrs. Mearns has rendered unique and unexcelled service to the parish and to the many who have come to her for advice and counsel during the past decade. With her many and varied contacts among the social agencies of the city and her all-round resourcefulness, she has been an invaluable aid to the rector in dealing with the numerous and insistent calls upon a church in the heart of the city. Mrs. Mearns has been active and interested in every phase of our parish life and has exerted valuable leadership all along the line. Her ministry of service has brought much happiness to others and we extend to her our heartfelt gratitude.

The rector will preach Sunday mornings during July and the first Sunday in August as well as celebrate the early Communion at 9:00 A. M.

Mr. Meckling will preach Sunday evenings during July and August and also on Wednesdays and celebrate the Holy Communion on Fridays. He will conduct and preach at the Sunday Morning Services from August 8 to the 29th, inclusive.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 544..... *St. Cecelia*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"At Thy feet we humbly kneel"..... *J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel, Lord be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel, Lord be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee, Lord be near us.
In Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms, Lord be near us;
In Thine everlasting arms, hold and cheer us;
Bind our souls with bonds of faith, Lord be near us.
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SERMON—"What Authority Has The Bible Today?"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 402..... *Munich*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 208..... *Penitentia*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (713 Hymnal)..... *Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 153..... *Ratisbon*

The Flowers in the Altar today are given by Miss Emily Kinsley in memory of her mother and father, and by Dr. Herbert Old in memory of his mother and father.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Offertoire in F Major"..... *Lefebure-Wely*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1..... *Stuttgart*
EVENING PRAYER, Page 21
PSALM 67, Page 418
LESSON—John 5:30-47
NUNC DIMITTIS..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 402..... *Munich*
SERMON..... THE REV. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 11..... *St. Stephen*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 391..... *St. Flavian*
BENEDICTION
ANTHEM—"Cheer Thee"..... *Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 544..... *St. Cecelia*
POSTLUDE—"Gothic March" ..... *Foschini*

We wish to thank Mrs. C. M. Cooke for her contribution to the Benevolent Society, Mrs. Martha Atherton and Mr. Clarence Garrett for their *Church Bulletin* Subscriptions, and the following donors of Prayer Book Memorials: Mrs. Eloise P. Hutt, and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Townsley.

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The Rector will speak to the Canterbury Club at the University of Pennsylvania on Monday, December 6th at one o'clock. He will speak to the Churchwoman's Club on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:15 P. M. and he will preach at the Faith Presbyterian Church, Germantown on Wednesday, December 8th, at 8:00 P. M.

The Mothers' Meeting Annual Fair will be held Thursday, December 9th from noon until 8:00 P. M. Donations and contributions accepted. Everyone welcome!

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Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier"

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—David Harrington Robinson
24—Mary Lorraine Faulkner
31—Karen Jane Cavanaugh

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—Robert Gerald King
25—Rosemarie McDirmit
28—Mary Darlene Glover
—Brenda Joyce Cooper

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

October 2—Thomas W. Metcalfe
—Christine M. Adams
6—William J. Walker
—Lillian K. Olberg

Burials

"From strength to strength in the life of perfect service"

September 11—Albert Lawrence
16—Arthur A. Shaw
October 8—Alice B. Wood
13—Theresa Costello
November 13—Blanche Simmons Burpee
15—George W. Thayer

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household"

Miss Dorothy E. Kohl
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EDITORIAL

One continuously meets people who seem troubled almost to despair concerning the future of democracy and the future of Protestantism. In their minds quite correctly, the two are linked, for both democracy and Protestantism depend primarily upon the response of the individual to duty, as over against authoritarian requirement.

In the light of present circumstances, we may well be troubled about the immediate future of both democracy and Protestantism. There is no doubt that, from the viewpoint of expediency, authoritarianism has the short range advantage. It can make quick decisions. It can command conformity. It can levy resources.

Furthermore, there is no doubt that the sense of duty, which is the driving force in individual responsibility, is at low ebb in our national life.

It may well be that for a time both democracy and Protestantism will be eclipsed. But, while authoritarianism in large measure has controlled the past and threatens to control the immediate future, the real future belongs to democracy and to Protestantism, for the future belongs to freedom. It belongs to men who will ever be open-minded to new and unfolding truth. It belongs to a race in which the individual will react to life in response to internal controls, to an ever quickening conscience capable of intuitively responding to God's way to new and untried situations as over against those who are subjected to external controls and who must wait until authority speaks. It belongs to men to whom God alone shall be Lord of the conscience, the God Who deals directly with each man's conscience and who has not delegated His wisdom and authority to any man or group of men.

But, lest we assume that authoritarianism is stimulated with high confidence, let us ask the question: "Who builds iron curtains?" and "Who forbids the free discussion of faith?" What hope has he who fears truth?

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Every member and friend of the Church is asked to use the special Christmas Dinner envelope. We need $300.00. Fifty-seven families and individuals were cared for last Christmas.

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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE: Chorale Prelude—"Come Saviour of the Gentiles"..*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2.....*Veni Emmanuel*
PSALM 132, page 508
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*J. S. Matthews*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Great Day of the Lord".....*Martin*

The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly.
Even the voice of the day of the Lord;
Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek upon earth,
Which have wrought His judgment.
Seek righteousness, seek meekness,
It may be we shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

SERMON—"Asleep At The Switch!".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 4.....*Greenland*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 5.....*St. Thomas*

The flowers on the Altar Thanksgiving Day were given in loving memory of Anna E. Eisenbrey. The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. William R. Shields in memory of her husband.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Three Short Preludes".....*Chopin*
(a) C Minor; (b) B Minor; (c) A Major
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 137.....*St. George's Windsor*
EVENING PRAYER, page 21
PSALM 48, page 399
LESSON
NUNC DIMMITTIS .....*Tours*
CREED AND PRAYERS, page 29
SERMON HYMN 148.....*Duke Street*
SERMON.....THE REV. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 140.....*Dix*
AMERICA—Salute to the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 165.....*Tallis Canon*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 276.....*Nun Danket*
POSTLUDE—"Improvisation on Thanksgiving Hymns".....*Leeds*

SPIRITUAL HEALING

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

The eyes of all things do look up and trust in Thee, O Lord. Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou dost open Thy hand and fillest with Thy blessing everything living. Good Lord, bless us and all Thy gifts, which we receive of Thy bounteous liberality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Queen Elizabeth's Primer, 1558 A. D.)

Bible Reading: Ephesians 5:18 to 21.

The Sermon:

This year it will be easier to celebrate Thanksgiving in our land than anywhere else in the whole wide world. For we are the richest nation on earth. In spite of the high cost of living, most American families will at least have a square meal Thanksgiving Day—and that will not be true of any other nation under the sun, I think. Most American parents can be sure of warm clothing and shelter for their children during the wintry months. And most American people enjoy true freedom, with no tyrant holding a lash over their backs.

But the great apostle Paul was not thinking chiefly of creature comforts as he wrote to his Ephesian friends. With a wide sweep of his arm, he pleaded for "giving thanks always for *all* things unto God." That means thanking God even for our "vales of misery," because they draw us closer to His refreshing company. It means thanking God for our most vexing problems, which turn us back to His wisdom. It means thanking Him for the opportunity to practice real self-sacrifice in our eating so that the starving people of the earth may eat, and live. It means thanking Him for all the amazing treasures of the eye and ear and mind—for the vivid beauty of an autumn sunset; for the throbbing negro spiritual pouring out of our radio; for the wisdom found in great books like the treasure-chest Bible. Best of all, it means thanking God for God Himself—the matchless God Who made Himself known to us in Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving is a national holiday. We cannot let it become Turkey-Day, with our thought given to the feed, rather than to the Maker of the food. It has become a cherished Family Day, when we gather our loved ones about the home table; but the day misses its deepest meaning without thanks given to the Father of all families. Perhaps the prayer at the beginning of this service may be useful. There is so much to thank Him for—

"For fun and friends and daily food; For children—my beatitude;
For strength to meet life's daily shocks; For apple-boughs and hollyhocks;
For snow in winter, fairy lanes; For peacefulness, and growing-pains;
For books by poet, seer, and sage; For easy-chair and middle-age;
For embers and for hearth, for songs; For faith that triumphs over wrongs;
For laughter and remembered pranks; For prayers at night—I give Thee thanks."
(*May Carlton Lord*)

Closing Prayer:

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank Thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded to us this day; for the hope with which we expect tomorrow; for the health, the food, the work and the bright skies that make our life delightful; for our friends in all parts of the world, and our friendly helpers. Let peace abound in our small company. Amen.
(*Robert Louis Stevenson*)

The Rector will conduct a service of Spiritual Healing in ST. JAMES' CHURCH, Kingsessing, at 8:00 P. M., November 28th.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH is a convenient, downtown church, near the pulsating heart of the city's life, attended by visitors from all over the world. It is a friendly church, with a hearty welcome for all worshippers in a sanctuary in which majesty and homelike warmth are merged. It is a church conscious of its mission to the passing throngs and aware that the missionary program today must have its most strategic posts in the center of our great cities. For those who are seeking a church home and desire to affiliate with ST. STEPHEN'S, a card may be found in the pews which when signed will bring you the desired information.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart will have a shoppers' supper and bazaar on Wednesday, December 1st. Baked Ham will be served and the cost will be one dollar. Proceeds are for their hospital program.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mary Pointer Johnston, formerly of the Burd School, in the sudden passing of her husband, Dr. Richard C. Johnston of Spokane, Washington.

PRAYER BOOK MEMORIALS

There are still available a number of large sized Prayer Books for use as memorial gifts. The cost of each book is one dollar. You may provide any number of books you choose.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity give the information desired, insert it with your contribution in an envelope, and place on the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. If more convenient mail it to the Church Office.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Boyd*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 105, page 470
BENEDICTUS, ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord O my Soul" ..... *Ivanoff*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord,
Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.
He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness,
He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever.
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SERMON—"To Care And Not To Care" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 435 ..... *Maker*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Monk*

The flowers on the Altar today are given in memory of Mr. Roland S. Morris.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Evensong" ..... *Duddy*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
SERMON ..... THE REV. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 290 (New Hymn) ..... *High Road*
SANCTUS—AGNUS DEI—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 180 ..... *St. Gabriel*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 455 ..... *St. Peter*
POSTLUDE—"Romance" from "Les Preludes" ..... *Liszt-Hopkins*

THANKSGIVING DAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1948

11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by the Rector

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude on St. Anne" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 140 ..... *Kocher*
THANKSGIVING DAY PSALM (Page 264) In Place of Venite ..... *Chant*
PSALM 65, page 416
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Praise God in His Holiness" ..... *Shaw*

Praise God in His Holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His power,
Praise Him in His noble acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him in the cymbal and dances,
Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord.

SERMON—"Lest We Forget" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 144 ..... *Nun Danket*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 137 ..... *Elvey*

RADIO—The Big Acts

The following is from the October 18th issue of the *New Republic*: "THREE PROGRAM ENTREPRENEURS lead the autumn field. In the order of their importance to the new season, they are the Protestant Episcopal Church, Fred Allen, and the Philco Corporation."

If to some the bracketing seems to verge on the blasphemous, that is just exactly what certain bishops feared. When the church had signed up 575 stations, including a number of non-affiliated outlets in addition to the full Mutual network, for a program called "Great Scenes From Great Plays," there were mumblings about "commercialized evangelism." But the Right Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop, issued a counter-statement, threw the cue, and the show was on. Walter Hampden starred in a pair of scenes from Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac," and the church became one of that small—not to say exclusive—group of really talented religious broadcasters.

Only two network drama programs of a religious bent have thus far shown genuine artistic proficiency. They are "The Eternal Light," done Sundays at 12: 30 by NBC in cooperation with the Jewish Theological Seminary; and "The Greatest Story Ever Told," Sundays at 6: 30 over ABC, sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. "Great Scenes," living up to its name, joins this eminent pair, Friday evenings at eight.

The Episcopalians launched themselves into show business with professional competence. There are "commercials"—a general plea for church attendance, plus a few words from a local pastor. But the messages are not mixed with whatever moral the drama may contain. The church is relying upon esthetics to do its job of propaganda.

"Great Scenes" is being tried for a 13-week run. The time alone for network and stations costs about $11,000 a week. Whether the program is to stay beyond the initial cycle depends in part on its reception. The determining factor will be the willingness of the church to tax its contributors an extra three percent to finance the program. Why not make it a tithe and let everybody ante?

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

Following the general custom in this Diocese, your offering on Thanksgiving Day is asked for the support of the Episcopal Hospital. The merger with the University of Pennsylvania which has just been announced, will in no way affect the immediate future of the Hospital. Indeed, we believe still greater service will be rendered. We hope very much that with the help of every member and friend of St. Stephen's we will be able to meet our goal of one thousand dollars for the Episcopal Hospital. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. Your generous response is earnestly requested.

The Rector was very pleased by the prompt and generous response to the annual appeal for pledges for the support of the work and worship of St. Stephen's for the year 1949. However, only 60% of our usual supporters have as yet responded. Please help by mailing in your pledge cards promptly. Every pledge counts. Fifty percent of those who have already pledged have taken the step up and increased their pledge over last year. Many thanks!

We wish to thank Miss Annadel Abadie for her Prayer Book Memorial, The Rev. Christopher Lord, The Misses Daley, Mr. Paul H. Downward, Mrs. James H. Mearns, and Mrs. J. C. Funck for their Church Bulletin Subscriptions, and also the following contributors to the Benevolent Society: Dean Emory R. Johnson, Miss Anna M. L. Lundh, Mr. David Magee, Mr. Joseph Frutchey, Miss Betty Elder, and Mrs. James H. Mearns.

Because of Thanksgiving Day, the usual two services of Spiritual Healing at 12: 30 and 5: 30 P. M. will not be conducted.

The Youth Advent Service of Worship will be held Sunday, November 28th at 7: 30 P. M. at the Church of the Holy Trinity. Bishop Aldrich of Princeton will be the speaker.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266.....*Dykes*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 68:1-20, page 419
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Matthews*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".....*J. S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd
With the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

SERMON—"Anchors and Compulsions".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345.....*Dykes*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 560.....*Boyd*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Andante, 6th Symphony".....*Tschaikowsky*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 557.....*St. Gertrude*
PSALM 18:1-20, page 359
NUNC DIMITTIS.....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 352.....*Diademata*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 396.....*Aurelia*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
ANTHEM—"The Beauteous Day Closeth".....*Bach*
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 416.....*Beatitudo*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 559.....*Sion*
POSTLUDE—"Old French Chanson".....*Anonymous*

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Show us, O God our Father, some way of serving Thee this day, by serving some of our fellows. Help us to be faithful even in a little, that we may learn to be faithful also in much; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 11:26-30.

The Sermon:

There is an old, old legend of a time when the people of the earth made loud lament. Every man felt that he had been given a heavier load to bear than his neighbor; and that, if he could trade troubles with his fellow-man, life would be easier. The clamor went on so long that the gods decided they must do something about it. It was arranged that on a given day, each man could bring his burden to a certain place, and there shed it, forever. But it was also arranged that each man must choose for himself one of those lighter loads he had so enviously watched others carrying.

What a day that was! People came and threw down their old burdens, aches and pains, problems, responsibilities, and besetting sins. And then they pawed over the vast heap, weighing one and then another, only to find it heavier and more uncomfortable than his old load. In the end, it is said, each man took back his familiar burden! The simple fact is that any burden is heavy if it is carried the wrong way. And any load, however light, grows intolerable if you keep thinking about its heft. Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me...and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Is your load *too* heavy? Then you'd better sit at the Master's feet, and have a lesson from Him.

Perhaps you are one of those people whose hearts are troubled about past mistakes, and are also anxious about danger ahead. Then you surely are carrying too much; for God never meant any man to carry the past and the future on his back, in addition to the tasks of today. Jesus reminds you, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Perhaps you are one of those over-sensitive folk who will not let anyone help them—but part of being a Christian is to welcome help as well as to give it. Perhaps you have been one of those independent people who pride themselves on being master of their fates without any help from Almighty God. If so, you have discovered that this does not work out well.

You can straighten your back, and carry your load strongly, if you really want to. "Take My yoke upon you," the Master bids. In other words, find out from Me what I want you to carry, which responsibilities I have chosen for you to bear. Then carry those, and forget the needless burdens you have added yourself. Carry God's load for love of Him, and of other folk. Carry it, trusting His Wisdom in giving you that particular load. You will, like all honest men before you, make the surprising discovery that *God always gives sufficient strength to carry the load He has picked for you.* It is as simple as that, "for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

Closing Prayer:

Set free, O Lord, the souls of Thy servants from all restlessness and anxiety. Give us that peace and power that flow from Thee, that, upheld by Thy strength, and stayed on the rock of Thy faithfulness, we may abide in Thee, now and evermore; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

EDITORIAL

Without a doubt, one of the factors which most greatly discredits our nation in the eyes of the world is our failure to open our doors to receive and welcome our share of the Displaced Persons of Europe. Britain, with all its burdens, has taken in 270,000 D. P.'s. The United States, with half the wealth of the world, has admitted less than 30,000. Meantime, hundreds of thousands still languish in concentration camps.

Who are these D. P.'s? Some of them are Jews who have suffered untold indignities since the early days of Hitlerism; more of them are Gentiles—many more! Protestants; they are, and Roman Catholics—people from Poland and the Baltic States, from Czechoslovakia and the Balkans—men and women and young people who left their native lands, rather than live under the slavery of the police state.

There is irony in the fact that as displaced persons in concentration camps, the expense of their food and clothing and maintenance is borne by us, whereas those admitted are and would be not only self-supporting, but would contribute to our national life.

Certainly these who left home, rather than live under communism, would be a moral asset in our ideological struggle—and it is logical, too, as those who know report, that these who refused to accept chains for bread are virile and honorable and talented.

And what shall be said of our tradition of haven and refuge? What shall we do with the Statue of Liberty? It is a rather hypocritical symbol in the face of our closed door.

"Give me your poor, your tired—
Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

We wish to thank Mrs. G. J. Altermatt and Mrs. Charlotte MacEachern for their subscriptions to the Church Bulletin.

Our apreciation is extended to the following donors of Prayer Book Memorials: Mrs. William Langhorne (10), The Girls' Friendly Society (5), Mr. Burton N. Jones (2).

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hard of Hearing cordially invite you to a Lawn Party at the Rectory, 2814 Midvale Avenue, Germantown, on Saturday, June 19, from three to six. The Rectory may be reached by Trolley No. 52 or the Pennsylvania Railroad to Queen Lane Station.

The Annual Picnic to Riverview Beach is on Saturday, June 12. The steamer leaves Philadelphia at 9:15 A. M. and 2:15 P. M. and Riverview Beach at 5 P. M.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th

10:45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews
will sing the Christmas Music.

The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25th

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

11:00 A. M.

Morning Prayer, Carols and Sermon

The Rector will preach

7:30 P. M.

Evening Prayer, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "CHRISTMAS OFFERING". Will you use it for an offering to Him?

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St. Stephen's Church

CHRISTMAS

1949

CHRISTMAS EVE—10:45 P. M.
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Choir, under the Direction of Dr. Matthews,
will sing the Christmas Carols and Music.

ORGAN PRELUDE—Improvization on Gregorian Theme "Puer Natus"...*Titcomb*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 30—"The First Nowell".....*Traditional*

KYRIE .....*T. Tertius Noble*

CAROL—"Dear Nightingale Awake".....*Traditional German Carol*

SERMON—"The Birth Of A Misfit?".....The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 19 .....*Willis*

SANCTUS .....*T. Tertius Noble*

CAROL—"O'er Bethlehem's Plains".....*Danish Carol*
arranged by H. Alexander Matthews

IN PLACE OF GLORIA IN EXCELSIS,
CAROL—"I Wonder as I Wander".....*Appalachian Carol*

BENEDICTION

CAROL—"Silent Night" .....*Franz Gruber*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 .....*Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS DAY—9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND CAROL SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude
"Come Thou Saviour of The Gentiles" .....*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 .....*Adeste Fideles*

VENITE ..... *Chant*

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CAROL (In place of Canticle)
"Dear Nightingale Awake" .....*Traditional German Carol*

CAROL (In place of Canticle)
"O'er Bethlehem's Plains".....*Danish Carol*
arranged by H. Alexander Matthews

CAROL—"I Wonder as I Wander".....*Appalachian Carol*

SERMON—"The Christmas Mystery" .....The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 21 .....*St. Louis*

BENEDICTION

CAROL—"Silent Night" .....*Franz Gruber*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 .....*Regent Square*

7:30 P. M.—EVENING SERVICE AND CAROLS

Sermon by The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
Mr. J. Stokes Leeds at the organ
Soprano Solo—"Come Unto Him"—Marilyn Hodges

CHRISTMAS, 1949

There is a good deal to be said, we have decided, for the commercial Christmas. (Not for its vulgar arrogance, but whose fault is that?) This gay interlude between the first frost and the January white sales is not to be sneezed at. It brightens up the stores immeasurably; it supplies the remnants of our Puritan consciences with an excuse to adorn the streets; it redeems the city with blessed reminders of the country, if only for a week or two; it is needed admonition to friendship; it gives our poor, dry, bedraggled, beanpole spirits at least a few warm, pagan smells and sounds and tastes to remind us of what we have lost in our insane and insatiable thirst for respectability. Most of all, it is an excellent invitation to self-examination and a rearrangement of our values—it is in fact an involuntary invitation to Advent, that lesser Lent, which we are foolish not to accept.

The mechanics of it are quite simple. You walk through a store or two, meditating on your Christmas shopping. Almost at once you detect a curious little strain in your spirit. Perhaps the question arises as to what you would like for Christmas, and gruffly you mutter to yourself something about a kiss and a cup of coffee—you really don't want anything for yourself. But that is not quite true. If by some miracle time could be unwound and you could recapture the magic of a childhood Christmas...and you slow down for a second and take another look at the toy trains or the model airplanes...you wish they could bring you what they once did, and you wish you did not have to leave so much behind in life.

That is the strain we mean. We still hanker after the old loveliness, yet we know better. We wish the stores were as big as they used to be, and that we wanted what they have as eagerly, yet we are wiser than to hope for it. Homesickness is the best price we can find for freedom, and we are not fools enough to repent our bargain.

We are led, in life, from small joys to greater, from the bondage of "me" and "mine" to the wide liberty of "thee" and "thine.". In the process stores get smaller, red paper less glamorous, electric trains less exciting, a fat pocketbook less glorious, a sleek mind less imposing, national sovereignty less magnificent, our rights less transcendent, and fences between men less absolute. The world shrinks as well as a department store, and the things of the world fall into their proper perspective as things, not to be confused with people.

It does not happen easily, nor without a good deal of itching for the old days. But, somehow man has got to be made ready to see the world as God sees it—pretty small and not very satisfying except for its one superb privilege of being a birthplace for the children of God. It's about at that point that you remember the Stable and the Child, and wonder at the patience of God.

May the joy of His Word and the light of His Life abide in your heart this Holy Christmastide.

Sincerely your Rector,
Alfred W. Price.

The Church Staff—the Rector, Mr. Meckling, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary and the Verger—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their best Christmas wishes.



Easter

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St. Stephen's Church

EASTER DAY, APRIL 17, 1949

9: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 165-166

11: 00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Organ Prelude: "Improvisation on a Gregorian Theme" (Alleluia, Pascha Nostra).....*Everett Titcomb*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87.....*Sullivan*

ANTHEM—"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us".....*Tours*
(The words are on page 162 in Prayer Book)

KYRIE ..... *Stanford*

ANTHEM—"There came Three Maries to the tomb".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

There stood three Maries by the tomb
On Easter morning early;
When day had scarcely chased the gloom
And dew was white and pearly. Alleluia!

With loving but with erring mind
They came, the Prince of Life to find.
Alleluia!

But one, and one alone remained
With love that could not vary;
And thus a joy past joy she gained,
That sometime sinner Mary. Alleluia!

The first the blessed form to see
Of Him that hung upon the tree.
Alleluia!

The world itself keeps Easter Day,
The heaven above is beaming,
All in high festival array,
The merry bells are gleaming. Alleluia!

The Lord hath risen, as all things tell;
Good Christians see ye rise as well.
Alleluia!

SERMON—"Birds of a Feather".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 85.....*Easter Hymn*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*

COMMUNION HYMN 197.....*Old French Melody*

HALLELUJAH CHORUS (In place of Gloria in Excelsis).....*Handel*

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96.....*Martin*

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an Offering of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the Spirit directs us. For this purpose, use the enclosed envelope.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"IN DULCI JUBILO".....*Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87.....*Fortunatus*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 89.....*Salzburg*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"I Know That My Redeemer Lives".....*Rasley*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS—AGNUS DEI .....*Willan*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
VESPER HYMN 361.....*St. James*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 85.....*Easter Hymn*
POSTLUDE—"Grand March, from Aida".....*Verdi*

The Rector's Easter Greeting

THE EASTER CROSS

MY BELOVED PEOPLE OF ST. STEPHEN'S:

On Easter Day the pulpits of the Church will ring with the triumphant proclamation that our souls are immortal because Christ is risen, and that Easter Day has obliterated the black tragedy of Good Friday. The Easter victory, many will say, has cancelled the crucifixion. Spiritually, though not in actual fact, on Easter morning we bury the altar cross under Easter lilies.

There is a sense of course in which Easter does cancel Good Friday, or rather in which the Resurrection of Jesus in Judea cancelled what his enemies—and some of his friends—believed had happened to Him. They supposed that He had failed in His task, that His purpose of redemption had been thwarted. But we are entirely wrong if we celebrate Easter as if it annuls Good Friday for us. In our joy that "the three sad days are quickly sped," we must not infer that we can now forget all the sorrow and disappointment, all the burden of sorrow which Jesus endured on that dark day.

Easter does not annul Good Friday. It rather confirms it. It gives to the Cross of Christ an eternal validity, and to turn away from the Cross on Easter Day, to wish it might be removed from the Altar, or concealed behind flowers, as some have done, is to forget all that Christ has meant, and hopes to mean to us. Sacrifice, the vicarious bearing of human sin, in other words, the Cross of Calvary, is an experience not limited to one day, in Jesus' life or in ours.

The Prayer Book is profoundly right in referring to the Cross as often in Collect, Epistle and Gospel on Easter Day as on Good Friday. And "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" is a far more appropriate Easter anthem than "Fill the font with roses."

There has always been some plausibility in the doctrine of conditional immortality—the theory that we must earn everlasting life, and that some poor folk have nothing immortal that can survive their physical death, nothing worse saving. But whether or not all of us can live forever, everlasting life would be a living death for those who have not learned to lose themselves in sacrificial living. Easter means that we are to live in partnership with Him if we are to live at all. And He promises us rest only as we share His yoke.

This aspect of Easter throws no gloom upon it. It remains the most joyous day of the year. The Cross is uplifted, but the light of Easter radiates and glorifies it. Because of Easter the Cross can never again be mere suffering and sorrow. Easter gives an eternal validity to the life of sacrifice, and proclaims that he who finds such a life is in the central stream of the universe, sharing that self-giving Love which is the very life of God.

Affectionately and Faithfully, your Rector,
ALFRED W. PRICE.

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9:00 A. M.—Holy Communion
11:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion Third Sunday Evening

Noon-Day Services—12:30-12:55

Tuesday Noon Club for Business Men
Luncheon served before and after service

Wednesdays
Noonday Service with Address
Holy Communion on the Last Wednesday in the Month

Thursdays
Healing Service and Address 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.

Fridays—12:30-12:55 P. M.
Holy Communion

THE VESTRY

Meets Second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.
Dr. Herbert Old, Rector's Warden
I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden
David L. German, Esq., Clerk of Vestry
Edward Shippen Morris, Esq., Treasurer of the Burd School

Dean Emory R. Johnson — Mr. Harry J. Hauger — Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong
Mr. William H. Hollar, Jr. — Edwin S. Heins, Esq. — Mr. J. B. Mearns
Mr. Charles K. Hay — Mr. James Otis Lyman

THE CHOIR

Sopranos—Marion Baker, Nancy Bell, Janice Bushnell, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Jane Lunding, Phyllis Matthews, Christine Mosler, Janet Bosler.
Altos—Dorothy Charles, Winifred Douglass, Marjorie Maurer, Josephine H. Patterson, Kathryne Irene Freed.
Tenors—Walter Breyer, Albert E. Clark, Ray Escandel.
Basses—Donald W. Belcher, William McLeod, William H. Peacock, Thomas J. Maher
Organist—Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, Telephone, RI 6-0810
Presser Building
Assistant Organist, Mrs. Samuel N. Hughes
Organist and Choirmaster for the Hard of Hearing, Joseph Stokes Leeds
Librarian, Miss May Falkingham
Bell Ringers, Mr. Donald W. Belcher (Sundays)
Mr. George H. Streaker (Weekdays)

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone number, WA 2-3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6 p.m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 p.m.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays; supper at 6 p.m.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting Third Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p.m.
The Young People's Club: Second and Fourth Friday at 8 P. M.
The Teen Agers' Club: First and Third Saturday, 8 P. M.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Directress—Miss Charlotte U. Day. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years. Educated at public schools and professionally equipped according to ability.

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Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M. and at 5:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear, anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

THE SANCTUARY OF HEALING

Friend, there's a welcome in this place for thee;
Come in and rest, and think and kneel and pray.
What we are praying for—God's Healing, see.
Give thanks and so in peace go on thy way.

SEPTUAGESIMA
3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
February 13, 1949

Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D.
Rector

The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, B.D.
Minister to the Hard of Hearing

H. Alexander Matthews, Mus.D.
Organist and Choirmaster

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Lay Reader

Miss Evelyn Blackburn
Parish Secretary

Thomas E. Keller, Charles E. Stein — Flag Bearers

George MacGoldrick
Crucifer

Miss H. C. Yeakle, Teacher of the Bible Class
Mr. James Carrigan, Verger—Tel., LO 7-5315

Community House, 923 Ludlow St., The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, Director

9: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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11: 00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON, S.T.D.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio" .....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 563.....*St. Dunstans*
CREED AND PRAYERS
HYMN BEFORE CONFIRMATION 375 (verses 1, 2).....*Nova Vita*
THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION—page 296 in the Prayer Book
HYMN AFTER CONFIRMATION 375 (verses 3 and 4).....*Nova Vita*
ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy".....*Cesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts.
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy, show us Thy favor
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON.....THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON, S.T.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 435.....*Rest*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION
OFFERTORY HYMN 435.....*Rest*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. David L. German in memory of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. David L. German.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

BY THE REV. MR. MECKLING

Soloist: MR. CLIFFORD SYLVESTER
"Behold the Master Passeth By"

The Right Reverend William P. Remington, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania, will visit St. Stephen's Church Sunday morning at 11: 00 o'clock to administer the Rite of Confirmation. He will also preach the sermon.

The visit of a Bishop is an important event in the life of any parish or community. The bishops are our chief pastors, they are set apart and ordained to be our "Fathers in God." They see the church and its affairs in a wider angle than most of us can. Thus they have a message to give from a point of view to which we all need to go for the enrichment of our religious life, and to increase the effectiveness of our witness and service. In particular Bishop Remington is beloved here, as he is throughout the Diocese, and he will receive a warm greeting.

Confirmation, moreover, is not something private which takes place between the Bishop and the candidate. It is an act of the whole Church. If there were no Church there would be no Bishop and no Confirmation. All of us are the visible expression of the Church. We should try harder to be present at this service to do our share.

We list the names of the following persons in appreciation of their *Church Bulletin* subscriptions: Miss Marion Headman, Miss Emily M. Newlin, Mr. MacE. Gilbert, Miss Mary E. Garner, Mrs. M. Sinclair, Mrs .William N. Waters, Mrs. Edwin C. Jones, Miss Dorothy E. Kohl, Miss Marion Hart, Mrs. J. Wiley Christie, Mrs. Charles Stein, Mrs. Arthur M. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bullock, Mrs. Mildred K. Steele, and Miss Adele M. Lewis.

You are invited to a Spaghetti Dinner and Illustrated Talk on Virginia Gardens by Mrs. Arthur L. M. Worthey in the Community House, Saturday, February 12th for the benefit of the Hard of Hearing Chapel. Tickets 65c. Dinner 5 to 6 P. M. Talk at 7: 30 P. M. Hearing Aids will be set up.

EDITORIAL

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay."

Everyone of us learned to repeat in our early school days, those lines from Goldsmith's "Deserted Village."

How many of us then, or have since, asked "What are the signs of decadence which, accompanying the increase of wealth, warn a nation of a future fraught with ills?"

Surely one of them is what people do with their wealth.

The newspapers have made us familiar with the fact that 1948 was the year of greatest national income in our history.

At various times have we seen such other estimates as these: "More than 20 billion or nearly 10% of our national income for gambling;" "7 billion for liquor" ...; somewhat less than that for cosmetics...

And then we read that the indications are that last year the national contribution to charity fell to the lowest percentage figure on record—less than 1% of our national income, something like one tenth of our gambling bill or one third of our liquor bill.

As one moves about Philadelphia, meeting here and there with groups of people who are devoting their lives to human service, one finds an unprecedented atmosphere of tension: Costs have gone up, but contributions have not. In every mind the question arises, "What of the future?" To them a reduced budget is a very tragic human document. Behind its figures they see closing doors, services withheld, needy folk turned away. Here is a delinquent child who cannot be helped to normal life. There is an issue of justice which cannot be supported. Withal there is a shifting of responsibility from the personalized services of the voluntary agencies to the more impersonal and therefore more superficial services of the public bureau.

No law can change this condition! No external force operating on the individual can altar these facts. The answer lies in every man's heart. It lies in your heart and mine. What do we do with our money?

COMMUNICANT'S PACKET

The members of the Confirmation Class of 1949 have received a packet containing the following:

1. A copy of the *Diocesan News.*
2. A copy of our national missionary magazine *Forth.*
3. Forward Movement Bible Readings.
4. Book of Common Prayer.
5. Confirmation Certificates.
6. "Instructions in the Life of Prayer" The Forward Movement.
7. "Self-Examination"—The Rev. Lewis Sasse, II.
8. "The Ideal Layman"—The Rev. William Galpin.
9. "Some Common Sense Reasons Why"—The Rev. William Galpin
10. "The Episcopal Church"—Forward Movement.
11. "The Church and Our Dead"—The Rev. Allen Brown
12. "Why I Prefer The Episcopal Church"—By A Former Methodist
13. "Before Breakfast"—The Rev. William Galpin.
14. "The American Church of Apostolic Origin"—The Rev. William Galpin
15. "My Own Steps Forward"—Forward Movement
16. "The Charm Of The Prayer Book"—Parish Printery
17. "The Holy Communion"—The Rev. William Galpin
18. "The Episcopal Church"—The Presiding Bishop's Committee
19. "Why I Love The American Episcopal Church"—The Rev. F. C. Capozzi
20. "Our Home"—Forward Movement
21. "Why Export Christianity?"—Forward Movement
22. "Prayer is Power"—Alexis Carrel
23. "Hope and Courage"—Forward Movement
24. "After Confirmation, What?"—Bishop Thomas F. Davies
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28. "Is The Episcopal Church Catholic Or Protestant?"
29. "Confirmation"—Forward Movement
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11: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 544..... *St. Cecilia*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Beloved If God So Loved Us"..... *Barnby*
Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
And this commandment have we from Him
That he who loveth God, love his brother also.
SERMON—"What Difference Does My Life Make?"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 498..... *Gardiner*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 198..... *St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Willan*
(No. 713 Hymnal)
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 568..... *Hermas*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Catherine Garrett, and by Mr. and Mrs. H. Mortenson. Mr. and Mrs. Mortensen's flowers are in memory of Mary L. Reed.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Eventide" ..... *Fairclough*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 535..... *Festal Song*
EVENING PRAYER
PSALM 21, page 365
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 471..... *Toplady*
SERMON..... THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 435..... *Rest*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 180..... *St. Gabriel*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 537..... *Moscow*
POSTLUDE—"Largo e Spiccato"..... *W. F. Bach*

An Invitation is extended to men who work in down town Philadelphia to join the Tuesday Businessmen's Club at St. Stephen's. A service of hymns, prayer and sermon by the rector is held in the church from 12: 30 to 12: 55 P. M. Luncheon is served on the second floor of the Parish House before and after this service. Fifty-six men attended the service last week. There are over one hundred men who are members at present.

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Three new pupils were added to our Sunday School last week. We now have 48 teachers and pupils. When a child is confirmed he is promoted into the Church. However, we have a fine Bible Class numbering 45. The total membership is therefore 93. Mr. Edwin S. Heins is the superintednent of the School and teaches a class. Miss Lola Ball teaches another class and Mrs. Price assisted by Miss Emma Smith and Miss Eleanor Reed are in charge of the Kindergarten and Nursery Departments. Miss H. C. Yeakle is the leader of the Bible Class. The Sunday School meets at 11: 00 o'clock in the Community House and the Bible Class at 4: 00 P. M. in the same building.

Are you supporting your Church with your prayers, time and money? The Church needs your help in every way. If you are not pledging to the financial support of the Church begin today.

During the year 1948 we had 428 services in St. Stephen's Church, 148 were Communion Services and 324 were preaching services. 42,791 was the total attendance at all services. There is no record of the number who came into church during the week days for prayer and meditation. The following breakdown may be of interest:

A LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD

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St. Stephen's Church operates seven days a week. In so doing, it demonstrates the fact that Christianity is concerned with all of a man's life and with all of a man's time. When it becomes simply a Sunday affair it is little more than a mockery. While the chief function of the church is to provide an opportunity for public and private worship, as a part of which the word of God is preached and the sacraments administered, there are other functions which in their place are important and significant. To work out the implications of the church's worship and to demonstrate its principles of belief in action, all of which is done within the fellowship of the group, is the purpose of the activities which are centered in the Community House. Every person who takes part in the worship of the church should, in the nature of things, take some part in the church's activity. As far as we can see, there is a place in the program for everyone. We would like you to find your place, and when you find it, to take it. There is no place in the church for spectators—participants alone are needed. There are some, of course, who in the course of events have been prevented from active participation in any activity, and they are released from active service, but for those of us who are well and strong the only way to full and real Christian life is the way of action.

Miss Elizabeth Gallagher of the Burd School was graduated on January 20th from West Philadelphia High. Betty won the runner-up award for the "Gift of Roses." This is a coveted award for the student who has done most for the school during the four years of study.

The Galilee Mission will hold its 52nd Anniversary Service on Sunday, February 6th at 8: 00 P. M. at 821 Vine Street. Bishop Remington, Dr. Tuke, Dr. Wilcox, Dr. Roak and the Rector will speak.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Remington will visit our parish on Sunday morning, February 13th at 11: 00 o'clock to administer the rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday mornings. At this eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the rector!

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Harmonies du Soir".....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579.....*Marion*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 146, page 522
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is not darkness with Thee for the night is as clear as the day,
The darkness and light to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

SERMON—"Glimpses of Happiness".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 363.....*Traditional Irish Melody*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 281.....*Alleluia*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Prelude and Melody, in F Major".....*Read*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 304.....*Beecher*
EVENING PRAYER
PSALM 145, page 521
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 416.....*Beatitude*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 495.....*Dennis*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
ANTHEM—"Like As The Hart".....*Neil*
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 184..... *St. Anatolius*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 308.....*Monkland*
POSTLUDE—"Grand Choeur" .....*Renaud*

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Opening Prayer:

O mighty Spirit of our God, incite our hearts and minds to seek the way of the Christ, and give us strength faithfully to follow the same, through all discouragements, for His own sake. Amen. (*St. Augustine*).

Bible Reading: Romans 8:31-39

The Sermon:

It was a very wise doctor who said, "Most people think that all we need to know is what disease the patient has. Often it is more important to know *what patient has the disease.*" How right he was! I've seen two patients come into a tuberculosis sanatarium, each with the same excellent chance of recovery from an early case. One settled down, with courage and faith to take a good cure, and in eighteen months returned to his home and family, and to earning his living. The other sulked and fumed, and broke the hospital rules; and did not recover. It did not make so much difference what disease the patient had. It made all the difference in the world what patient had the disease.

Thomas Mann, the famous author, was discussing the effect of illness upon the career of a writer. He did not think that just being sick either makes or breaks a writer, "but if genius already exists, sickness stimulates it. *It depends on who is sick.*" When a sick man lets his sickness stir him to a deeper dependence on God and a more self-forgetful love of others, then you get a Robert Louis Stevenson, or a Dr. Trudean.

It is fashionable to account for success or failure by circumstances. "So and so succeeded because he got the breaks." "I lost out because luck was against me". But the fact of it is that a man or woman of true faith can take even misfortune and make something great out of it, can take long months in a tuberculosis sanatorium, and make a new character and faith out of it. The fact of it is that Jesus took the grisly, shameful Cross, and made a sign of vitory out of it. St. Paul cried joyfully, in the face of all life can do to us, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." If we let Him, God can take even our mistakes and our crosses, and weave them into a pattern of beauty.

A Persian student was telling how they make beautiful carpets in his country. The carpet is hung vertically on a frame, and little boys, sitting on planks at various levels, put in the colors from the wrong side. The artist stands on the right side of the rug, giving directions to the boys on the other side, telling them what colors to use, and where. The boys obey not seeing the pattern at all. "Don't the little chaps ever get tired or careless and make a mistake? What happens then?" asked a friend. "Well, of course they do," the student replied, "and quite often the artist doesn't make the boy take out the wrong color. If he is a really great artist, he weaves the mistake into the pattern, and it is lost."

Closing Prayer:

Take from us now, O God, all tediousness of spirit, all impatience and unquietness. Let us possess ourselves in patience, and resign our souls and bodies into Thy hands, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Jeremy Taylor*).

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Other people are regular attendants at the services of St. Stephen's but have never made any public profession of religion. They march along with the army but are not in uniform. When asked if they attend church they hesitatingly reply that they "go to St. Stephen's"! They inwardly feel that they are not sons of the house! For their own sakes as for the good of the Church it would be wise for such people to take a definite step.

Children grow up and reach the age of decision. They then take upon themselves responsibilities which were put upon them by parents and teachers. That age, roughly speaking, is about fourteen.

The visit of Bshop Remington to the Parish on February 13th is the occasion for all the people to take their places among the organized followers of Christ. Some do it by Confirmation and others by Letters of Transfer or in other ways; but the important thing is for all to join the fellowship of the disciples under tthe leadership of the Master.

Confirmation classes are being held every Sunday at 10:00 A. M. in the Rector's Study. All are welcome whether or not they have been confirmed whether or not they have any intention of being confirmed. Such subjects as these are being considered: Faith, Morals, Sacraments, Church History, the Prayer Book, etc.

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude "Our Father" ..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 ..... *Webbe*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 111, page 482
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour Sweet" ..... *J. S. Bach*

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,
Thy Father's will has all Thy mind,
From Heaven Thou hast vouchsafed to come,
With men, as Man to make Thy home,
O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,
The way to please Thee we would find,
Whate'er we have, it comes of Thee,
O let us ever near Thee be,
O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind,

Thee with tender care I'll cherish,
Live to Thee, die to Thee;
Thus I shall not perish,
But with Thee abide for ever,
Joyfully, peacefully,
Where life endeth never.

SERMON—"So Little Time" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 150 ..... *Pixham*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*

The Flowers on the Altar this Sunday are given by Mrs. I. Smith Raspin in memory of her mother, Mrs. Louise V. Sausser, and by Mrs. B. M. Tinsley in memory of her mother. Last Sunday's Flowers were given by Mrs. Craig Atmore in memory of her husband.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

Cornelius Vanderbreggen, Jr., Leatherneck—author and lecturer

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Gillette*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 440 ..... *Watchman*
PSALM 27, page 371
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Tours*
SERMON HYMN 460 ..... *St. Chrysostom*
SERMON ..... The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 398 ..... *Quam Dilecta*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 176 ..... *Nunc Dimittis*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 597 ..... *Ewing*
POSTLUDE—Processional March ..... *Kinder*

FROM THE ISLANDS OF NEW CALEDONIA, GUADALCANAL AND GUAM IN WORLD WAR II comes Leatherneck Cornelius Vanderbreggen, Jr. to the Bible Class of St. Stephen's to give the lesson Sunday, January 23rd at 4: 00 P. M. in the Community House. Mr. Vanderbreggen is author of "A Leatherneck Looks at Life" and "Letters of A Leatherneck." He has a Gospel Message worth hearing and receiving.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today is Theological Education Sunday throughout the Episcopal Church. The purpose of this emphasis is threefold: (1) To acquaint the Church with the work of the Seminaries; (2) to interest men in the ministry, and (3) to encourage offerings to augment funds needed to support the Seminaries. Most parishes will take up special offerings today.

So many fine men are offering themselves for the Episcopal Ministry today that it looks now as if our Seminaries will not be able to take them all next year. With the present facilities of the Philadelphia Divinity School only eight new men can be admitted next Fall. $15,000.00 will enable the School to buy another house and take an additional ten men in the Junior Class. In addition to this $5,500.00 is needed for the present operating budget.

Our eleven Seminaries need the best men available. They need your financial support! The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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EDITORIAL

The man of today asks of everything that is suggested to him, "Does it work?" This is true of a new fangled gadget; it is true also of an idea or an ideal.

To the modern mind Christianity, like everything else, must validate itself by performance.

Within recent days I have seen a most convincing objective demonstration of the validity of the unique power of essential Christianity. It is presented in the motion picture, "The Quiet One."

Here, in a convincing technical artisty is the story of the death and rebirth of a human soul.

A child is shown growing up in a loveless environment of misery and squalor. No one touches him, speaks to him, nor looks at him with the spirit of love. The capacity to love, which lies within him, is therefore uncalled to life. Its place is filled by loneliness, despair and hatred. Finally, this human animal runs afoul of the law and is sent away to a school devoted to giving him that which life had denied.

Slowly, very slowly, surrounded by patient and wise love, the capacity to love begins to unfold within the child. The first feeble and tentative gestures of outreach are made in the cautious manner of one who more than half expects rebuff. When that is not given, the process of growth accelerates until a new creature comes into being.

Here is the demonstration of the fact that love is the greatest thing in the world. Money cannot restore life—but the *power of love* can!

And the atonement is in this picture plain to see. Those who dedicate their lives to redeem "the quiet ones" must absorb at first all the hatred and all the abuse with which worldly cruelty has charged the young spirit. They must absorb and not lose patience, nor cease to love. Then, when hatred fails to draw the accustomed rebuke, when passion is met with gentleness, at length something miraculous happens—a child of God is born.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157.....*Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 81, page 442
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
JUBILATE page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"O Come, Let Us Worship".....*Mendelssohn*

O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord,
And bow down to Him, the Lord our Maker.
For He is our God, and we are the flock of His pasture,
And the people of His hand.
O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord,
Come, bow the knees to the Lord, our Maker.

SERMON—"Sitting Pretty".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 545.....*Loan*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 153.....*Ratisbon*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Isabel E. Kirkpatrick in memory of members of her family, and by Miss Florence Whaley in memory of her husband.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"At Evening" .....*Kinder*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 48.....*Suttgart*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
SERMON HYMN 198.....*St. Flavian*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 329.....*Frankfort*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
TENOR SOLO—"Then Shall the Righteous Shine" from "Elijah"....*Mendelssohn*
Soloist: LESTER HENNINGER
SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
VESPER HYMN 167.....*Diva Servatrix*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 49.....*Valour*
POSTLUDE—"Solo di Flauto".....*Capocci*

THE GLENN CLARK INSTITUTE OF PRAYER

will be held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 18th and 19th. The afternoon sessions will be at 2: 30 P. M. and the evenings' at 7: 45 P. M. Glenn Clark, writer, teacher, founder and director of the Camps Farthest Out, will speak at each session and so also will the Rev. Roland J. Brown, Baptist clergyman of Chicago, who will present the subject of "Spiritual Healing."

EDITORIAL

The action by the Constituent Assembly of India, which declares *"Untouchability is abolished and its practice in any form is forbidden,"* is one of the most heartening triumphs of spiritual power in human history.

Untouchability involved a form of imposed subservience in many ways more degrading than slavery. The principle and practice of the caste system, which condemned upwards of forty million people to hopelessness have been deeply imbedded in the religious and social systems of India for centuries. Buddha sought its extinction in vain; and other lesser figures through the generations, have striven for its abolition. They scarcely succeeded in modifying it.

But now, by the action of the representatives of the people of democratic India, the bonds have been broken; the walls have been destroyed without the application of physical or financial force.

It was spirit—and spirit alone—that won this victory.

Undoubtedly the focus of that spirit was Mahatma Ghandi. His power lives after him. But, while the focus was in this one remarkable individual, the power of the living Christ is plainly evident in this great liberation. It was from Christ, and not from the ancient religions of India, that the concept of human dignity and the passion for its realization were born and nurtured in Ghandi.

Furthermore, who is to say how far the influence of Christian missionary activity entered into this ultimate decision? For many years Christians have treated the untouchables as touchable. They have ascribed to them a God-given dignity. They have helped them to demonstrate their right to be respected even as other men are, by providing for them education and opportunity.

Beyond even this, who can estimate the degree of pressure that was exerted by the silent conscience of the world?

That this great act of liberation has been accomplished and that it was won not by gold nor guns, but by the *power of spirit,* is cause for great hope and deep reflection in this world which so largely discounts spirit.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. Eleven hundred copies are printed each week. Some 700 are mailed to individuals and families to people who live in eighteen of the forty-eight states in the country, and in addition to people in Canada and Japan. It goes not only to members but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It costs $28.75 a week to print and to mail this publication. There are some 44 issues a year at a total cost of $1,265.00. Last year the total received from individuals was $469.75. If every family would give $2.00 a year the cost would be met. Of course a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

We wish to thank the following persons for their Church Bulletin subscriptions: Mrs. Emily Weber, Mrs. May Brosamle, Mrs. Mabel Gibbs Weeks, Mrs. Arthur E. Schmidt, Mrs. George R. Bishop, Mr. David Magee, Mrs. Jean Z. Becker, Mrs. Helen Street, and an anonymous contributor.

CONGRATULATIONS!

I'd like to reach out my hand and shake yours, every one, individually. No, I'm not thinking of the 42,791 who attended the services of worship in St. Stephen's Church during the past year, for I do not believe congratulations are in order for attending services of worship. Friendly greeting and a welcome . . . yes, but not congratulations. I am sure the boss does not congratulate you for showing up at the office every morning; that is your business. And on Sunday or any other day when services are held its your business to be in your Father's house to worship and give your thanks to Him for your blessings.

So,—no congratulations for being in church in such large numbers this past year, but all kinds of congratulations on the splendid way in which you responded, in meeting your financial responsibilities to St. Stephen's and its work.

Of course, figures never prove a thing, they say. But nevertheless they are interesting. Year by year we are giving more to worthwhile objects outside the parish. Each year we assume a larger pledge to the missionary work of the Episcopal Church. This year we over-subscribed our missionary quota of $4,500.00. We raised $1,040.54 for the Episcopal Hospital. We gave $104.00 for Theological Education, $456.15 for the Women's United Thank Offering. We gave $1,142.00 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. We raised $1,719.13 for the benevolent purposes of our parish. Besides a great many packages for Britain we gave $65.05 for this project. We raised $305.02 for our Christmas Basket Fund. We paid in full our Diocesan Assessment of $1,244.41. The total of our benevolent giving for 1948 was $11,213.41. So, again, many thanks for this marvelous expression of your interest in the vital work of the Church. Sixty-five percent of all the money contributed to St. Stephen's by members and friends in 1948 found its way to benevolent and mission objects outside the parish. Oh yes, we almost forgot—despite the rising costs in every item on our budget this past year, we closed the year with a balanced budget and go into the new year with all bills paid.

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ORGAN PRELUDE— Choral Improvisation on "Thee will I love".....*Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 48.....*Stuttgart*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 45, page 396
BENEDICTUS, ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"O'er Bethl'hem's plains a song!".....*Danish Coral*

O'er Bethl'hem's plains a song!
A star! Three wise men journ'ing from afar!
And through the Heav'ns a song sublime!
Of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men!
Of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men!

The shepherds watching thro' the night,
Behold with awe the wondrous light!
As thro' the skies the echoes ring
Of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men!
Of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men!

Still at the manger throne we bend,
To seek a Child, a King, a Friend,
While echoes still the glad refrain
Of Peace on Earth, Good-will to men!
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SERMON.....The Rev. Nevill Lascelles-Ward
OFFERTORY HYMN 46.....*Morning Star*
AMERICA—The Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 49.....*Valour*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Isabel E. Kirkpatrick in memory of members of her family, and by Miss Florence Whaley in memory of her mother and father.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—By Miss Winifred Taylor, substituting for Mr. Leeds
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 46.....*Morning Star*
EVENING PRAYER, page 21
PSALM
LESSON
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
SERMON HYMN 328.....*Belmont*
SERMON.....The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 52.....*Dix*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYER
VESPER HYMN 175.....*Garden City*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 53.....*Salzburg*
POSTLUDE

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES

The Rector's Confirmation instruction class will meet in his study every Sunday morning at 10:00 A. M. Attendance upon the instruction class does not commit you in any way. However, the rector desires the opportunity of presenting the why and wherefore of this important subject. Confirmation is a service in which you are asked to come and receive God's blessing at the hands of one of the Church's chief pastors, the present day successor of the apostles. The service has come down through the ages. Today more than three-fourths of the total number of Christian people are confirmed.

The rector was invited by the Dean of Temple Theological School to conduct a two hour seminar in the Graduate School on the subject of Spiritual Healing on January 3rd.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others).
Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Whose glory fills Thy temple; Let the whole earth keep silence before Thy tranquil majesty, that we may venture reverently to worship the beauty of Thy holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John W. Suter*)

Bible Reading: Mark 6:31-34

The Sermon:

There are many people who truly crave serenity, but do not know how to find it. Jesus shows us how.

There was a time in His ministry when He and the disciples were furiously busy. Crowds thronged about them, bringing their sick to be healed, their questions to be answered. Jesus saw that His twelve men were close to exhaustion—actually they were not getting enough leisure to eat their meals in peace; on the go, on the quick move, from morning until late evening. Jesus quietly passed the word to His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile." So they went, and stretched themselves out in peace on that mountainside, and drank in the quietness of it all and the beauty of the far view. Sometimes "Be still and know that I am God" means that you must *make your body be still,* to stop moving, so that you can slow down your excited, straining thoughts, and listen to God.

There are simple, practical ways to still our bodies, to "come apart, and rest a while." You have been hard at work, house-cleaning, hurrying, hurrying, hurrying. Something within you says, "Come apart and rest awhile," and you stop your cleaning, and drop into a comfortable chair by the window, and look out. Maybe your eyes rest on a great company of swallows gathering along the telephone wires, and the sight of that annual exodus first gives you a reminding twinge that summer is over; then it reminds you of the wonderful ways of God Who has put into the birds the sure instinct when to wing their way to the southlands. You watch them, wondering; and suddenly you are praying, praising God for His greatness. A moment later you are back at your sweeping, refreshed by "coming apart" into thoughts of God.

There was once an over-busy, exhausted English businessman, whose doctor ordered him to go to a quiet place and rest. He went, but he did not know how to be still and relaxed. One day, in a frenzy of exasperation, he took his walking-stick and went for a walk across the countryside, slashing at the little blue flowers that covered the path. Finally he encountered a botanist, stooping down, and peering through a magnifying glass into the heart of that little moorland flower. "This ugly plant is a nuisance isn't it!" the businessman exploded. The botanist smiled, and handed over the magnifying glass, and bade him look. As he gazed through the glass, he saw for the first time the delicate beauty and symmetrical perfection of the tiny flower. He handed back the glass with a sober fare—"I didn't take time to look," he said. He had discovered this God-created beauty only when he stopped, made his restless body be still for a moment, and took time to look with seeing eyes. So serenity can come to those who truly desire it, those who are willing to come apart into the stillness with God.

Closing Prayer:

Walk with us, O Christ, in the way, as Thou didst with Thy disciples, until the day is spent and our journey done; then of Thy goodness break with us the bread of life, and grant us vision of Thy face; for Thy Name's sake, world without end. Amen. (*John W. Suter*).

WELCOME TO CHAPLAIN LESCELLES-WARD

We extend a hearty welcome to our guest speaker, the Rev. Neville Lascelles-Ward, Chaplain of the Philadelphia General Hospital. Chaplain Ward will speak to us at the 11:00 o'clock service on January 9th on his work in this great city hospital.

The rector has placed a clothes basket in the vestibule of the Church where you are requested to place gifts to aid the Chaplain in his work. Cigarettes, candy, tobacco, canned goods and any edible commodities will be gratefully received.

12/24/48: "Today I am having one of the most severe testing times of my life, and if it were not for the hope I have in God I don't know what I would do. I thank you for having the church open so one can stop in and pray for strength."—*A brother in Christ.*

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What we are praying for—God's Healing, see.
Give thanks and so in peace go on thy way.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude" ("Puer Natus").....*Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 28.....*Regent Square*
KYRIE.....*Noble*
ANTHEM—"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming".....*Praetorius*
SERMON—"Preparing for the Future".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 319.....*Richmond*
AMERICA—The Presentation of Colors
SANCTUS.....*Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 20.....*13th Century plain-song*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 292.....*Innocents*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. MR. MECKLING

PRELUDE—"Reve Angelique".....*Rubinstein*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 14.....*Darmstadt*
NUNC DIMITTIS.....*Tours*
SERMON HYMN 321.....*Margaret*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 236.....*Irby*
VESPER HYMN 39.....*Corner*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 15.....*Avison*
POSTLUDE—"Marche Triomphale".....*Wachs*

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING . . . SHUT THAT DOOR!

Elijah once told a very distracted and anxious woman to go home and shut the door upon herself. Shrewd reader of human nature! He recognized that there would be something psychological in such an act. States of mind are induced by physical acts quite as often as physical acts are prompted by states of mind. William James always insisted, you know, that we didn't run because we felt afraid, we felt afraid because we ran. Even when Pilate went through the ritual of washing his hands with soap and water it gave his conscience a cleaner feeling too.

We will soon go through the annual ritual of shutting a door. At midnight on Monday night, when the clock strikes twelve and the tooting of whistles and the clanging of bells announce the end of the old year, there will be people all over the land who will feel that they are actually closing some kind of door. And they are—the door of the old year. But the question is, how many of them really shut the doors of their minds on time?

There are some mental doors closed when we close the door of the old year. One of them is the Door of Worry Over Things Undone. What a common experience it is to be plagued by a haunting sense that we have probably left something undone which we ought to have attended to especially when the rush is over and the door is closed. And how many things undone we can recall when the door of the year is shut if we let our minds go out and dwell on them—the letters we didn't write, the little thoughtful services we might have rendered, the duties we left unperformed, the friendships we neglected, the good intentions we failed to carry out. They range all the way from unsent birthday greetings to seized opportunities. It is too late now. Shut that door. There are still chances and ways for atonement in the New Year.

Another is the Door of Regret over what was wrongly done. It is related of old Doctor Samuel Johnson that in the last years of his life he could be seen once a year standing bareheaded at a certain spot in the market place, sometimes in the pelting rain, as he patiently observed the anniversary of the day and place where in his boyhood, he had slashed his father with a bad-tempered tongue. If one should keep the door of his mind ajar he could peek out on any number of regretted sins and follies—quick-tempered thrusts which drew blood, the bit of meanness which was so uncalled for, the unjust suspicion, and that ill-founded judgment. Any one of us could spend a great many unhappy moments this side of the door of the old year regretting what was wrongly done. And perhaps as a penance we deserve to. Nevertheless, shut that door.

Still another door of our minds which ought to be closed is the Door of Brooding Over Past Injuriees, real or fancied. There are some people who sing a perpetual hymn of resentment adding new stanzas to it from time to time. I was acquainted with a woman, whether now in the flesh I know not, who used to say with a flash of her dark eyes, "I am like an Indian I never forget an injury." And she didn't either. What a thing to boast about! Why be like an Indian instead of like a Christian? Still there are folk who next July will be brooding over the slights and injuries of last July. The door of the year 1948 will still be open. In heaven's name, let us shut that door!

Once more there is the Door of Sorrows, the hardest of all doors to shut. One would not say, "Shut the door of sacred memory upon thee." That would not be right. But the door of a rankling grief is different. St. Paul put it very wisely and very beautifully when he said, "Grieve not as those who have no hope." The glory of tomorrow is its hope. The joy of a new year is the light in its coming days. Gently shut the door on these bitter painful memories that recede with the past year and open the door ahead with thanksgiving that God is God, and Love is Love, and Life is stronger than all its sorrows.

It is behind the closed door that we are most likely, when we turn, to find ourselves facing Christ. "When the doors were shut—Jesus came and stood in the midst. It was behind a closed door that the woman discovered that Power which mysteriously multiplied the oil until it filled all the empty capacities into which she poured it.

A Blessed New Year. But first—be sure to shut that door!

NOTES

At the Meeting of the Vestry on Monday, December 13th, the resignation of Mr. William H. Hollar, Jr. as Vestryman of St. Stephen's Church was presented and accepted by the Vestry with regret. Mr. and Mrs. Hollar have taken up residence in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Mr. Hollar has served on the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church for twenty-six years. He has served on the Church Property Committee and the Executive Committee with rare fidelity and efficiency. He supervised every detail of the building of the Community House and was responsible for its very efficient lay-out and equipment. The longer he served as a Vestryman, the more he grew both in his ability to handle the details of management and also in his deeper understanding of the larger issues. Speaking on behalf of all the staff, I should like to express to him our appreciation for the way in which he has dealt with us. He has always been ready to listen to our problems, always sympathetic to our needs, always frank and straightforward in his judgment. We all appreciate that kind of leadership and we wish him well. A. W. P.

The Rector gives a series of lectures each year for those who want to know more about the Episcopal Church. Some people come to the Confirmation Class knowing that they want to become members of the Church, but others are looking for more information. The Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, January 2, at 10:00 A. M. in the Rector's study and will continue for six weeks. Bishop Remington will come to St. Stephen's on Sunday, February 13, to administer the Rite of Confirmation. If you are interested in this Class, please notify the rector.

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The New Year's Eve Watch Night Service will be held at 11:00 P. M. with hymns, prayers and address by Mr. Meckling followed by the Holy Communion.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, January 2, there will be a special service of Holy Communion at 11:00 o'clock to which we invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the year at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

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BY THE REV. JOHN GAYNER BANKS, D.Litt.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from First Sonata".....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567.....*Dulce Carmen*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Doubt Not Thy Father's Care".....*Edward Elgar*
Doubt not thy Father's care, doubt not thy Father's care!
For every grief He finds relief and answers every prayer.
Night comes: the sun is lost; Night comes: He doth provide a gleam of a starry host.
Night comes: the soul is dark, all joy is dead, all gladness fled And life has miss'd its mark.
Then Thou—the wounded soul in that sad hour, with healing power
Dost touch and makest whole.
SERMON—"God and Your Body".....THE REV. JOHN GAYNER BANKS, D.Litt.
OFFERTORY HYMN 345.....*St. Columba*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 208..... *Penitentia*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Willan*
713 Hymnal
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 406.....*Stephanos*

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PRELUDE—"Cantilene" ..... *Faulkes*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59.....*St. Flavian*
EVENING PRAYER
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
CREED—COLLECTS
LITANY HYMN 332
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ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise".....*Baines*
SERMON HYMN 58.....*Langran*
SERMON—"Finding Healing Through Conversion"
THE REV. JOHN GAYNER BANKS, D.Litt.
OFFERTORY HYMN 574.....*Holley*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 57.....*St. Philip*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 415.....*Martyn*
POSTLUDE—"Impromptu Religioso" .....*Armstrong*

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LUNCHEON

A hot luncheon will be served by the Woman's Auxiliary in the Community House on Wednesday, March 9th from 11: 30 to 2: 00 P. M., 75 cents. Bring your friends, attend the Noon-Day Service and enjoy a fine luncheon.

HEALING MISSION

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. John Gayner Banks, D.Litt., who is to conduct another Healing Mission in St. Stephen's Church, Sunday, March 6th through Friday, March 11th. He will preach at 11: 00 A. M. and 7: 30 P. M. on Sunday, March 6th and at 10: 30 A. M. and 12: 30 P. M. and 8: 00 P. M. each week-day. Dr. Banks is the Director of the Fellowship of St. Luke (Church Society for the promotion of Divine Healing) with headquarters in San Diego, California. He is the author of several books and the editor of *Sharing,* a monthly magazine devoted to Healing and the Spiritual Life.

The purpose of this Mission is to offer to all people in the Name of Christ and His Church the healing power of God. It complements the best medical advice which each may receive. The power of the Healing Christ has always been latent in the Church. Never have more people been in need of this strength for body, mind and spirit than today.

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Bible Reading: St. John 8: 12 (*Book of Common Prayer, page 595*).

The Sermon:

On December 21st, the sun edged up over the wintry horizon at 7: 25 A. M., and then slipped down behind the western hills at 4: 31 P. M., after a short day of nine hours and six minutes. On March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) the sun was up at 6: 34 A. M., and did not set until 5: 51 P. M., giving us eleven hours and seven minutes of daylight. That is where "Lent" got its name, for the "*lencten* fasten" was the church season that came in the time of lengthening days. So the true meaning of Lent is the season of growing daylight. Let us plan to make Lent a season of increasing light!

First, more light in your praying. Many of us get into a rut, praying the small, small prayer day after day. We need the light of bigger souls than ours, so Lent is an excellent time to memorize a few prayers, such as the ones on this page, or others from the Book of Common Prayer, or your devotional book. Learn several; and then always begin your private devotions by saying one of them. You will pray more wisely and more in Jesus' spirit, if your praying is so lighted by great prayers.

Second, more light in your thinking. With radio and television at our disposal, at the touch of the button, we get lazy about our thinking. Take your New Testament this Lent, and read one of the Gospels through thoroughly, asking yourself—What did Jesus talk about most? What did He mean by "sin"? What kind of people did he choose for friends? Or take a current best-seller, like Lloyd Douglas' "The Big Fisherman," and live through the stormy, wonderful life of Peter with his Master. Get some memorable biography out of your public library—Trudeau, St. Francis, Mahatma Gandhi, or Lincoln. See that your thinking this Lent is lighted by kindled lives.

Third, more light in your listening. Stop turning on the radio by the hour, blaring out its oily commercials and its sticky-sweet soap-box dramas. Pick out a few programs that will leave you warm and lighted and refreshed—a morning watch, a United Nations broadcast, a piece of great music. Or take telephone-listening-when-Gossipy-Girty rings you tomorrow morning, brimming over with the latest secondhand neighborhood fairy tales, have your wits about you, and think of some good reason why you have immediate business elsewhere. Then call up some one else, whose mind travels in sunlight rather than the sewer, for a few minutes' chat. You *don't* have to listen to everything, or every one. See that your listening is lighted by a Christlike spirit.

Plan your Lent that way. What happens? *Where there is more Light, there is always growth.* The lengthening days bring spring on earth. The increasing light within you will bring growth in your soul—and Easter will be *Spring* with you.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, have mercy upon us, for Thy great ocean is so big; and our little boats are so small. Amen. (*Prayer of the Breton Fishermen.*.)

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153..... *Ratisbon*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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ANTHEM—"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills"..... *Webbe*
"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."
SERMON—"The Miracle of Sight" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 442..... *Bangor*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 301..... *St. Denio*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Siciliano" ..... *Fry*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479 ..... *Love Divine*
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
HYMN 360 ..... *Albano*
SERMON..... The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 379 ..... *Capetown*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 457 ..... *Moseley*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579..... *Marion*
POSTLUDE—"Temple March" ..... *Lyon*

SUGGESTED LENTEN READING

"Forward-day-by-day"—A small booklet of prayers and meditations for every day. 10 cents.

"Forth"—The official magazine of the Episcopal Church telling of missionary work at home and abroad. Special Lenten number. 10 cents a copy. One year, $1.25.

"You are My Friends"—by Frank Laubach. Recommended by the Rector as a simple, usable devotional book. Written simply and popularly. $1.50.

"Things That Matter—The Best of the Writings of Bishop Brent." The Presiding Bishop's Book for Lent, 1949. $1.50. Prayers, meditations, intimate diaries of "Everybody's Bishop," as he was called; the inner life of a practical mystic, a wise executive, a prophet and pioneer of Christian unity.

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," by Glenn Clark. A specific, concrete, reverent, and sensible guide to the practice of prayer. It deals with specific techniques by which one can learn to make prayer fruitful for life.

LENT 1949

Lent comes as on opportunity for the quickening and deepening of our spiritual lives. We can make good use of it in several ways. It is possible to enlighten our minds by reading some book which will clarify our thinking about religion. We can give a little more time to prayer and meditation, both in church and in our own closets. There are also special tasks of service which can be profitably undertaken and carried through between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

For the furtherance of all these purposes there will be special services in St. Stephen's. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, March 2, every day at noon, 12: 30 to 12: 55, a message will be given by some speaker in the course of the St. Andrew Lenten addresses. On Thursdays at one o'clock the Rector will conduct a Service of Spiritual Healing, and again at 5: 30 P. M. At the latter service he will give an address on healing, as well as conduct the Laying-On-Of-Hands. On Sunday evenings the Rev. Mr. Meckling has arranged a series of sermons on the seven last words from the cross.

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With the exception of the Class of 1947, this year's Confirmation Class of twenty-four was the largest in thirty years. All but two were adults.

We extend a hearty welcome to our Lenten Noon-Day preachers. Bishop Hart will be with us on Ash Wednesday, Bishop Sterrett on Thursday, and our good friend, Dr. John R. Hart of Valley Forge on Friday and Saturday.

DR. MATTHEWS HONORED

On the evening of Washington's Birthday, Dr. Matthews was honored by the South Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists with a festival of his music held in the First Methodist Church in Vineland, New Jersey. The combined choirs of South Jersey gave its entire program to the compositions of Dr. Matthews. The premiere of "The Wilderness," Dr. Matthews' latest anthem was given at this occasion. The anthem, by the way, will be sung in St. Stephen's with an appropriate sermon on Sunday, March 13th. The transportation strike prevented an earlier rendition of this lovely anthem in St. Stephen's.

We are to be congratulated here in St. Stephen's in having such an inspired musician and composer who, with his gifted choir, lifts our hearts heavenward, Sunday after Sunday.

WHERE PROTESTANTISM IS IN DEFAULT

The spiritual future of America will be determined by one of three major forces that are at work in our midst. These forces are secularism, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. In the general breakdown of Western culture, the soul of America is being reborn. Shall it be a secular soul, a Roman Catholic soul, or a soul fashioned by those forces which the Protestant Reformation set free? No doubt the strongest force at the moment is secularism. A society whose children and youth receive virtually no education save that which is afforded by our public schools is destined to be a secular society. The Roman Catholic Church sees this clearly and provides at enormous sacrifice for the religious education of its children. Protestantism has never sensed the situation clearly, but has blindly imagined that it could safely entrust its children's education to public, therefore, non-religious, auspices. Its Sunday schools are only a pathetic gesture in the direction of Christian education. Unless Protestantism awakes to its default and projects an educational system which will supplement secular education with thorough-going religious education, the soul of America will become either secular or Roman Catholic. The Catholic Church is intensely active—in education, in the acquisition of vast properties, in the machinations of politics, in the steady gaining of control over the public schools. This activity cannot be offset by merely exposing it and opposing it. It can be offset only by positive Protestant action on a scale commensurate with the educational system of Roman Catholicism itself. There are only two genuinely effective educational forces now at work—the public school, which is secular (and should be vigilantly kept so) and the Roman Catholic system. Protestantism must be awakened to its fateful responsibility for the soul of America.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 103, page 466
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *J. S. Matthews*
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ANTHEM—"O Brother Man" ..... *Thiman*
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AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 394 ..... *St. Asaph*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—THE RT. REV. DR. M. K. MICHAEL CHANG,
Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Fukien, China

PRELUDE—"Andante in F" ..... *Wesley*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 581 ..... *St. Albans*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 480 ..... *Holy Offerings*
SERMON ..... The Rt. Rev. Dr. M. K. Michael Chang
OFFERTORY HYMN 369 ..... *St. Agnes*
ANTHEM—"Ho! Everyone That Thirsteth" ..... *Stoughton*
SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
VESPER HYMN 177 ..... *Seymour*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 578 ..... *Pleyel's Hymn*
POSTLUDE—"Grand Choeur in F Major" ..... *Claussmann*

WELCOME TO BISHOP CHANG

The Rt. Rev. Dr. M. K. Michael Chang, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Fukien, China, will be the preacher at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday evening, February 20th, at 7: 30 P. M. The Fukien Diocese is part of the Church of England.

Bishop Chang comes of a distinguished Church family. He is a third generation Christian. His father was rector of a parish in Shanghai. He has one brother who is a professor in St. John's University, Shanghai, and another who is a surgeon in Peiping. Bishop Chang's Diocese is the largest of the Anglican Communion in China.

After a lingering illness the home-call came to Mrs. Elsa W. Clark on February 8th. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to her husband. Mr. Clark is a valued member of our Choir.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. David L. German who celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 11th.

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O Thou Who enlightenest every man that cometh into the world, enlighten our hearts with the brightness of Thy grace, that we may ponder and love those things that are acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 11: 25-30

The Sermon:

One day it occured to me that it might be fascinating to write a book entitled "Famous Remarks That Jesus Never Said." The first one in the book would be, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you a lighter load." Jesus never said that. He did say to the burdensomely loaded folk, "Come unto Me, and I will refresh you. I will give you the new strength to carry that load without stumbling."

The secret of carrying a really heavy load is to want so much to carry it that you just have to find the strength to do it. Whoever you are, wherever you may be—the chances are that you have plenty of load on your back. Now if you are thinking about your small self, you will say, "This is too much for me," and you will not be strong enough to carry it, just because you don't really want to. But if you are thinking about the grief-wounded heart of a neighbor, you'll say, "I've *got* to help that person through the dark valley," and you'll find the time and energy to take on the task of comforting that grieving person, because you really want to. Most of us can do almost nothing if we want to, enough.

There is a story of a young woman whom a friend found bending over a dress, making the tiniest stitches you ever saw—and the dress was going to require hundreds of them. The friend said, "I don't see how you have the patience to make those hundreds of tiny stitches—that's too hard work!" The young woman looked up with surprise, and replied, "But this is my wedding-dress." No task was too great, that she might look her loveliest for the man she loved, on the great day when they would start life together.

One of the glorious things about following Christ is that so often He transforms a duty into an opportunity. He teaches us to love the task that was once a miserable chore. He even teaches us to love other people so much that we *want* to help them. We don't have to go about like grim little Boy Scouts, determined to do our good turn for some one today. Something new within us—a bit of the Living Christ—truly cares about other people. There is a Boy Scout poster which displays a picture of a boy carrying another boy (apparently a cripple) to a party; and a man looks with pity and says, "Son, that's a pretty heavy load you've got." But the boy grins, and shakes his head, and says, "He ain't heavy, mister—he's my brother!"

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who art love, grant to Thy children to bear one another's burdens in perfect goodwill, that Thy peace which passeth understanding may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Hours, 1865*).

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D.
February 13, 1949

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94.....*Sullivan*
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JUBILATE, page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Morn of Beauty".....*Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness!
Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night.
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of peace and light.
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, sing alleluia!

The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning,
The earth awakes with victory as her strain.
Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning,
For Christ the Lord is risen again!
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SERMON—"Tides Of The Spirit".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 91.....*Victory*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 361.....*St. James*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr., in memory of his mother, Mrs. Hattie A. Lovelock, and by Mrs. Cazimera Petroski in memory of Messrs. Julius and Thomas Adams.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

TRIO MUSIC this evening by the Tasilo Trio
Gladys V. Scherle, *Violinist;* Michael P. Scherle, *'Cellist;*
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PRELUDE—1st Movement, Allegro, Trio No. 6.....*Haydn*
1st Movement, Allegro Moderato, Trio No. 8.....*Haydn*
2nd Movement, Andante, Symphony No. 6.....*Haydn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88.....*St. Albinus*
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Kimmins*
SERMON HYMN 91.....*Victory*
SERMON.....The Rev. Mr. G. C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 94.....*St. Kevin*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
TRIO—2nd Movement, Andante Con Moto, Trio No. 8.....*Haydn*
VESPER HYMN 170.....*Naomi*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 90.....*Neander*
POSTLUDE, 2nd Movement, Andante, Trio No. 6.....*Haydn*

The Mothers' Meeting invites us to witness three One-Act Playlets by the Town Crier's Dramatic Club in the Community House on Thursday, April 28th at 7:30 P. M. Tickets 40 cents.

WHERE WE LIVE

The New Year Book *Our Parish In Action,* 1948-1949 goes to press in the very near future. Do we have *your* correct name, address and telephone number?

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Following the morning service on May 1st, the congregation will adjourn to the Community House where a fine home-cooked meal will be served by Mrs. Mearns and a committee of her ladies, and the 126th Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place. Twelve Vestrymen will be elected. The cost of the dinner is $1.25 and reservations must be made in advance.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for Thy Spirit and Thy Love, that Thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—(*Savonarola*).

Bible Reading: Matthew 6:5-13

The Sermon:

If you are in the Grand Central Station in New York City on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, a little before noon, go to the gate of Track 13. At the stroke of noon, Red Cap porter No. 42 will appear, and several others along with him. He will unlock the gate—follow them into a vacant coach, and you'll find yourself in a most interesting prayer-meeting. Ralston Crosbie Young (Red Cap No. 42) has been holding this prayer meeting since 1944, and countless people have, in that dingy day-coach, learned how to pray. In *Guideposts* Len LeSourd tells the story of how Mr. Johnson learned his lesson. He had not discovered that real praying must have Christ's spirit in it—but we are getting ahead of our story. Let Red Cap No. 42 tell it:

"Take Mr. Johnson who was here today. He had a brother who was very sick. Hearing of our 'Track Thirteen' prayer fellowship, he came one day simply to pray for his brother. When he told us about his brother, we all prayed for him too. Then he returned a second time, and a third. Finally, he told us that he believed our prayers were doing more good than anything else to help pull his brother through. We felt wonderful about it. Mr. Johnson's faith in his brother's eventual recovery grew with each visit. For a time it did seen that his brother would recover. Then suddenly he died. As far as Mr. Johnson was concerned, that did it. He was through with us—and worse—with God. He figured that God had let him down. I felt very bad. It was just one of those things very hard to understand and explain. Mr. Johnson was a fine man, but this hurt was more than he could take at that time.

"This all happened over a year ago. We didn't see Mr. Johnson again as the months went by, but we never forgot him in our prayers. Several weeks ago I was in a particularly low mood. Troubles seemed to be ganging up on me from all sides. I guess the Lord decided on Friday that I needed a special lift. That noon when I came to 'Track Thirteen'; *there was Mr. Johnson.* He didn't have to tell me why he had finally come back. I knew he would some day. He had found out that living without God is living without hope or happiness. 'Ralston', Mr. Johnson said to me, 'I suddenly realized that all along I had been asking God to give *me* something. I had never once tried to give something to Him in return. You just can't deal with God that way.'"

During the Easter Season we are trying to let the Spirit of Christ into various areas of our lives. I suggest that this week we try to let Christ into our *praying,* that He may cleanse it of selfishness, and make it an offering of ourselves to Him in answering love. Study today's Bible Reading, and see that the Master taught us to pray *"Thy* will bedone...Give *us*...Forgive *us*...*Deliver us*..."but never a word about *"me."* Nowhere are we taught to pray for ourselves alone. "God turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends." Learn to pray in that spirit, the Christ-way, and learn the joy and peace which comes from prayer that God *can* answer!

Closing Prayers:

"Our Father," and the following prayer:

O Glorious and Almighty God, in Whom all the spirits of the blessed place the confidence of their hope; grant to us that, by Thy help, we may be able ever to serve Thee with a pure mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Sarum Breviary*)

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering of the women of the church is gathered in twice each year. Those women of St. Stephen's Church who desire to share with others their thankfulness for blessings bestowed now have the opportunity of doing so by contributing to the U. T. O. which supports missionary work here and abroad. Envelopes are in the pews today and may be placed in the alms basins or sent to the Custodian, Mrs. B. M. Tinsley.

The Diocesan U. T. O. Service will be held in St. Clement's Church on Monday, May 2 at 10:30 A. M. Bishop Hart will be the Celebrant and Preacher.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 162.....*St. Theodulph*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 24, page 368
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*J. S. Matthews*
BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT.....*Charles Gounod*
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
ANTHEM—"March to Calvary" (From Crucifixion).....*John Stainer*
Fling wide the gates, for the Saviour waits To tread in His royal way; He has come from above, in His power and love, To die on this Passion Day. His Cross is the sign of a love divine, His Crown is the thorn-wreath of woe, He bears His load on the sorrowful road, And bends 'neath the burden low. Then on to the end, my God and my Friend, With Thy banner lifted high! Thou art come from above in Thy power and love, To endure and suffer and die.
SERMON—"The Incomparable Christ".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 65.....*Horsley*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 64.....*St. Drostane*

The Palms on the Altar today are given by the Mothers' Meeting, and by Mr. Paul Witmer in memory of his mother and sister.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY MR. MECKLING

PRELUDE—"Andante Religioso" .....*Thome*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62.....*St. Theodulph*
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
LITANY HYMN 332, First Verse
THE LITANY, Page 54
SERMON HYMN 64.....*Winchester New*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Let Hosannas Ring".....*Peace*
VESPER HYMN 182.....*St. Matthias*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 70.....*Petra*
POSTLUDE—Air from "Rinaldo".....*Handel*

Our congratulations to Miss Frances Tinsley who has become a Certified Public Accountant.

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March 6—Barbara Ann Miller
11—Kathryn Corcoran

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(*Bishop Wilson, 1663 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: Matthew 27:38-44

The Sermon:
They had Him at last, exulted the enemies of Jesus! There He was, nailed securely to the Cross, done for, finished. They had been frightened, these proud little men—frightened that Jesus would lead the crowds away from them, and that they would lose their shiny little places in the sun. But they had smartly turned the crowds against Him—and he who laughs last, laughs best. So they looked up at Him, with grim laughter, and gloated, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." And one of the thieves, nailed to a cross close by Jesus, took up the cry fiercely, "Art Thou not the Christ? Save Thyself and us!"

But he could not. That was one thing that Jesus was not able to do. Because He was Love clothed in the flesh, it was not in His nature to save Himself. It was His nature to save. The Almighty God, the All-Loving, cannot, by His saving character, be a self-saver.

Out of that fact there follows a truth which is sobering and startling. God, in His turn, can only save those who are willing to be savers themselves. Did not Jesus, instructing His disciples how to pray, teach them to say, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"? In other words, God can forgive only those who themselves have forgiving hearts. For only forgiving people understand forgiveness. Only they can accept forgiveness.

Sometimes there has crept into Christian practice a strange notion that your first duty is to attend to your own salvation—to see that your own soul is ready to pass examination at the heavenly gates. How anyone ever drew that nasty, selfish idea out of the teaching of Jesus will always be a mystery. He taught that your first duty is to obey the will of God, and that His will then sets you to work in neighborly, lifesaving action for others. Self-love cuts you off from God's grace.

There is an old Russian legend of a man in hell who prayed earnestly to be released from torment. At last a voice said, "Rescue will come." A slender thread was let down, and he was told to grasp it. He did so, and thin though the thread seemed, it began to draw him up. But others, seeing him being released, seized hold of his garments that they also might be drawn out of torment. The man kicked them off, crying, "The thread will break!" And break it did! And again the voice spoke, "The thread of the love of God was strong enough to save both you and your brothers, but it was not strong enough to save you alone."

Closing Prayer:
Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, and the brightness of Thy Spirit illumine our inward souls, that He may kindle our cold hearts, and light up our dark minds; Who abideth evermore with Thee in Thy glory. Amen.
(*Mozarabia liturgy, about 700 A. D.*)

PARISH MEETING

The rector is anxious to have a record attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. A fine home-cooked dinner will be served, there will be the election to the Vestry, and important matters to be discussed. Sunday, May 1st is the date. The time is 12:30 P. M. and the dinner will cost $1.25. Secure your reservation today.

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together one hundred and twenty-nine persons who have been confirmed here over the past seven years.

The amount of the offering our congregation gave for worldwide relief was $1,600. These dollars so generously given by you will do the maximum amount of good! Your generosity will be greatly blessed.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Come Sweet Death"..... *J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434..... *St. Oswald*

KYRIE ..... *Willan*

ANTHEM—"God So Loved The World"..... *Stainer*

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

SERMON—"Suburban Tragedy" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 343..... *Gerontius*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

SANCTUS ..... *Willan*

COMMUNION HYMN 198 (verses 1, 2, 3)..... *St. Flavian*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Willan*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 394..... *St. Asaph*

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Come Sweet Death" / "O Sacred Head" } Chorale Preludes ..... *Bach*

MISS WINIFRED TAYLOR at the organ for Mr. Leeds who has to be in Drexel Hill for Confirmation Service.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 413..... *St. Bernard*

NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*

LITANY HYMN 332, 1 Verse

THE LITANY, Page 54

SERMON HYMN 462..... *Sawley*

SERMON..... THE REV. MR. G. C. MECKLING

OFFERTORY HYMN 435..... *Rest*

AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors

VESPER HYMN 166..... *Hursley*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 483..... *Consolation*

We are indeed grateful to those who made possible the generous amount of $1,208.70 last Sunday for the Presiding Bishop's Fund. From all indications it looks as though the goal of ten million dollars was realized through the nation-wide appeal over the radio.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Gregorian Sacramentary, 590 A. D.)*

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 6: 24-34

The Sermon:

James Gordon Gilkey has written, "When sudden doubt and fear assail us, we must force ourselves to survey our own past and detect there the evidence of God's interest in us, God's effort for us. What are now those evidences? They fall into two groups.

"The first includes what might be called *'general evidences'*. If you look back over your own career you will realize that the basic pattern of life has been planned in such a way that you, and every other human being, had a major chance to survive the perils of birth and childhood, and then develop normally. This pattern and this arranging were (we believe) the work of God. It was God who so ordered the life-pattern that as you grew older you found available the food and water, the light and the air, the work and the friends and the mate that you needed. It was God Who so ordered the life-pattern that when you finally reached old age you had the continuing loyalty and affection of other human beings, an affection quite as necessary at the end of a career as at the beginning. These are the general evidences of God's interest in you and God's effort for you...

"Beyond these general evidences of God's love and care we can discern what may be called *'specific evidences'*. What are they? They are the personal and intimate experiences which come to every human being who tries steadily to do right... We pray for God's help, but we forget in how many small and quiet ways it comes to us all the time. In a helpful thought which emerges in our mind when we specially need wisdom, in a spoken or printed word which restores our confidence when we are downhearted, in an intruding duty which forces us to pause when we are about to make a misstep, in an unexpected delay which changes for the better a major decision—in and through these experiences God gives us His help. He gives it, not by working spectacular miracles in the external world, but by utilizing the mechanisms present in the minds of human beings and available for His use. His help comes, not once or twice in a lifetime, but continually. It comes, not to a few divine favorites, but to every human being who lives steadily at his best.

"My religion does not promise me immunity from harm. No honest religion can do that... But my religion does give me a courage as I face an admittedly dangerous world... My religion tells me that God has a purpose for my life, and that ultimately His purpose *will* be fulfilled... With this faith in my heart I can face life. 'This is the victory which overcomes the world—even our faith.'"

Closing Prayer:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, increase us in faith and all gentleness, and grant us a part and lot among His saints. Amen.

(St. Polycarp, 70-156, A. D.)

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, who will be our guest preacher at the Lenten Noon-Day Services, Monday through Friday. The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling will be the preacher Saturday.

The rector was the Lenten preacher at Trinity Church, Ambler, on Wednesday, March 30th, at 8: 00 P. M.

Miss Marion Headman, after twenty-five years of faithful service as Parish Treasurer of the Envelope System, has had to resign her important work because of ill health. It is impossible to estimate the amount of unselfish service Miss Headman has rendered the parish during this time. At least two full days a week have been necessary to give to this work. We are indeed grateful for her years of loyalty and hard work.

Mrs. Harry J. Hauger has succeded Miss Headman as the Treasurer of the Duplex Envelope System. We will want to make her work easier by writing on the outside of the duplex envelope the amount and distribution of the pledge between the red and black side.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Clair de Lune" ..... *Karg-Elert*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59..... *St. Flavian*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 103, page 466

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Sanctus from St. Cecilia Mass"..... *Charles Gounod*
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

SERMON—"Hit The Bull's Eye!"..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 304..... *Beecher*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 554..... *Lancashire*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. James Carrigan in memory of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson Carrigan, by Mrs. Helen LeDent in memory of her husband, Mr. Frederick LeDent, and by Mr. Eugene Glasier in memory of his parents.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"A Prayer" ..... *Yeomans*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 465..... *Bethany*

KYRIE ..... *Willan*

SERMON HYMN 556..... *St. Andrew of Crete*

SERMON ..... The Rev. Mr .G. C. Meckling

OFFERTORY HYMN 406..... *Stephanos*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

SOPRANO SOLO—"God is my Shepherd"..... *Dvorak*
Virginia Underhill

SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI ..... *Willan*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Willan*

VESPER HYMN 166..... *Hursley*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 499..... *Olivet*

POSTLUDE—"A Song of Gratitude"..... *Marks*

WORLD RELIEF SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 27, an appeal will be made to some 77,000 Churches in America to make an offering for the relief of those many thousands in Europe and Asia who are still suffering from the effects of World War 2. This is the third year of a three year appeal by the Episcopal Church to her people for this purpose. In 1947 and 1948 the people of our Church gave $1,000,000 each year, and we are now asked to give the same amount for this year.

On Saturday, March 26, a nation-wide broadcast will be made on all the major radio systems from 10: 00-11: 00 P. M. We are all asked to listen to this broadcast and then make our offerings the following day. We are sure our people will respond for a third time as generously as they have to the two previous appeals. In 1947 we gave for this purpose, $1,379.30; in 1948 we gave $967.75.

The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

The 22nd Educational Week for the Blind will be held in Gimbel Auditorium, March 21-25, 10: 30 A. M. to 4: 30 P. M. See the work of those who cannot see. Monday is Episcopal Day. Mrs. Mearns will receive contributions for our part in this worthy enterprise. Your prompt and generous support will be appreciated.

The *Church Bulletin* subscriptions of the following persons are gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mr. and Mrs. William Langhorne, Mr. William H. Ruhl, Mrs. G. Aeugle, Miss Nellie V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. Matthews, Mrs. R. C. Reese, Mr. Nicholas L. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Guenther, Mrs. Fanny M. Beddows, Miss Bertha McCormick, Mrs. Charlotte V. Paist, Mrs. Lawrence P. Thayer, Mrs. M. J. Reyelt.

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EDITORIAL

It is most appropriate for us to pause and emphasize the essential genius of Protestantism and its critically important mission in these times.

All too many people who call themselves Protestant have no precise conception of the significance of their calling. Without clear conception, conviction is impossible; and without conviction, there can be no vital dedication of life.

Men today are hungry for conviction. Opinion, belief, probability, concepts made questionable by the mingled dross of superstition: these have no vitamins for the soul. They furnish neither the substance in which internal peace can take root, nor the firm foundation on which a foothold can be secured by those who would stand up to life.

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And Protestantism must play its full part—it simply *must*—in the two-front warfare in which the spirit of man is engaged!

On the one hand, the struggle against materialism and secularism was never more intense. The last centuries have concentrated the attention of man's senses upon the material world to the extent that he has not only become myoptic, but has even forgotten that there is immaterial and spiritual fact and that there are other ways of knowledge. It is no wonder that philosophy and psychology, education, sociology and even in aspect religion, itself, are dominated by materialism. To him who has lost his hearing, there is no such thing as sound.

On the other hand, man is confronted with the menace of authoritarianism. Just as Russia would exploit chaos to establish a small and absolute hierarchy of power, while others seek to establish a financial heirarchy, so the hands of authoritarianism stretch out to clutch man's mind and soul and to blend them to hierarchical control.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 394.....*St. Asaph*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 68: 1-20, page 419
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Wilderness".....*H. Alexander Matthews*

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: And they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of God. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, "Behold your God will come with vengeance, He will come and save you." Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break forth and streams in the desert, and a highway shall be there, it shall be called the way of holiness, And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35)

SERMON—"When Music Gives A Soul To Words".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 415.....*Martyn*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 578.....*Pleyel's Hymn*

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PRELUDE—"Moonlight Over Nazareth".....*Diggle*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55.....*Heinlein*
EVENING PRAYER
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NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
CREED—Collects
LITANY HYMN 332
THE LITANY—Page 54
SERMON HYMN 423.....*Federal Street*
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OFFERTORY HYMN 567.....*Dulce Carmen*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SERMON.....THE REV. G. C. MECKLING
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 178 .....*Vesper Hymn*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 464.....*St. Catherine*
POSTLUDE—"Introspection" ..... *Marks*

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's Faithful Soldier"
December 5—Bruce Bradley Haines
12—Charles Foster Kolmann
19—Linda Katherine Waddell
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26—Albert Foster
30—Nicholas Lynam Todd

Burials

"The sun is sinking gently in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia!"
December 3—Gertrude S. Fisher
February 12—Elsa W. Clark
19—Mary E. Atkinson
21—Isabel Kirkpatrick

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household"
Mrs. Catherine Cossart
Mrs. Eugene Kelly
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Mrs. Elizabeth G. Huet
Miss Eileen Huet
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Mrs. Ratchel Mary Semon
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THE WILDERNESS

We are to have the great privilege of hearing Dr. Matthews' most recent anthem, "The Wilderness" on Sunday, March 13th at the 11 o'clock service. Based on the 35th Chapter of Isaiah it sings its way into our hearts and minds.

We have purposely chosen the text of this anthem for the rector's sermon this morning. We will endeavor to point out the great contribution that Dr. Matthews and his choir have made to the Sunday Morning devotions of this old church. Their music lifts us out of ourselves and encourages us to renew the faith the supernal things which our materialistic age so casually drowns with cynicism. Through the genius of Dr. Matthews we have interpreted to us the heavenly mysteries through the ethereal agency of music.

MUSICAL TEA

You are invited to a Musical Tea given by the Women's Committee to be held at the Burd School, 4226 Baltimore Avenue on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th, from two until four-thirty o'clock. Mrs. Alfred W. Price, a member of a ladies' quartet, will sing several numbers. The purpose of the Tea is to purchase furnishings for a new play-room for the younger children. Silver offering and article table.

MITE BOXES

The Sunday School children have received Mite Boxes and they have been asked to place sacrificial offerings in the boxes during Lent. Parents are urged to assist in this project by stressing the importance of making sacrifices for the spread of the Christian Church.

Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Superintendent of the Sunday School, will be happy to supply mite boxes to any adults who would like to have a part in this worthwhile project.

The Rector will speak to the students of the Philadelphia Divinity School on Thursday, March 24th from 9:00 to 11:00 A. M. on the subject of Spiritual Therapy.

We extend a hearty welcome to Dean Frank D. Gifford of the Philadelphia Divinity School who will be the Noon-Day Speaker from Monday through Friday, and to the Rev. Allen F. Kremer, Episcopal Chaplain, University of Pennsylvania, who will be the Saturday speaker.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 96, page 459
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"As Torrents In Summer" ..... *Elgar*

As torrents in summer,
Half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise, though the sky is still cloudless,
For rain has been falling
Far off at their fountains.

So hearts that are fainting
Grow full to o'er-flowing,
And they that behold it
Marvel, and know not
That God at their fountains
Far off has been raining!

SERMON—"Religious Security" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN
RECESSIONAL HYMN 558 ..... *University College*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Harry J. Hauger in memory of his mother.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Chanson Triste" ..... *Tschaikowsky*
"June Barcarolle" ..... *Tschaikowsky*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 199 ..... *St. Thomas*
SERMON ..... The Rev. Mr. G. C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 385 ..... *Austria*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
VESPER HYMN 178 ..... *Vesper Hymn*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *Truro*
POSTLUDE—"Grand Choeur in F" ..... *Claussmann*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The attendance at the Church School this year has been better than in more recent years. The Staff is to be congratulated on the fine work they have done this year and also the children, for the very real effort they have put into their work. The Rector wishes to thank the Superintendent, Mr. Heins; and the teachers, Mrs. Price, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Eleanor Reed, Miss Lola Ball and Miss Grace Campbell. Their devotion to their work as teachers and their ability has done much to make the School interesting and worthwhile for all concerned.

The Upper School will close on Sunday, June 19th, and the Kindergarten will close on July 10.

Church attendance over the summer is desired, and we will look for all our boys and girls in their usual place in the trancept of the Church throughout the summer months.

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Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Who knowest the needs of all Thy children: Deepen our desires with heavenly wisdom, that we may faithfully accept and use the powers which Thou art ready to bestow; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 25: 31-45

The Sermon:

How important to God is it whether the pulpit of your church stands in the center of the building, or to one side? How important, to Him, how your minister is dressed? How important, to Him, whether you worship from the pages of a hallowed book, or in the bookless simplicity of a meeting-house? If such things were vital to God, surely Jesus would have mentioned them in the picture He gave of the Last Judgment. But, in that awesome picture, Jesus tells us only that God cares greatly for the true loving-kindness which attends to the hunger and thirst and sickness and loneliness of men.

Am I saying that your familiar, well-loved ways of worshipping God amount to nothing? By no means. I *am* saying, with all my heart, that it is not their form that matters to God—it is what they amount to, *what they result in.* If your finding of Christ in a great sacrament stirs you to befriend lonesome people, then your worship is pleasing to God. If the Bible that stands at the center of your church as the source of God's voice stirs you to feed the hungry and care for the sick, then your worship delights Him. By contrast, the music of a mighty organ and an expensive choir in a costly house of worship, which sends people out to continue their soft and selfish living, is a stench in the nostrils of God.

In our last issue we thought about the power of united Christian action. We saw that when people of various churches unite in a common enterprise, they forget their surface differences, in the joy of common effort. One Saturday evening in April, the radio listeners of America had a surprise as they found themselves listening to the voice of Christ through His churches. All of the great Christian groups had united in "One Great Hour" to appeal to America to feed and heal and house the suffering people of the world, and to strengthen God's Kingdom in hard-pressed lands. All the churches, speaking together the true and loving message of Christ, could in sixty minutes raise millions of dollars for relief. No one church could have done that alone.

There is a lot of sentimental, frothy talk about the threat of pagan communism, talk that does nothing but chatter like irritated monkeys. But, if you really understand the peril of this determined, aggressive paganism, then stand shoulder to shoulder in united Christianity, and show the whole world (pagans and all!) what Christ can do through His men! Show the world that His way is wiser, more compassionate than any pagan creed. For the matchless Christ identifies Himself with the needy people of the world, and speaks straight to your heart: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Closing Prayer:

Quicken our wills, O God, by the touch of Thy life-giving Spirit; that, awakening to the inward light of Thy Presence, we may think such thoughts and do such deeds as become those who dare to call themselves the Body of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our hearty congratulations are extended to Mr. William S. Smith who received his Bachelor of Arts degree fom the University of Pennsylvania on June 15th. Bill, who devotes his spare time as bookkeeper of the church and Burd School, will matriculate in the University of Pennsylvania Law School in September.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267.....*Regent Square*
VENITE, Page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 62, Page 413
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Hymn to the Trinity".....*Rachmaninoff*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and to ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become incarnate of the Holy Mother of God, the blessed and ever Virgin Mary. Changeless Essence, lo, Thou wast made very Man; and crucified: Thou the God-Man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.

SERMON—"A Door Into Faith".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 266.....*Nicaea*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 269.....*Moultrie*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Sanctus" ..... *Gounod*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 266 .....*Nicaea*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Kimmins*
A CAPPELLA ANTHEM—"Beautiful Saviour" .....*Riegger*
(THE HARMONY OCTET)
SERMON HYMN 273.....*Te Deum*
SERMON.....THE REV. MR. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Soldiers of Christ, Arise!".....*Kinder*
(THE HARMONY OCTET)
AMERICA, Presentation of Colors
VESPER HYMN: Contralto Solo: "Abide With Me" sung by OLIVIA PUCCI
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 270.....*St. Athanasius*
POSTLUDE—"Improvisation on Recessional Hymn".....*Leeds*

LAWN PARTY

The members of the Hard of Hearing Congregation will hold a lawn party at the Rectory, 2814 Midvale Avenue, Germantown, on Saturday afternoon, June 18, from 2:00 to 5:30 P. M. Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served, and articles will be on sale. *Directions*: From central city "A" bus on Broad Street to Midvale Avenue and transfer to Car 52 East, to Wissahickon Avenue. "R" bus to Midvale Avenue and transfer to 52 East. "Z" bus to Midvale Avenue and transfer to 52 car East. 23 Car to Broad and Erie to Chelten and Chew and transfer to Car 52 West. P. R. R. to Queen Lane Station and walk west one half block.

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Bible Reading: St. John 10:1-6, 11-16

The Sermon:

Today we must think about a scandal—and its cure. It smells to high heaven, and is offensive, most of all, to God Himself. The scandal is the divided Christian Church. How can the world take seriously a Christendom split into 250 fragments, each claiming the whole truth about God? Is it any wonder that missionaries are asked, "*Which* Christianity shall I believe?" Archbishop Temple once said, "We call the world...that its divisions may be healed, and that it may find fellowship in Him... and the world answers, 'Have you found that fellowship yourself?'"

In the past twenty years Christians have begun to blush with shame over this scandal. There have been successful attempts at organic union which fused two or more churches into one. Other attempts, however, have been tragic failures, because not even the leaders of the churches knew each other well enough to *want* to unite, whole-heartedly. In my opinion, there is a vital step which must come before organic union.

Church people of various churches must plan together, work together, before there can be healthy union. They must dream a dream, work out a plan of action together, and then toil together at the venture. In a New England town of 15,000 people, they have been trying this simple plan. They began with a United Church Canvass—six churches united on a single publicity campaign, and the canvassers broke bread together; with the exciting result of large increases of income. The practical Yankee businessmen looked up and took notice. Then they tried Inter-Church Lenten Services, with distinguished preachers from far places, and the Masonic Temple has been packed each Lent to hear these present-day prophets. Last fall they launched an Inter-Church Basketball League, and for fifteen Saturday evenings, 150 boys took part in a nip-and-tuck struggle with growing crowds paying for the expenses of the League, which ended with a banquet for the boys. No one church could have secured such powerful publicity; no one church could have secured those famous preachers; no one church could have swung the Basketball League. But the *churches* working together under one Master, have drawn together in deepening friendship, and growing confidence in each other. Often they have been startled to find what lovable, hard-working, capable Christians there are in other churches. Thus they build the Christian fellowship. Thus they find the power of United Christian Action. Thus they are discovering the one Shepherd and the one fold.

Charles H. Brent once said, "Christ's agile feet journey to the human heart along many and divers paths." The Master is so great of heart that no one church can ever capture all the truth about Him. But, by working together for the one Master, Christendom will at last be stronger than evil, and build on this fair earth the sorely needed Kingdom of God!

Closing Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the Good Shepherd, and callest Thine own by name; Grant that all men everywhere may hear Thy Voice and follow Thee into the abundant life, that so there may be one flock and one Shepherd in Thine eternal kingdom of truth and peace; world without end. Amen.

We have received generous gifts toward the new refrigerator in the Community House from the Mothers' Meeting, the Woman's Auxiliary, the King's Daughters' and the Mothers' Minstrels.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Aria" ..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157..... *Christe Sanctorum*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"God is a Spirit"..... *Sterndale Bennett*
God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.
SERMON—"The Prayer Book As Literature"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 402..... *Munich*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 208..... *Penetentia*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... Stainer
RECESSIONAL HYMN 253..... *Luebeck*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Angels Ever Bright And Fair"..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 109..... *Veni Sancti Spiritus*
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Kimmins*
SERMON HYMN 108..... *Grace Church*
SERMON..... THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY—Soprano Solo: "Christ Went Up Into The Hills"..... *Hageman*
Soloist: VIRGINIA UNDERHILL
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 111..... *Melcombe*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 378..... *Mendon*
POSTLUDE—"Sketch in F Minor"..... *Schumann*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker in memory of her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Fitzwater Shoemaker; and by Mrs. Kathryn Schrott in memory of her parents.

On Whitsunday, June 5th, at 8:00 P. M. in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th above Walnut Streets, the great Diocesan service commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the Book of Common Prayer will be held. The historical sermon will be preached by the Rev. Edward N. West, Canon Sacrist of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. Everyone is welcome to attend this great service.

The Sunday School Picnic will be held at Forest Park, Chalfont, on Saturday, June 11th. Bus reservations may be made through Edwin S. Heins, Esq., Superintendent.

THURSDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." Lilies of the field; of an Easter morning; or calla lilies on the arm of a bride. Each in its own way, making a peculiar contribution of beauty, uplift or sentiment. It matters not, the time, place or use. What matters is how they grow.

She is young and lovely. Honey colored hair arranged in neat coiffure upon the head that is literally poised. Her slender shoulders are straight. I have watched her come and observed her going. She moves, as the lily grows, unself-consciously.

When she enters Old St. Stephen's in the cool quiet of the healing atmosphere, she unlatches the stall door silently, slips into the seat apparently without stir or motion, and becomes very still. Then as though it were the same movement, she slips into position upon the foot stool. Elbows resting, hands upright in prayer, her eyes upon the Altar Cross, she kneels...listening, waiting, ready-ing her Self.

There must come within this graceful girl that immutable moment when she has merged her coming to this place with the time-less-ness of her rendezvous with Prayer. She seems to need no Healing for she does not go to the Altar. She remains tall, straight, upright upon her knees.

Many times I have observed this tiny scene being enacted and each time in my heart have been spoken the words, "Consider the lilies how they grow." Consider this lily, indeed! Perfectly erect and strong upon that slender stem or spine, her head is always high with face uplifted. I have a sense that she is being bathed in sunlight that shines upon her, but invisible to others. "Still dews of quietness" must indeed rest upon her brow and lips. Beauty, divine law and order, are expressed in the Quietude in which she seems to be completely oblivious to her surroundings. She kneels apparently for one purpose; intercessory prayer!

"Consider the lilies, how they grow," by seed dying in moist, black earth. Through the long dormant state they burst into tiny green shoots that open to rain and sun. Reaching, thirsting, blooming to die again.

Consider the Life of intercessory prayer.

Jesus came to teach, preach, heal; and commanded us to do the same in greater dimension. "Look to Me and be saved," He said, and this "being saved" is the healing process of integration, into becoming *whole,* and finally wholly His. Jesus' teaching becomes our discipline; His preaching our counsel; His healing our release into redemptive, creative Living.

The Intercessor unlocks the door. Prayer is the key, Jesus the Way, and God is the Source. Anyone, aware of a need, who knocks or asks, is the beneficiary. The Intercessor channels the Power.

That is why the second half of the Thursday Healing Service is so fraught with power. It is then that the congregation becomes the intercessor, when forgetful of self it prays for others.

"Jesus, I come bringing no will of my own; no ambition, no purpose. I bring myself, as an offering."

"Greater love hath no man, that he lay down his life for his friends!"

"Then I ask that you tuck your hand under the Old One's elbow and lift a bit...steady the faltering steps and light the way that seems shadowed at times." "Lover of all mankind, let Thy strength surge through the limbs of my beloved broken in war, that he may resume his rightful place." "Forgive those who unwittingly place obstacles of fear, distrust, ignorance and disease upon the path of the Seeker." "Friend of the way, companion those in mental darkness...and tarry with the lonely." "Send one of Thy little ones to her, longing for motherhood." "Teach compassion to the strong and steadfastness to the weak." "Use my hands and heart to carry out Thy purpose."

"Consider the lilies." How they grow by complete acquiesence to natural laws. By yielding, to unfold and blossom to its own fulfillment according to His purpose. "Therefore, be ye not anxious...but be ye made Whole.'"

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Solemn Prelude" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, page 9
PSALM 139: 1-16, page 514
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous"..... *T. Tertius Noble*

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh;
O holy hope of immortality,
Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God.

Souls of the Righteous in the hand of God,
To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die;
They are at peace, O fairest liberty,
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On earth as children chasten'd by Love's rod,
As gold in furnace tried, so now on high
They shine like stars, a golden galaxy.
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SERMON—"Unknown Soldiers of the Cross"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 395..... *Cloisters*
MASSING OF THE COLORS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM (Kneeling)—"Rest in Peace"..... *Schubert*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 589..... *O Quanta Qualia*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, by Mrs. Augusta Balsley, by the Thomas Roberts Reath Post of the American Legion and by Miss Gladys Given in memory of her brother, Raymond Given.

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7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Cavatina" ..... *Raff*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 105..... *Coronae*
NUNC DIMITTIS..... *Kimmins*
SERMON HYMN 106
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"O Lord, Most Holy"..... *Franz Abt*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 368..... *St. Cuthbert*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 350..... *Jubilate*
POSTLUDE—"Toccata in G"..... *Dubois*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Defend, O Lord, us Thy servants, with Thy heavenly grace, that we may continue Thine forever; and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come to Thy everlasting Kingdom. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*).

Bible Reading: II Chronicles 25: 11-16

The Sermon:

Far back in Jewish history, so the Second Book of Chronicles informs us, Judah won a war over the Edomites; and Amaziah, the Judean king, came back in triumph to Jerusalem. But then we read, "He brought the gods of the children of Edom, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed himself down before them, and burned incense unto them." So, he won a resounding victory, and *then* worshipped the gods of his beaten enemy. At first, Amaziah's conduct seems absurd, yet isn't war itself a process in which we copy our enemies and serve their gods? If they conscript armies, we must conscript armies, too. If they centralize vast powers in a totalitarian government to wage war effectively, then we must centralize vast powers in our government, too. How strange war is—we call other men our enemies, and shout that we hate their ways and their ideas, and *then* proceed with utmost speed and zeal to imitate them!

This is Memorial Day, the day when we gratefully remember those who fell for freedom. They left us to be the trustees for that freedom. They look to us to protect it against the gods of totalitarianism.

In November, 1943, at the height of World War II, Dr. Fosdick uttered this prophetic warning: "Already one hears voices pleading that after this war America be militarized—universal conscription, universal military service, and all the rest. But this is the road down which our enemies walked...universal military service can be presented in beguiling terms, but watch that kitten—it has a way of turning out to be a tiger! It means a vast military establishment, huge munition syndicates, a powerful military caste. It means the increasing federalizing of power, and, at last, it means, as Mirabeau put it, "Not a-country-with-an-army, but an-army-with-a country." May God save us from that!...It would be Amaziah over again. He brought the gods of the children of Edom, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed himself down before them.

On one of the return trips of the "*Gripsholm*", bringing back missionaries from months in a Japanese concentration camp, a reporter asked one of them, "What did you think about while you were imprisoned?" To which he answered, "I was wondering whether I would be worthy of freedom when I got it." On this Memorial Day, less than four years after the defeat of Totalitarianism, we could well do a bit of wondering ourselves! Shall we betray those men who died for real freedom? Shall we "go over to the enemy" and take on alien ways, and change America into a uniformed, war-trained, army-burdened state? Shall we set up pagan gods, and bow ourselves down before them? I wonder! You'd best make up your minds about those gods of Edom!

Closing Prayer:

O God, the King of Righteousness, lead us, we pray Thee, in the ways of justice and peace; inspire us to break down all tyranny, at home and abroad; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant"
April 10—Burton Fred Latham, Jr.
May 1—Bruce Elliott Schaffer

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"
April 23—Edward Lane Crawford
Leona Eaton Dickhart
May 10—Howard W. Troutman
Christine Nace

Burials

"The sun is sinking in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."
April 9—Josephine C. Norwood
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580.....*Edina*
ANTHEM—"Fierce was the Wild Billow".....*Tertius Noble*

1. Fierce was the wild billow, Dark was the night Oars labored heavily Foam glimmered white. Trembled the mariner, Peril was nigh; Then saith the God of God, "Peace! It is I!"

2. Ridge of the mountain wave, Lower thy crest, Wail of Euroclydon Be thou at rest; Sorrow can never be, Darkness must fly, Then saith the Light of Light "Peace! It is I!"

3. Jesu deliverer, Come Thou to me, Soothe Thou my voyaging Over life's sea; Thou when the storm of death Roars sweepingly Whisper, O Truth of Truth; "Peace! It is I!"

SERMON—"Down East (Maine)".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 415.....*Martyn*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433.....*Langren*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 285.....*Covenant*
SERMON HYMN 455.....*St. Peter*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O My Soul".....*Ivanoff*
VESPER HYMN 179.....*St. Clement*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 590.....*Alford*
POSTLUDE—"The Lost Chord".....*Sullivan*

GEORGE H. STREAKER

Sometime Wednesday night, May 4th, George Streaker in his eighty-ninth year, crossed through that doorway that leads into the larger life and the nearer presence. For over forty years he has been connected with Scouting in America, and organized St. Stephen's Troop No. 2 several years before Scouting came to these shores. For many years he was the Superintendent of St. Stephen's Sunday School and in recent years he has rung the church bells at noon and at five o'clock every week-day. He has been the Santa Claus at the Burd School parties and has played that annual role much to the delight of children in hospitals and institutions without number. He enjoyed his annual appearance as Town Crier in the pageantry of Elfreth's Alley. He was a popular lecturer on the Romance of the Sea.

During all these years he had been most loyal and faithful, active and interested in the affairs of the Parish, anxious to do all that he possibly could to help. The spirit of human kindness motivated all his activities. He was a rare, buoyant and happy man. Simple, sincere, unselfish, a loyal communicant of the church, he was Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. We are grateful to God for the inspiration of his life and example.

STREAKER MEMORIAL

The Vestry has decided upon a suitable memorial to the memory of George Streaker. For many years Captain Streaker has played the chimes in the tower of St. Stephen's. These bells are in a difficult place to reach. They are sadly in need of repair and the small number of bells limit the repertoire.

There has come to our attention a wonderful invention called electronic bells. The "bells" are tiny pieces of metal, some weighing only three ounces. Struck with a miniature hammer, they give off barely audible sounds. These sounds are amplified 100,000 times or more by an electronic device, and the result is a clear bell tone that can be heard up to twenty miles away. These bells can be played from a small keyboard.

What a wonderful way to memorialize all that George Streaker has meant to St. Stephen's! These bells will be played twice every week-day and twice on Sunday. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church will have a Strawberry Festival and Operetta in the Community House, 923 Ludlow Street on Friday, May 20th, at 8: 00 P. M. Donation seventy-five cents. Bring your friends and have a happy evening.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Roland S. Morris in memory of her husband.

THURSDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

"Can you tell me *why* when for years and years I have always walked down Chestnut Street to do my errands...yes, always walked down town the very same way when suddenly something caused me to turn down Market Street and then walk along Tenth Street to Chestnut? And there in front of me was a sign. But the only thing my eyes saw was the word THURSDAY. Why should Thursday leap out at me? And so I read what it said for Thursday and the sign said HEALING MEETINGS at 12: 30 and 5: 30. So I went in. Can you tell me *why* and *how* this all happened?" So spoke the lady of the pink hat!

"Yes," I nodded eagerly...in fact I was so excited I could scarcely wait for her to stop talking. "Yes, I know why...GOD...that's why." She relaxed with obvious relief. She wanted to believe it was God and my saying so rather confirmed her belief in His mysterious ways. Her attitude now was tentative but cordial. Lowering her voice she drew a pace nearer to me, in the quiet of the church. No one was about now, for the noon congregation had hurried off to its collective offices and work-a-day world. We were tarrying by the Book Table. There was no need to feel in the least self-conscious, but when one is about to unveil that tiny inner shrine at which he has been secretly and mysteriously worshipping...one does feel a need for privacy and deference to the subject. I wanted greatly to be the sympathetic audience she needed, with whom to share this wonderful new-found treasure of available Healing services.

"My husband was always a Presbyterian; I, a Lutheran. Of late years however, we feel such a lack in our Presbyterian church where we are members. We both sense a need which cries out; a hunger gnaws within us. We spoke of it together and when the pain in my body kept getting worse and demanding more of my energy and attention, I kept casting about in my mind what to do next. My husband and I search our thoughts together and we both have felt for a long time that it *is* God's plan to heal. Yet our church taught us nothing. We wondered if others felt as we did? For years we have been preoccupied with building health through natural laws and right living. We lean toward Naturopath studies and chiropractic treatment. We travel in a social set that serves "the usual cocktail or high ball" and one night when we were out something happened to me. It had happened before and I paid little attention but this night it was *different*. I took the proffered drink and as I raised it this *thing* came way up in me; up from the center of my Being and into my chest and throat." Her hands followed with a gesture as though to relieve the Guidance that came to her. "It seemed to say something to me...THIS MUST GO..." Shyly she looked at me and her eyes were soft and moist. "I thought it was God speaking to me," she offered. I nodded gratefully. It was after that, that she was led down Tenth Street.

And indeed I believe it was and is God speaking to her. I never saw her before; I do not know her name; but I believe her story. As she spoke such floods of electric power passed through my body that I felt it must be communicating itself to her in Healing Vibrations as we stood together. That is one of God's lovely ways of verifying His Love in action.

"You speak The Truth," I said to her. She could not see the capital letters I had in mind and thinking perhaps I implied a question, she yearned toward me with her voice. "Oh, I am speaking the truth, believe me." "I do believe you. I *know* whereof you speak."

These are rare moments in His Vineyard when one plucks and sips the wine of a life that is being crushed for worthier purpose. Yet it is not uncommon in Old St. Stephen's on Tenth Street. The lady of the pink hat is literally walking in clouds of pink glory, because a new way of life has been opened to her. Her circulation is improving because her mind has been shaken out of its endless circle of questioning. With questions answered from the Rector's messages her needs are being met and the yearning beliefs of her husband and herself are being rewarded in the renewing of their Faith in the Belief that Jesus meant exactly *what* He said *when* He said, "I come to Heal."

"I want to say this to you; I BELIEVE I HAVE BEEN HEALED." It was spoken with daring and conviction. "I have not missed a Thursday since I first saw The Sign. I have never talked with the Rector...I needn't; for I shall never forget what happened to me when I knealt at that altar the first time."

I waited, loathe to break in upon her remembrance. She was gazing forward now to the chaste marble Sanctuary of Healing. Here the weary, sick and disillusioned trudge to the Mercy seat, *asking*. From here they turn with lighter step, knowing in their hearts they have *received*, as had this one standing before me. Her heart was overflowing with gratitude. "Such power as I felt that day...such wonderful power flowed down over and through me...when he (The Rector) touched me."

Our eyes met and passed beyond focal point into the infinity of revelation that comes with sacred sharing. The telling of it, confirmed by my acquiesence caught and held for her forever, what might have passed in time as an elusive, nebulous thing. "It's an awfully tiny price to pay for such great glory, isn't it?" I asked. "What price?"..."Giving up social drinking...that little condition He asked of you that night." "Oh, THAT! Oh my, that was nothing...there is nothing worth having now but this experience and what it is doing for me and my husband."

NELL R. COOK.

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What we are praying for—God's Healing, see.
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155..... *Melcombe*
VENITE, page 9..... *Chant*
PSALM 40, page 390
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—
"Source of That Power, Which Made Her Strong"..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*
Source of that Pow'r, which made her strong, For labors hard and vigils long. To suffer right and thwart the wrong, I need Thee now, my mother's God. Goal of her faith which wavered naught Through hardships borne and battles fought, Grateful for what her faith has wrought, I seek Thee now, my mother's God.
Author of light, which made her face A shining miracle of grace, For light in my own time and place, I pray Thee now my mother's God.
Fountain of love with which o'erflowed Her life, each deed in love bestowed, For that great love, my joy and goad, I thank Thee now my mother's God.
SERMON—"The Portrait of a Godly Mother"..... *The Rector*
OFFERTORY HYMN 296..... *English Lane*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579..... *Marion*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Clarence T. Garrett in memory of his family, and by Mrs. Margaret Dougherty in memory of her mother, Mrs. Tabitha Frass.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Evening Star" ..... *Wagner*
"Intermezzo," Cavalleria Rusticana..... *Mascagni*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 557..... *S. Gertrude*
PSALM
NUNC DIMMITIS ..... *Tours*
SERMON HYMN 291..... *Mendon*
SERMON..... The Rev. Mr. G. C. Meckling
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Thou Knowest, Lord"..... *Purcell*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 172..... *Merrial*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 559..... *Sion*
POSTLUDE—"Moment Musical" ..... *Schubert*

Mrs. Clarence S. Slatcher has presented St. Stephen's with three beautifully embroidered linen Corporals and Palls for use at the Holy Communion Services. Many thanks!

The Mothers' Meeting will give their annual Minstrel Show in the Community House on Friday, May 13th, at 8:00 P. M. The cost is 50 cents. Mrs. Ernest Nelson, the author and director of this lively and entertaining minstrel show extends a cordial welcome to all of the parishioners and friends of St. Stephen's to be with them on May 13th. The proceeds are for the refrigerator needed in the Community House. The Mothers' Meeting has already contributed One Hundred Dollars toward the cost of a new refrigerator.

The electric lights in the vestibule of the church have all been rewired and the bottom sections removed and replaced with special glass that will enable us to have better lighting. The lights under the balconies are being similarly treated.

MOTHER!

There have been bad mothers as well as good mothers. There have been careless mothers as well as careful mothers. There have been sour mothers as well as sweet mothers. There have been vile mothers as well as virtuous mothers.

The men who have gone out to mold civilization in all eras have been men molded by noble mothers. The mother of the Gracchi, the mother of Augustine, the mother of Wesley, of Booker Washington, of Abraham Lincoln—these and uncounted others have written their names all over history through the deeds of their boys.

But there are new mothers. The mothers of today are not sitting by the window, knitting or sewing. The world is on the march and they are marching with it. They love the children; they know the proper diet; they watch the reading and the play; they guide their children with wise and steady hand; they keep abreast the children in their studies; they grow with them through high school and on through college, alert, eager, sympathetic. They are members of social clubs, civic and financial and religious clubs and give themselves freely to those public organizations which mean the health of the people and the nation. They are alive to the political needs and perils of today. They seek for a finer tone to the community in which they live. They are beginning to be more active in politics. She traveled the journey before you.

"She traveled the journey before you.
She has known all the cost of the way:
She has paid out the price to its fullness,
That motherhood only can pay.
She loved when the world was against you,
She hoped when your hope sank and died.
She clung to your hand when the clinging
Left scars in her heart deep and wide."

Mothers have come to understand that if their community shall be sweet and a place proper for the rearing of their children, they must have a voice in the governing of that community. So, more and more, women are entering into politics and politics are being ennobled by their presence. They are awake and alive to the educational needs of the nation; they are watching the motion pictures, the play, the schools, the churches, seeking everywhere for the proper atmosphere in which their children shall grow to noblest manhood and womanhood.

They are awake to the needs and dangers of motherhood, so they are giving larger attention to the hospitals and maternity centers and health organizations. Indeed, motherhood is becoming the great concern of the women of the whole world.

What a debt the world owes to her mothers!

But this day calls for more than sentiment. Last year 16,000 mothers died in childbirth here in America. It is the highest maternity death rate among 22 nations. Many of these mothers could have been saved by proper care. Sixteen thousand mothers dead each year in America! Sixteen thousand homes disorganized. Sixteen thousand motherless babies every year. Sixteen thousand children who will never know a mother. Sixteen thousand young people craving that which earth can never give them back—a lost mother!

Were I to draw up a children's charter I would put forward such rights as the following:

1. For every child, the latest and best knowledge that a father and mother can gain.
2. For every child, full preparation for birth with all the care modern science can bring.
3. For every child, a home and love and security.
4. For every child, proper spiritual and moral intellectual training.

Every child has a right to these; every mother has a right to these.

The shame of America is that her death rate is the highest maternity death rate among 22 nations of the earth.

May the Lord bless our mothers. May His face shine upon these artists of the human race. May the peace of God be the lullabies which they sing into the souls of their children.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 228.....*Hanover*
KYRIE .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—Tenor Solo from "Elijah".....*Mendelssohn*

Ye people rend your hearts, and not your garments, for your transgressions. The prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God; for His is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil. If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever truly find Me. Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

SERMON—"God Is Where You Find Him".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 301.....*St. Denis*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SANCTUS .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 196.....*Eucharistic Hymn*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 553.....*Lancashire*

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PRELUDE—"Consolation" .....*Mendelssohn*
"Traumerei" .....*Schumann*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282.....*Lauda Anima*
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Kimmina*
SERMON HYMN 247.....*Sicilian Mariners*
SERMON.....The Rev. G. C. Meckling
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Give Ear Unto My Prayer".....*Arcadelt*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
VESPER HYMN 294.....*St. Bees*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 292.....*Innocents*
POSTLUDE—"March in B flat".....*Faulkes*

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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As this is the one time in the year when we can meet as a Parish family to consider the "state of the Parish," we hope there will be a larg attendance. In addition to the election of vestrymen there will be brief reports by the leaders of our organizations. Those who can come will be assured a profitable and pleasant afternoon and they will be serving their Parish in an important way.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, who orderest all things for our eternal good, mercifully enlighten our minds, and give us a firm and abiding trust in Thy love and care. Silence our murmurings, quiet our fears, and dispel our doubts, that, rising above our afflictions and anxieties, we may rest on Thee, the Rock of everlasting strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*New Church Book of Worship, 1876*).

Bible Reading—St. Luke 11:1-4 ("Thy will be done...as it is in heaven").

The Sermon:

Sammy Cascarvilla wheeled his Eighth Avenue bus up to the 42nd Street stop. The air brakes wheezed, the doors flew open, and Sammy turned to his passengers: "Ladies first," he shouted cheerfully. "This is 42nd Street—the Franklin Savings Bank, Times Square, the movie center. Change for Grand Central. The correct time is 11:02." And a noticeably cheerful lot of passengers poured off the bus.

Chase Walker tells the story of Sammy, and how he licked a problem that beats most people. His daily job was a tough, nerve-racking one. He not only had to guide his bus safely through the frantic New York traffic—all day long he was handling the pushing, impatient people who stepped on each other's toes. Most bus drivers learn either to be hard-boiled with their passengers, or to pay little attention to them and let them stew in their own juice. But Sammy went about it differently. In the first place, he was thankful to be in this country, for he had come over from Italy in 1923. In the second place, he had a great love of people and great faith in God. Then his great trouble came. "My wife Josephine had bad cough, so I take her to a doctor. He X-Rayed her lungs. What a terrible thing she has. Very bad spot on both lungs." So Sammy sent Josephine to Saranac, even though the doctor said she could not get well. He had very little money, so he worked double-shifts (sixteen hours a day) to pay for her care. "Then I learned something," says Sammy. "When people have much trouble it is easy to be grouchy and hard to be cheerful. I wish to forget my trouble while driving my bus, so I try to smile and talk a lot. Pretty soon I find it easy to be cheerful. I go to Catholic Church every Sunday and pray for Josephine. I never lose faith any time. On my bus-route I learn all the church—Catholic, Jewish and Protestant. Then I call them off to my passengers. People should know more about churches. Soon I find that most people have lots of troubles. More and more I try to cheer them up, and make them smile. One day a lady got on my bus, sat down behind me and told me all the terrible trouble with her son. She started to cry. But not for long. I started to sing; the people on the bus began to smile and laugh, everybody was having fun...it was a wonderful day. Pretty soon the lady stopped crying, and was smiling, too. "I'm not going to be the only sad one in the bus," she told me. That made me feel fine...My wife was away for two years. The doctor...he rides on the bus, you know...he operated on her and it was a fine success. Now she is home and well."

There is the simple and glorious story of Singing Sam, the happy bus-driver. He had the sense to let God into his tough job (and into his troubles) and make a Christian adventure of it. No matter how tough your job may be, no matter how exasperating the people you are associated with each day—if you let God into the work, He'll make something joyful out of it. For, after all, "heaven" is simply a place where God's will is done. And, if you obey His will where you work, there'll always be a bit of heaven there. Sammy looks back on his life, troubles and all, and says, "God has been very good to me. This is a wonderful world."

Closing Prayers:

O Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto Thyself, that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight; and give us such a mighty love to Thee as may sweeten all our obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Tuesday, May 3rd, at 12:00 noon, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing is giving a luncheon in the Community House. All are welcome. Cost 50 cents.

Our Hearty Congratulation and Best Wishes go to Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin who celebrated their Thirtieth Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 23rd.

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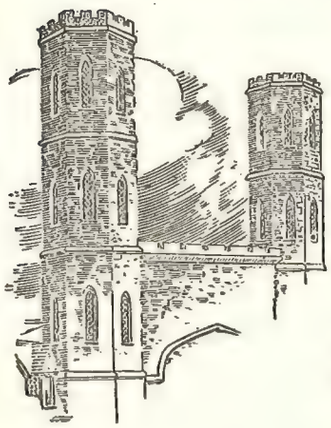
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 217-18

11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 535..... *Festal Song*
VENITE
PSALM
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Beloved, If God So Loved Us"..... *Barnby*

Beloved, if God so loved us,
We ought also to love one another,
And this commandment have we from Him
That he who loveth God love his brother also.

SERMON—"What Keeps People From Loving Their Neighbors?".... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 536..... *Bourgeois*
PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS—America
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 394..... *St. Asaph*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr., in memory of his father, Thomas B. Lovelock.

We wish to thank Mrs. Mary M. Shields, Mrs. Blanche W. Friel and Miss Susan C. Thackara for their *Church Bulletin* subscriptions.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

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Opening Prayer:

O Almighty God, from Whom every good prayer cometh, and Who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication; deliver us, when we draw nigh unto Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that, with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*William Bright*).

The Sermon:

Would you like to think that many years from now, your influence would be helping people to win hard battles in their lives?

Many years ago a boy was growing up on a farm. His father earned his living by farming; but he was also a Baptist minister, who preached for the better part of his lifetime without taking a penny for it. He and his wife brought up their children in simple faith, brought them up in honest Christian ways and taught them to trust God. Also, as Christian parents, they had deep confidence in their children and their futures.

The boy grew up, went into business, married. He was doing well, prospering and building up his business on sound and honest foundations, when his wife died after a brief illness. The shock was so sudden and severe that it nearly overwhelmed him. Though he had never been a drinker, even moderately, an intense desire to drown his grief in liquor took hold of him. He battled it for months; many a night he walked the streets wrestling with grief and temptation. Looking back, he writes, "This was the most critical time of my life, but the memory of my father's faith buoyed me up. His words when I first went to work, 'Jim will make it; I like the way he has started out,' again and again came to my rescue." He won this fight, and, a few years later, found a deepened abiding faith of his own. But, in that critical fight, it was his father's confidence in him that carried him through.

Back of every memorable life are one or two people of faith who saw the God-given possibilities of a youngster, and told that youngster about them. If you would be a person of influence, pray to God to cleanse your eyes so that you may see these golden possibilities. There are so many stupid people in every generation who bleat sadly about the young people not being the way they used to be in the "good old days." That is as wicked as it is untrue. For God makes every young life with true possibilities for usefulness. Be wise and daring and Christian enough to look for those golden veins in the young lives that cross your daily path. Be sure you make your confidence known to them.

There is a story of a beggar whose "pitch" was near tthe window of an artist's studio. From his window the artist painted a picture of the beggar, and then called him in to see it. "Who is it?" the beggar asked, as he looked at this portrait of a very lovable man. "Can it be I?" the beggar asked incredulously. "That is the man as I see him" said the artist. "If that is the man you see," the beggar answered, "that is the man that I will be." Dare to see the promise in the lives about you and you will become one of the builders of God's world to be.

Closing Prayer:

Now unto Him that is able abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mrs. George P. Green who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on October 22nd.

We have now installed in the church proper a sound reenforcement and distribution system consisting of two microphones at the pulpit and lectern and four reproducers for the side aisles and under the balconies. This will be a great aid to guest speakers whose voices do not carry to the rear of the church.

Six hundred and fifty-one persons worshipped in St. Stephen's last week. This is a fair average of attendance at our services of worship at this time of year. The services were attended as follows: Sunday: 9:00 A. M., 16; 11:00 A. M., 250; 7:30 P. M., 76; Tuesday: 12:30 P. M., 48; Wednesday: 12:30 P. M., 51; Thursday: 12:30 P. M., 80—5:30 P. M., 100; Friday: 12:30 P. M., 30.

The Rector was invited by the Dean of Temple University to speak on the subject of Spiritual Healing to a Graduate Class of Clergymen for two hours on October 17th, and on October 19th the Dean of the Philadelphia Divinity School invited him to address a Class on Pastoral Care on the same subject.

Mrs. Agnes Sanford, author of "The Healing Light" will speak in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, November 1st at 8:00 P. M.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST deserves the support of every Christian. Are you doing your part?

One hundred and four individuals contributed to the George Hoover Streaker Memorial Bells which were dedicated Sunday, October 16th.

We have need of a small electric refrigerator in the Parish House for the use of the Tuesday Business Men's Club luncheon committee and for general use. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who is buying a new refrigerator and would want to assist the committee in their good work by giving them their old one.

ALL SAINTS' DAY is November 1st. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:10 P. M. followed by an address at 12:30 P. M. The list of those who have passed to the life beyond since last All Saints' Day will be read by the Rector. Those who desire to have names of loved ones included in the roster will please mail them to the church office.

The Rector will preach at the 4:00 P. M. service, October 30th, at The House of Rest, Germantown.

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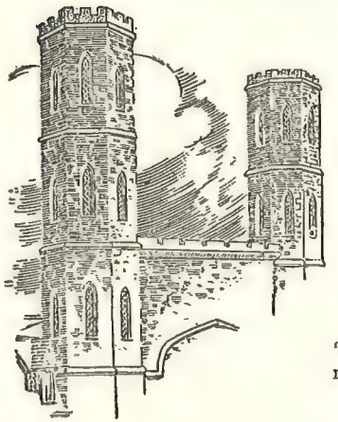
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante from Symphony 42".....*Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561 .....*St. Boniface*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 111, page 482
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Hear My Prayer" .....*Mendelssohn*

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear. Thyself from my petition do not hide; Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee. Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide. The enemy shouteth the godless come fast! Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast! The wicked oppress me, ah where shall I fly? Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry. My heart is sorely pained within my breast, My soul with deathly terror is oppressed. Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, With horror overwhelmed, lo hear me call. O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove. In the wilderness build me a nest, And remain there forever at rest.

SERMON—"What Keeps People From Praying?".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 419.....*Shaddick*
PRESENTATION OF COLORS—America
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 580.....*Edina*

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Opening Prayer:

Master of life, lead us, through patient study and unwearying prayer, into the deeper knowledge of ourselves and Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Henry S. Nash*)

Bible Reading: Psalm 51: 5-10

The Sermon:

During the past decade we have heard the word *Vitamin* on every hand and so common has become our knowledge of these substances that even the children speak of them in a commonplace manner. All through our lives we have been used to eating the foods we like to eat instead of the foods we ought to eat and many foods today are devitalized by processing, so it is that the commonest diseases we face today are so-called deficiency diseases.

Large percentages of people today are half-starved from a vitamin standpoint—*i. e.,* the basic elements of the foods they need are missing from their diets. In seventy years of your life you need approximately one ounce of each of the vitamins, but if these small amounts are missing, then the trouble sets in and you develop certain ills.

Vitamins are vital necessities for every human being.

Today, we are experiencing the results in society of long, long years of a complete lack of a certain spiritual element in the lives of men. Churches are poorly attended, children do not go to Sunday School as they did years ago, and religion of any kind is not practiced by millions of so called Christians. That is what is wrong with the nations today—we are spiritually underfed—undernourished because the spiritual vitamins they need, oh so much, have not been included in their daily mental and spiritual diets.

The tremendous developments in psychology and psychiatry, the huge sanatoriums of today—the constant increase in nervous breakdowns, the evidence of heart trouble, the rapid increase of such diseases as arthritis and neuritis—mostly trace back to undisciplined living—spiritual underfeeding for long periods of time.

Have you ever said to yourself—what is wrong with me? I'm so restless—I'm so depressed and dissatisfied, nothing suits me any more and I am oh, so nervous. People today are half starved—they need this life substance—this vital element—they need to have their lives re-vitalized.

How do you proceed to get this treatment? First of all, realize that your troubles have been caused by yourself—wrong patterns of thinking—wrong patterns of living—with the vibrant-vital-essential factors of spiritual life entirely missing—you need and need badly—the vitamins of Jesus Christ—the vitamins of God.

Completely defeated and demoralized people can be re-vitalized by yielding themselves to a higher power—the power of God Whose Spirit lives within every one of us. They are changed the very moment they decide for themselves they want to be re-vitalized.

Possibly your defeat is due to pride, temper, fears, nervous tension, criticisms, resentment; for whatever you think in your mind so you produce in your body and your mind. A healthy body only comes from a happy mind and the happy mind which was in Christ Jesus can be yours immediately—if and when you will offer yourself body and soul to Him.

You need never be defeated by anything in life when you learn how to appropriate spiritual vitamins. These spiritual vitamins are available every day from the Christ within. All we need to do is to release them. God wants every soul to be happy in his or her life on earth, and if you are not demonstrating happiness then there is something wrong with your application of religion—your mental vitamins are not up to standard and its up to you to find out where you are falling down; start first of all by checking your daily round of thoughts, check your mental diet. Are you holding any thoughts of fear, criticism, hatred, resentment?

These are all negative thoughts which must be thrown out completely and replaced by positive ones—you must learn to know that no past event, no past tendency to illness, can affect your future unless you let it; all your resentments, criticisms of others, must also be wiped right out—at once—for no progress is possible unless these things are taken care of immediately.

Once you learn how to control your daily thinking along these lines you will be surprised how your personality will change for the better. Such a positive attitude changes the whole picture of life for you—you drop your fears, and gain each day more ability in your work. New ideas come to you by inspiration for now you have set your mind in tune with the Great Infinite, and He is always ready and willing to aid you with every problem that comes along.

Closing Prayer:

Now unto Him that is able abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN FUND

To date thirty-two persons have pledged $14,895.00 to the Organ Fund. $5,583.00 has been received so far in cash and the balance is pledged over a five-year period. This is a very encouraging beginning considering the small number of persons responding. However, we do need much more to enable us to have an organ in keeping with the traditions of this parish.

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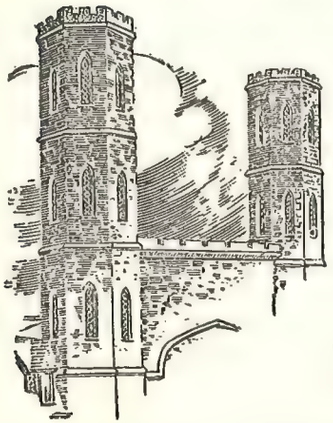
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—DEDICATION OF CARILLONIC BELLS AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—
"Choral Improvisation on a Gregorian Theme".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 599.....*Vigiles et Sancti*
ANTHEM—"With a Voice of Singing".....*Martin Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this, let it be heard,
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to
The honour of His name, make His praise to be glorious.
SERMON—"There Go The Ships".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 512 .....*Melita*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 589 .....*O Quantia Qualia*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Evelyn Blackburn in memory of Captain George Hoover Streaker, by Miss Betty Elder in memory of her mother, Mrs. Margaret Elder, and by Mr. James Coen in memory of his mother, Mrs. M. Elizabeth Coen.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY MR. MECKLING

Our "Thank You" to the following Church Bulletin Subscribers: Mrs. Charles Campbell, Miss B. Irene Mathews.

GEORGE HOOVER STREAKER

This morning we dedicate twenty-five Carillonic Tower Bells to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Hoover Streaker. Captain Streaker, as he was affectionately called, pumped the twelve heavy bronze bells in the church tower for some thirty years. The art of the carillonneur, who rings church bells from a heavy wooden and rope pump, is fast disappearing. Since Captain's Streaker's death in May, we have been unable to find someone who could be relied upon to ring the bells twice daily. This fact, together with the prohibitive cost of repairing the supports of these heavy bells which were in a dangerous condition and the fact that the bells were hopelessly out of tune hastened the decision to replace these hundred year old bells by a set of electronically controlled bells. Our old bells are now a permanent exhibit on the grounds of the Schulmerich Electronic Corporation of Sellersville, which made the new chimes.

The new tower bells produce the perfectly balanced and accurately matched tones of the carillon bells of England. They can be sounded inside as organ bells, outside as tower bells, or played as both simultaneously. Our bells may be played from the organ console or by an automatic playing device.

These bells will be played every week-day at 12:00 noon and 5:00 P. M., and on Sundays at 10:30 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.

DEDICATION OF THE GEORGE HOOVER STREAKER CARILLONIC TOWER BELLS

The Service of Dedication

Minister: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People: Who made heaven and earth.
Minister: Praise ye the Lord.
People: Praise God in His sanctuary.
Minister: Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
People: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name.
Minister: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Together: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Words of Dedication

Blest and dedicate be these Carillonic Tower Bells to the honor and glory of Almighty God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Sing forth the honor of His name: make His praise glorious!

Hallowed also be these Carillonic Tower Bells as a memorial to George Hoover Streaker, who gave of his time and talents, unstintingly, to the young people of this church and community, and who served as Bell Ringer for over thirty years.

We provide these twenty-four English Carillonic Bells as a reminder of Captain Streaker's modesty in living, and fidelity to his God and country.

The memory of the just is blessed!
We set apart these memorial bells:
To the sending out of hymns of comfort and hope and challenge.
We hereby dedicate these Memorial Carillonic Bells:
To the glorifying of God's name and to the continued sharing of the Gospel's invitation and message through music.
We do now dedicate these memorial bells.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray!

O God, Who by thy servant Moses didst command that silver trumpets should be made to call the people to holy assemblies: Bless, we beseech Thee, these Carillonic Tower Bells, dedicated to Thine honor and glory, and grant that its voice may sound forth from generation to generation, ever calling Thy children to holy convocation in praise and worship of Thy glorious Name: through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Litany of Dedication

Almighty God, Who dost endow Thy children with manifold gifts and graces, blessing their lives with the treasures of beauty and harmony, and dost make skillful their hands to the creation of the useful and beautiful: Accept this our offering which we have dedicated to Thy service, and grant that its use may ever be an hallowed one and that its sound may never cease to call men unto Thee.

People: We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.
Minister: We humbly pray its voice may ever be a joyful sound to Thy children, calling them to worship and prayer, that they may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy courts with praise.
People: We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.
Minister: We humbly pray that its voice may ever be a calling to remembrance to those who have strayed from Thy Way;
People: That it may call in solemn rebuke to the careless and indifferent;
Minister: That it may ring forth a sure welcome to the sinner and to whosoever will come;
People: We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.
Minister: We humbly pray for those in the House of Pain, our neighboring hospital, who, through the physical sufferings of this present life, are prevented from coming to Thy House, that its sound may bring to mind Thy love and compassion for all who suffer; Thy courage and help for those who are sore beset; Thy peace for those who are heavy laden; and Thy comfort for those who mourn;
People: We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.
Minister: We humbly pray that when a soul passes forth into the Life that knows no ending, its voice may proclaim to all the glorious victory which our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, hath obtained for us and for all who sleep in Him; that hearing, we may be led to seek Thy grace, and so live that we may enter into the rest prepared for the children of God;
People: We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.
Minister: And when it sounds forth, far and wide, in rejoicing and thanksgiving, may we lift up our hearts in adoration and praise to Thee, O God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Who livest and reignest evermore. Amen.

The Carillonic Bells' Response:

"Hark! Hark, my soul! Angelic songs are swelling
O'er earth's green fields and ocean's wave-beat shore;
How sweet the truth those blessed strains are telling
Of that new life when sin shall be no more!
Angels of Jesus,
Angels of light,
Singing to welcome
The pilgrims of the night."

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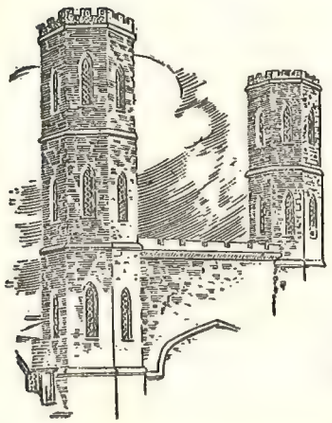
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Consolation" ..... *Alec Rowley*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288 ..... *Hanover*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Marks*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"To Whom Then Will Ye Liken God?" ..... *Horatio Parker*

To whom then will ye liken Me? saith the Holy One, to whom? Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard that the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? Praise Him and magnify His Holy Name for ever. Amen.

SERMON—"What Keeps People From Believing in God?" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 301 ..... *Welsh Melody*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Regent Square*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Henry S. Musser and Mr. Henry Lees Musser in memory of their wife and mother, Mrs. Ethel Fisher Lees Musser, and by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Croyder in memory of Mrs. John Coats Brown.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Serenade" ..... *Schubert*
"Loure" ..... *Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561 ..... *St. Boniface*

PSALM

NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Kimmins*

SERMON HYMN 423 ..... *Federal Street*

SERMON ..... The Rev. Mr. G. C. Meckling

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"We Lift Our Souls In Praise" ..... *Enners*

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PRAYERS

VESPER HYMN 488 ..... *Stracathro*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 539 ..... *Truro*

POSTLUDE—"Glory of God in Nature" ..... *Beethoven*

We wish to thank Miss Lillian H. Carson for her subscription to the *Church Bulletin* .

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Last year the women of this very helpful group sent over four thousand articles of sewing to seven of Philadelphia's major hospitals. The materials are furnished by the hospitals and the Benevolent Society pays needy women to sew these articles in their homes. These women were paid $501.64 for this great amount of sewing.

The income from the endowment of this Society is around $140.00 a year. Three hundred and fifty dollars will just about cover expenses for the season 1949-50. Your contribution will help the needy workers who do the sewing and also the hospitals who desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

Here is what one of the hospitals (Jefferson) received last year: 1,250 masks, 350 surgeons' caps, 174 nurses' hoods, 174 nurses' bands, 228 patients' gowns, 54 O. R. gowns, 124 tray covers, 775 O. R. towels, 142 tea towels, 57 bed pan covers, 64 large flannel baby gowns, 20 breast binders, 63 muslin baby gowns, 149 syringe covers, 26 kitchen aprons, 17 small flannel baby gowns, 94 baby binders, 61 C. D. R. towels and 73 O. R. trousers.

To continue this work we need your generous contributions at this time.

The George Hoover Streaker Memorial Bells will be dedicated on Sunday, October 16th.

The women of our church presented two million dollars as their United Thank Offering at the service in San Francisco on September 29th. The women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania gave $112,155.44 of the total and the women of St. Stephen's contributed $1,240.82.

THURSDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

While transacting a sale at the Book Table, I was conscious of a lady standing nearby, glancing rather shyly at the gaily attractive books. Desiring to put her at ease, I asked if she would like to chat awhile about spiritual books.

"I wouldn't know what to say because I have never read anything like this," she told me frankly.

"Are you particularly interested in Healing?", I asked. She brightened noticeably at this and then glanced down at her hands. My eyes followed hers and I saw very slender, graceful hands clad in immaculate white gloves. But she extended them toward me and said, with her eyes shining..."Look! I have been healed."

"Healed of what?", I wondered to myself. Then she told me this strange little story.

"After reading an announcement of Lenten Services to be held in this church I decided to come. One day the Rector announced that at the close of the Lenten Service, the regular Healing Service would take place. I had never heard of a Healing Service and remained to find out what it was all about.

"For some time I had suffered terribly from arthritis. My hands were swollen twice their size. No doctor had been able to help me. I was truly in a dilemma to know what to do next or where to turn for help. As I sat wondering what a Healing Service would be like, I decided for myself that it must have something to do with Christian Science. But when the invitation was given to kneel at the Altar, I went forward. And the strangest thing happened...I was given distinct Guidance to go to a certain Chiropractor and consult him about my painful, swollen hands. In one treatment I was healed. The doctor told me that never in his profession had he witnessed anything like it. He said it was a miracle!"

That was all. A simple story, beautifully told. And it holds a kernel of Truth for all. The Greatest Physician speaks to each one according to the need or the understanding of the moment. How generous God is to share the miracles of Healing with those dedicated to serve mankind, in the various fields of healing therapy. How stabilizing it is to those who lean heavily upon the medical profession, when a realization of divine healing occurs.

"Have you considered dedicating your hands?", I asked the lady. "Dedicating? I don't understand."

"Well, just out of gratitude for this Healing, perhaps you might like to kneel again one day and offer your hands to Him for service to others."

"Oh I see what you mean...oh yes; God has been so very good to me...you see my boy went all through the war and came back to me unharmed...yes, God is good to me." On that note of reflective gratitude she slipped out quietly.

"How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him who brings glad tidings." And I am happy to add, "Glad tidings of Healing!"

Nelle R. Cook.

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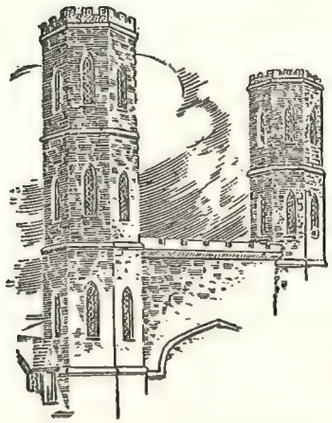
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude" (Gaudeamus) ..... *Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 402 ..... *Munich*
KYRIE ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... *J. S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd
With the fire of life impassion'd.
Striving still to Truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

SERMON—"What Keeps People Out of the Church?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
SANCTUS ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 398 ..... *Quam Delecta*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Gluck*
"Serenade" ..... *Haydn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 590 ..... *Alford*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Kimmins*
SERMON HYMN 434 ..... *St. Oswald*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. G. C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Fear Not, O Israel" ..... *Lorenz*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 584 ..... *Materna*
POSTLUDE—"March Militaire" ..... *Schubert*

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Opening Prayer:

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*).

Bible Reading: Philippians 4: 1-13

The Sermon:

One of the sorriest feelings in the world is helplessness. The Apostle Paul once wrote to his Corinthian friends, "My poor human nature could get no relief—there was trouble at every turn; fighting without, and fear within." People get panicky when they feel helpless, as if they were locked in a room without a key. If they let fear take the wheel, they are in for a bad time, indulging in a spell of the "miseries," stewing in the juices of their self-pity.

But St. Paul did not let himself drift into the "miseries"; and there is no need of your doing it, either! In his letter to the Philippians, he joyfully declared, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." He was not saying, of course, that he could achieve any fantastic and breath-taking stunt that anyone might suggest; or even that he could do anything he felt like doing. There are many things God does not care to have us do. St. Paul *was* claiming that, with Christ's inner help, he could do all the things that God wanted him to do. That statement is equally true of you my friend. It just depends on your willingness to put your mind on what God wants.

Of course, if you insist on struggling to get your own way, you are going to have some very black days; and you are going to learn the painful blind-alley feeling of helplessness. But if you have lived long enough to see the folly of being a spoiled child who has to have his own way, then you can settle down to work it out God's way. This takes an inner tussle, of course; but the results of victory are worth it. You will find, as St. Paul did, that you can do all the things that God wants done through you, with the undergirding power of Christ at work in your heart.

When we were little children, we looked forward as if we could be anything we chose to be, fireman, doctor, or millionaire. Then the day came when we had to narrow life down, to being just one possible person. When we were little children, we thought that grown-ups could do just as they pleased, and the trouble with a lot of us is that we have never discarded this childish fancy. St. Paul got rid of his infantile idea: "When I was a child, I thought as a child...but when I became a man, I put away childish things." There is a tremendous relief in putting away our wilfulness and setting ourselves to achieve the tasks God has entrusted to us. Accept those tasks. Seek His constant help and you will find yourself, with a singing heart, declaring, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Closing Prayer:

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*).

WELCOME

To young people coming to Philadelphia for school or college, to families moving into the city from other places, to residents of hotels who expect to be here only a brief time, the Parish, its Vestry and Ministers extend a cordial welcome. The services on Sundays, at convenient hours and of varied character, the open pews in a church which is always open, are all at your service.

On weekdays there are not only noon-day services with helpful messages, but there are many groups with many purposes meeting in our modern Community House. There is a place for you in one or more of them, whether you are young or old, men or women, boys or girls, professional people or home makers.

In the pews you will find a card which signed and sent or left in the pew will bring to you some one with full information.

The Rector's sermons on Sundays through October are as follows: October 2nd—"What Keeps People Out Of The Church?", October 9th—"What Keeps People From Believing In God?", October 16th—"What Keeps People From Loving Their Neighbors?", October 23rd—"What Keeps People From Praying?", October 30th—(All Saints' Day)—"Life With A Future."

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude" ..... *Brahms*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE
PSALM 119: V, VI, page 492
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace"..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is not darkness with Thee for the night is as clear as the day;
The darkness and light to Thee are both alike, God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. Amen.
SERMON—"The Story of the Iron Gate"..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 442..... *Bangor*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567..... *Dulce Carmen*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7: 30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Andante Cantabile, Quartet No. 11"..... *Tschaikowsky*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 591 ..... *Beulah*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 480 ..... *Holy Offerings*
SERMON..... The Rev. Mr. G. C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 430 ..... *Lux Benigna*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 180 ..... *St. Gabriel*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 519 ..... *Ebenezer*
POSTLUDE—"Bridal Song—Rustic Wedding Symphony"..... *Goldmark*

HOME PRAYERS

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Opening Prayer:
O God, Author of the world's joy, Bearer of the world's pain; At the heart of all our trouble and sorrow, let unconquerable gladness dwell; through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. (*"A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors"*)

Bible Reading: Hebrews 11: 32-40.

The Sermon:
One of the most colorful friends of my Brooklyn days was Frank Pedersen, an old Norwegian boatman, who had been a seafaring man all his life, and spoke with the pungent wisdom of the sea. I always remember his saying to me, "Alfred, there are some days when you just can't make any money." He was thinking of those nightmare days when everything seems to go wrong. No matter what we do, it seems to turn outbadly. Those days are the acid test of a person's character, and show how truly religious he is.

It is said there are three kinds of Christians: the rowboat type, the sailboat type, and the steamship type. The rowboat kind of a Christtian depends entirely on himself and his own resources. Like a rowboat, he does not go very far or very fast, and is not very seaworthy on troubled waters. The sailboat type depends on the winds—these are the people who depend on circumstances, who count on "luck" to help them. If the winds are favorable, if people are constantly encouraging them, and they get the "breaks," they get on; but if the winds die down, and the patting on the back stops, and misfortune comes along, they are becalmed and flounder around, awaiting a new breeze. Then there is the steamship type—those who have their power on the inside, and they go forward whether the winds are favorable or unfavorable. Of course they like a favorable wind, as all men do: but they are not dependent on their own puny strength, or on good luck; but on the limitless power of God in their own hearts.

My Norwegian friend was right—there are ornery, nightmare days when misfortunes seem to pile up as fast as they did for Job. But Frank Pedersen, on those fateful days, did not sit down in a corner of the boathouse and mourn. He kept quietly and stubbornly at work, overhauling gear, replacing a worn rope, cleaning spark plugs, calking the seams of a dory. He would not have called this "faith," I think; but, actually, he had found an inner command, an inner power, that bade him to keep going, no matter how sour he felt. He carried his power inside.

It is quiet, stubborn faith in God which makes life into a victorious adventure. It is the belief that if I keep faithfully on, doing my job, caring for my children, earning my living by hard work, tackling tough tasks with courage, God will see me through. It works. In the long run, it *always* works, as it did with the heroes of old "who, through faith, subdued kingdoms, stopped the mouths of lions," and kept on sweeping house and washing the dishes clean, because God gave them these tasks, and also gave them the strength to go through with them. He still does!

Closing Prayer:
Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without strain; that reaching the eventide, victorious over all temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, Who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. Amen. (*"A Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors."*)

The Burd School was officially opened for the year 1949-50 by the Rector on Wednesday, September 14th, at the Chapel Service. There are seven new girls this year and a total of twenty-nine in residence.

Commencing THIS SUNDAY, September 25th, the services at St. Stephen's Church will be held on STANDARD TIME.

COME TO THE FAIR

The Eleventh Annual Bazaar of the Hard of Hearing Congregation of St. Stephen's Church promises to be their best, judging from the enthusiasm of the committee working for the Bazaar. Luncheon, Dinner and many fine home-made gifts will be offered. Don't miss it! Thursday, October 6th, 10: 00 A. M. to 10: 00 P. M. in the Community House, 923 Ludlow Street.

We wish to thank Miss Katherine Kennedy for her generous gift of 8 Prayer Book Memorials, and Mr. Robert E. Brown for his subscription to the Church *Bulletin*.

The Streaker Memorial Bells are now being installed. We hope to be able to dedicate them on October 9th. There is still time to make your contribution to this lovely memorial to one of St. Stephen's loyal members.

Mrs. Agnes Sanford, the author of "The Healing Light," a classic on the subject of Spiritual Healing, will speak at St. Stephen's Church on Thursday, September 29th at 8: 00 P. M.

DON'T DISCARD THAT MAGAZINE—

Bring it to the church office. Miss Maud Hess, of the Periodical Club parcels and delivers these magazines to our hospitals throughout the city. Our shut-in's look to you for this "Medicine For The Soul."

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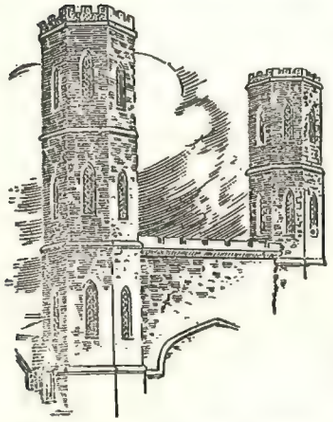
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561 ..... *Gadsby*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 90, page 453
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord O My Soul" ..... *Ivanoff*
SERMON—"The Story Of The Flood" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 415 ..... *Marsh*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Messiter*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON

PRELUDE—"Offertoire in F" ..... *Lefebure-Wely*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
SERMON HYMN 208 ..... *Penetentia*
SERMON ..... The Rev. Mr. G. C. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 410 ..... *Martyrdom*
SANCTUS, AGNUS DEI, GLORIA ..... *Willan*
VESPER HYMN 411, Verses 1 and 3 ..... *Grace Church*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 533 ..... *Bethlehem*
POSTLUDE—"Processional March" ..... *Kinder*

Miss Yeakle's Bible Class will have its opening session next Sunday, September 18th, at 4: 00 P. M. in the Community House. Tea will follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Superintendent of St. Stephen's Sunday School, has announced the opening of our School of Christian Education beginning Sunday, September 18th, for all who will come. The School meets in the Community House, 923 Ludlow Street, from eleven to twelve-fifteen o'clock. Parents desiring to attend the morning worship in the church may leave their children in the care of competent teachers. The School is prepared to care for babies and toddlers, as well as every age group from kindergarten to senior.

It is the desire of the School to help you build right spiritual habits and attitudes in your children. We want the children to grow up in our own household of faith, where many hands of fellowship and encouragement will always be stretched out to help them.

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM

The very first gift to the Organ Fund Campaign to raise $50,000.00 came from Jackie Smyth, a young Girard School boy. Jackie presented the rector with a one dollar bill which he had actually earned and said that he wanted it to go toward the Organ Fund.

Who can hold back his pledge to this much needed organ after this spontaneously generous gift of this little fellow. The hard earned dollar of this little Sunday School boy should mean the success of our ambitious campaign. Christ used the loaves and fishes of a little boy in the long ago to feed five thousand people. With this sacrificial gift of the little boy in the 20th century let us pray that our generosity and loyalty may be equal to his.

Summer months are very lean months for any church. But expenses must be met. You can help us by making up your back envelopes. We need your co-operation and generous help.

We wish to thank Mrs. Grant S. Hanley for her *Church Bulletin* subscription.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Frequently the question is asked of those who attend our Thursday healing services, does it really work? Do you actually heal people?

Physical healing is frequently manifested at these services. The rector's file is literally bulging with such manifestations. Successes have been notable and of many types. Here are some letters that have come to the rector during the past few weeks:

Cancer Cure

Dear Dr. Price:

I am the cancer patient you ministered to several times at Jefferson Hospital, two years ago last spring. Since then my friend, Mrs. H. and my cousin have contacted you on my behalf, as I had a recurrence of the malignancy and have been seriously ill since last fall. I had cancer of several vertebral ribs, collar bone and shoulder blade. But you and many others were praying for me, and just as I and my family and physicians decided that my days were numbered, X-Ray examination showed almost miraculous healing and regeneration of bone. It was almost beyond belief to us all, but I am very grateful to God and to all who prayed to Him for me. The pain has greatly decreased and I am much stronger. My doctor ordered a change from the enervating Kentucky summer, so I expect to remain on this cool coast of California several more weeks. (Signed) E. H. O'Bryan.

Gradual Healing

Dear Dr. Price:

I want you to know that I have not worn my glasses since that last day I talked with you in your study. You suggested that I leave them off for a little while each day. Afterwards, I realized that I had been doing that for a year or more, and decided to take the big step and leave them off for good with *faith*. I went up to the Altar with special faith and received the laying on of hands. The next day it was as though the world had been washed. While there have been blurred times, my eyesight is steadily improving.

The eye which had astigmatism is seeing clearer and farther, and at times sees perfectly clear at a considerable distance. The nerves and muscles are getting stronger daily with natural use, and the twitching and pressing feeling goes for days at a time.

The eye that only saw light and large dark objects such as bureaus, and which has been seeing small objects and even large letters close, is now beginning to distinguish colors. It is a gradual but sure and complete healing.

The parts that have completely healed in me are the paralysis of the right eye; the development of the face and eye to their normal size and a strengthening and healing of the spine and paralyzed nerves in the back. Also chronic colitis, and severe chronic sinus condition are completely gone.

All these conditions were lifelong. I suppose that is why they have been gradual—they have been so imbedded in the subconscious mind. (Signed) D. K.

Alcoholism

"Five years last month I was cured of alcoholism in St. Stephen's Church and I stopped drinking. The miracle happened as you laid your hands upon me at the altar. I have become a new man." (Signed) A. M.

Gangrene Infection

"Before I leave for my home in Watertown, Mass., I want to tell you of the marvelous cure that happened to me at the altar of your church. I came to Philadelphia to inspect the records of the branch office of the concern which employed me. I was staying at the .....hotel and contracted a fungus growth on my right leg. It grew steadily worse and my leg from the ankle to the knee was a mass of running sores. Gangrene set in and the doctor despaired of saving it. It looked like a sure amputation. Alone in the city and panic stricken, I happened to see the sign in front of your church calling attention to the Healing Service. I was on my way at the time to Jefferson Hospital where the doctor had engaged a room for me. It was close to 5: 30 P. M. and I entered St. Stephen's Church. I listened to your address on healing. Your words seemed to reach my inner consciousness and led me to come forward in faith with the others to receive the laying on of hands. I cannot describe the feeling that came over me. I seemed to receive immediate healing. I walked away without the help of my cane. I continued my journey to the hospital and the next morning when the bandages were removed the surgeon noted with amazement the improved condition. In two days I was discharged as completely cured. I have been a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church but I have never known about this work of spiritual healing until by chance I came into your church. Could you direct me to one of our churches in or around Boston that conducts a similar service. My sister desperately needs something like this. (Signed) Violet B.

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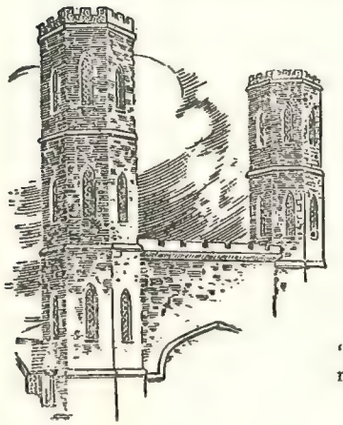
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282..... *Lauda Anima*
VENITE—page 9 ..... *Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE—page 11..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS—page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise"..... *John E. West*

Sing a song of praise.
Bless the Lord in all His works.
Magnify His Name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia.
Sing a song of praise.

SERMON—"The Story of Creation"..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 309..... *Creation*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 279..... *Praise to the Lord*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE—3 Short Preludes by Chopin—in C Minor
—in B Minor
—in A Major
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 600..... *Darwall*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 416..... *Beatitude*
SERMON..... The Rev. Mr. Meckling
OFFERTORY HYMN 359..... *St. Theresa*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 184..... *St. Anatolius*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 479..... *Love Divine*
POSTLUDE—Triumphal March, from 3rd Symphony..... *Tschaikowsky*

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HAMILTON COURT
Chestnut at 39th Street, Philadelphia 4, Penna.

September 8, 1949

My dear Friend's of St. Stephen's Church:

The most important and grandest business in the world is that of furnishing the opportunity of looking upon and imbibing the good, the true, and the beautiful. The founders of St. Stephen's had this vision, as also have had the pastors and lay-members of the organization during the past 126 years. The main strands in the pattern consisting of a spiritual minded, liberal, and intellectual pulpit and the soothing and uplifting embellishment to our Episcopal services of music well rendered and reverent, were closely interwoven so as to develop into a service of potent and widespread influence throughout the community, diocese and nation.

This continuity of pulpit and choir has extended to the present time, but we have received ominous warnings of serious defects in the organ, and it is our bounden duty to see that we continue to have an instrument that will adequately meet the demands of the service always associated with St. Stephen's.

The organ was the gift of the Magee family in 1907 and build under the supervision of our illustrious blind organist, Dr. David D. Wood. It has been conspicuous for its clarity and beauty of tone and effect, and such is largely dependent upon proper mechanical features and the pipes.

It is the opinion of our present illustrious organist and choirmaster, Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, and several organ experts, and the members of the vestry that an entirely new organ should be installed; as such would be more economical and advantage would be taken of many novel improvements in construction.

The present organ, with some renovations at various times, over the past 42 years, is now in the category of the "Old One-Horse-Shay," which with its squeaks and patches continued to run until it collapsed suddenly and completely. We must avoid any such catastrophe; and, Dr. Price and the Vestry, cognizant of the loyalty and generosity of the various congregations and the many friends and beneficiaries of St. Stephen's, feel certain that we can obtain the necessary amount of money over a certain period of time.

By prayer and faith we are assured that mountains can be moved; and, surely with such inspiration and earnest effort we can ornament what has been so firmly established by our predecessors at St. Stephen's.

The goal of $50,000.00 has been set, payable over a period of five years. It is important to have in hand or sure of collection during the first two years at least half this amount, $25,000.00, in order to make the contracts and to meet the current requisites for continuous construction.

A plan for pledges and payments will be formulated and submitted for your consideration, and choice will be given each donor or groups of donors to patronize certain units of construction as (a) pipes, (b) console, (c) keyboards, (d) stops, (e) couplers, (f) pedals.

THE ORGAN

of great antiquity in its primitive forms and of great complexity and power in its modern form, consists of a set of pipes, a reservoir filled with air to operate them and a series of levers (manual and pedal) to permit the air to flow from the reservoir into the pipes, have remained unaltered. Of previous centuries the valves opening the pipes were by tracker-action; this was supplanted by pneumatic action, which gave way to electric action, making the touch of an organ as light as that of a piano.

Outstanding features:

(a) Pipes: are of wood or metal, in length from 64 feet to a few inches; the longer pipes for the low tones; the shorter, the higher. Tone-quality is determined in part by the material of the pipe itself, and in certain instances by the presence of reeds.

(b) Console: the movable desk containing the keyboards, manual and pedal. Within it are also contained the stops and couplers.

(c) Keyboards: theses are grouped in tiers—the lowest is named the Choir Organ; the next, the Great Organ; the next, the Swell Organ. If more than 3 manuals, the 4th tier is generally called the Echo, and the tier above that, the Solo. By couplers any pipe may be sounded from any keyboard, but in general only certain groups of pipes are operated from particular manuals.

(d) Stops: these are draw-knobs or tilting tablets which control the connection between a given set of pipes and a given keyboard. When a given stop is pulled, all pipes of a given quality are automatically connected with a keyboard.

(e) Couplers: these are similar to stops except that they merely transfer the connection to different keyboards.

(f) Pedals: These, operated by the feet, are similar to the conventional keyboard but much larger. The bass part of a composition is assigned almost exclusively to the pedals. In addition to the pedal keyboard should be mentioned the *swell pedal*, controlling the shutters in a box containing the Swell Organ, the *crescendo pedal* which, as it is depressed, successfully connects more and more stops and the *sforzando pedal* which throws on the entire organ.

With every confidence of your loyal and generous support, I am

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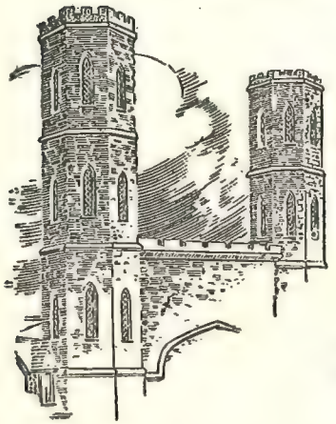
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11: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Soliloquy" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 ..... *Barnby*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Praise God in His Holiness" ..... *Shaw*

Praise God in His Holiness; praise Him in the firmament of His Power.
Praise Him in His noble acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet; praise Him in the cymbals and dances.
Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord. (Psalm 150)

SERMON—"The Man Without The Hoe" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345 ..... *Dykes*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Hodges*
HYMN IN PLACE OF GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 343 ..... *Dykes*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Smart*

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4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 384 ..... *Regent Square*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 291 ..... *Mendon*
SERMON ..... THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY HYMN 288 ..... *Hanover*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 175 ..... *Garden City*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 294 ..... *St. Bees*
POSTLUDE

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Blessed Lord, Who was tempted in all things like as we are, have mercy upon our frailty. Out of weakness give us strength. Support us in time of temptation. Embolden us in time of danger. Help us to do Thy work with good courage, and to continue Thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end; for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

Bible Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

The Sermon:

When you and I were young, we liked to dream of a mighty deed we were going to do—standing in the spotlight as the crowd applauded our sensational singing; winning a race by a thrilling last-stretch burst of speed; saving a hurt child's life by just the right first-aid measures. We liked to think of ourselves "coming through" in an emergency, doing such a shining deed that people would think us wonderful.

But as we slowly grew into maturity, we began to see that there is a lot more to life than the spotlighted moment! We began to see the countless days of training which can alone prepare for that last-stretch burst; the careful mastery of first-aid knowledge which has to come first; the endless hours of boresome practice before a voice can sing a song. We began to see that Jesus, lifted up before men on the Cross, had been preparing for that great moment all through His life, by disciplined obedience to God in little things. From the Temptation, when He turned His back on quick, sensational ways of winning the hearts of men to God, the Master was schooling Himself to be the responsive instrument of His Father. So, when the moment of crisis came, in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was able to say "Yes" to God, and go God's way, because through long practice, He had formed the habit of saying "Yes" to God.

Someone has said, "It is not life's great troubles that distress us; but the petty annoyances, the irritations and bafflings and disappointments of life's daily round. We need a faith equal to emergencies; but we also need a faith adequate for the little trials of every day." And it is in mastering those little trials that we prepare ourselves to stand against the emergency. Studdert Kennedy wrote:

"Sometimes I wish that I might do just one grand deed and die,
And by that one grand deed reach up to meet God in the sky.
But such is not Thy way, O God, nor such is Thy decree,
But deed by deed, and tear by tear, our souls must climb to Thee,
As climbed the only Son of God from manger unto Cross,
Who learned, through tears and bloody sweat, to count this world but loss,
Who left the Virgin Mother's arms, to seek those arms of shame,
Outstretched upon a lonely hill to which the darkness came.
As deed by deed, and tear by tear, He climbed up to the height,
Each deed a splendid deed, each tear a jewel shining bright;
So grant us, Lord, the patient heart, to climb the upward way
Until we stand upon the heights, and see the perfect day."

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God, with Whom nothing is obscure, nothing dark, send forth Thy light into our hearts that we may perceive Thy law for us, and, walking in Thy way, may fall into no sin; through Thy beloved Son and our beloved example, Jesus Christ. Amen. (St. Gregory).

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING of the women of the Diocese will be presented in St. Stephen's on September 15th at 8: 00 P. M. The service at which the missionary offering is presented is always a thrilling one. The great Diocesan Choir will sing at this service and the speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Charles F. Boynton, Bishop of Puerto Rico.

Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, our Parish U. T. O. Custodian, earnestly hopes that every woman in St. Stephen's Church will have a part in the United Thank Offering.

The Blue Envelope is enclosed with this *Bulletin* and on Sunday, September 11th, we shall present our Parish Offering at the Altar. The Diocesan Service is early this year because of the General Convention in San Francisco in September.

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Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant"
June 19—Marian Anne King
19—Betty Lou Maynard

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"
June 4—Floyd V. Isble
Blanche Tucker
July 1—Wesley E. Anderson
Virginia Jane Wood
30—Franklyn A. Martin
Veola B. MacGoldrick
September 1—James Edward Price
Jane Ruth Robinson

Burials

"The sun is sinking in the west,
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."
July 2—Lt. Paul S. Adams
2—Marion J. Graham
5—Lorenzo H. C. Guerrero
8—Emily P. Stewart
22—Ethel Fisher Lee Musser
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New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household"
Mrs. Lottie V. Laws

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THE SANCTUARY OF HEALING

Friend, there's a welcome in this place for thee;
Come in and rest, and think and kneel and pray.
What we are praying for—God's Healing, see.
Give thanks and so in peace go on thy way.

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11:00 A. M.—KINDERGARTEN

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante from 2nd Sonata".....*Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155.....*Melcombe*
ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O My Soul".....*Ivanoff*
SERMON—"The Triumph Of Meekness" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 418.....*Franconia*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 570.....*Day of Rest*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Elizabeth C. Mohn in memory of her husband, Mr. John F. Mohn.

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SUMMER SERVICES

The Rector will preach Sunday mornings during July at 11:00 o'clock as well as celebrate the early Communion at 9:00 A. M. The Rev. Mr. Meckling will conduct and preach the evening services during July and August.

The Sunday morning services in August will be conducted by the Rev. George R. Bishop of Princeton, New Jersey. The Rev. Mr. Bishop has been a worshipper in St. Stephen's for a number of years and we extend a hearty welcome as he leaves the pew and enters the pulpit.

The Rev. W. Raulston McKean, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, will conduct the Wednesday and Friday noon-day services during the month of July.

The Rev. Robert H. Stetler, Rector of St. Alban's, Roxborough, will conduct the Wednesday and Friday services during the month of August.

The Tuesday and Thursday services will be discontinued during July and August.

MOTHERS' MEETING

After eleven years of faithful and devoted service to the Mothers' Meeting, Mrs. Mearns has resigned her office.

Exerting valuable leadership among the large membership of this Club over the years, Mrs. Mearns has earned the heartfelt thanks and gratitude of all.

We are fortunate to secure the services of a fine, experienced leader in Mrs. Lida Trautner to continue the fine traditions of this parish organization.

Miss Helen Mockett met with an accident and is in the Hartford Hospital, Room 847, in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Beulah Hollar suffered a broken hip and is in the Asheville Mission Hospital, Asheville, North Carolina.

The many friends of these valued members of St. Stephen's will want to write and wish them a rapid recovery.

ALTAR FLOWERS

One of the most appropriate memorials is the gift of flowers for the Altar. Arrangements may be made with Mrs. William B. Campbell, Chairman. The cost is three dollars. August 14th is open for a donor.

DONORS OF MEMORIAL FLOWERS

July 3—Mrs. Harry J. Hauger.
10—Mrs. Charles V. Paist.
17—The King's Daughters
24—Mrs Harry Lyster.
Mr. David Magee
31—Mrs. Mary McEwen.
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The Mothers' Meeting
Miss Evelyn Blackburn
14—
21—The Rev. Alfred W. Price
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TUESDAY BUSINESS CLUB

The Tuesday Businessmen's service will be discontinued through the months of July and August and will be resumed again on September 6th. The Club has now a membership of 138 and represents a good cross section of the business life of our Community. It is a growing and most interesting group of men representing all the major denominations.

As a token of appreciation the men presented the Rector and Mr. Meckling with a lovely gold cross. The following ladies of the Committee which is responsible for the weekly luncheon were presented with a lovely piece of jewelry: Mrs. James A. Parker, Mrs. Frank Wolf, Mrs. Christina Leight, Mrs. Walter Christy, Mrs. G. Thomas Holloway, Mrs. Elizabeth Mayer, Mrs. Theodore A. Bechtel, Mrs. Mae Keller, Mrs. Carrie Abel, Mrs. Gustav C. Meckling, Mrs. Margaret James, Mrs. Harriet Morlock, Miss Betty Christy and the organist, Mrs. Samuel M. Hughes.

PEACE OF MIND

It is indeed hard to gain Peace of Mind today amidst the testing times, trials and worries of this hectic age in which we live. Day after day sees more people unable to stand the strain of life, nervous diseases are by far outstripping all others. In my own work I am amazed at the number of people who come to my study seeking one thing—*Mental Peace.*

When you were a child you had a mind free from fear and filled with mental peace, you always relaxed so easily when bed-time came, and today, no matter how filled with fears your life may be—you can become a little child in *Christ*—you can renew *your* mind in *Him,* you can get it transformed. This will produce in your mind that peace and quietness of thought that God meant you to have.

St. Paul says, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind"—this is the wonderful prescription that will give everyone *Peace of Mind.* Many of our diseases today are due to wrong patterns of thinking. We are all thinking beings, but beyond that we are *Spiritual Beings.* Therefore, if only we will come to a real consciousness of the reality of God, to a conviction that God will through faith, give us an inner peace, it will enable us to stand up to whatever life may produce day by day.

Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind means that you must get rid of all that is in your mind—your fears, your worries, your irritations—start finding out if you have resentment or hate toward any person—find out your weaknesses and hand them over to God asking His forgiveness. Build up a new mind—undress your soul today before God, and bury the past and all it has ever brought you.

After doing this then practice filling your mind with good thoughts—stop yourself every time you find the old negative, sinful ideas coming in. Fill your heart and mind with a love of Jesus Christ—think of what He did for you—in order that you may always have *Peace of Mind.*

In the silence of your own room today, tell Jesus Christ that you cannot do a thing with yourself, and ask Him in God's Name to forgive all your past and give you a new life. Pray believing that you are now receiving that new life. Your nerves, your neuroses, your troubles will fade away with the conviction of His Presence with you. You will be transformed by the renewing of your mind, and from that renewing of your Faith, you will carry on happily, successfully—for you will certainly have gained *Peace of Mind.*

STREAKER MEMORIAL

We have received close to one thousand dollars from 60 persons toward the cost of Carrillonic Bells in memory of George Hoover Streaker. The cost of these bells will be $3,500.00.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Herzog who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary June 26th.

Our thanks to the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's for a generous gift toward the Community House Refrigerator.

Summer months are lean months for the Church Treasury. Are your envelopes up to date? Some of our members are filling their summer envelopes in advance.

This is the last issue of the weekly *Bulletin* until September.

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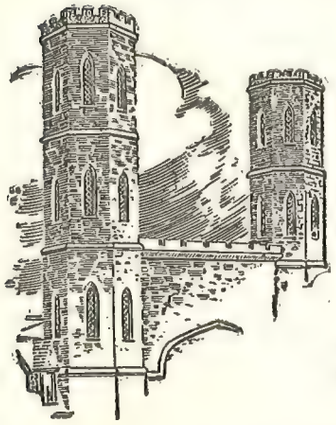
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Benedictus" ..... *MacReger*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 589 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 68: 1-19, page 419
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Greater Love Hath No Man" ..... *Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, That a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should Show forth the praises of Him Who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies A living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service.

SERMON—"Unfinished Business" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 528 ..... *Hesperus*
MASSING OF THE COLORS and SALUTE TO THE FLAG

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

AMERICA (third verse)
CLOSING PRAYERS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM—"There is a land" ..... *Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for every sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun.
There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for every hero battle-worn,
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS (Mr. John Spears, Guest Teacher)
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY MR. MECKLING

Mr. J. Stokes Leeds at the organ.

PRELUDE—"The Lost Chord" ..... *Sullivan*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 549 ..... *All Saints New*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Chant*
SERMON HYMN 547 ..... *Marlow*
SERMON
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"If Thou Art Near" ..... *Bach*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 467 ..... *Eventide*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 553 ..... *Lancashire*
POSTLUDE—"Bourree" ..... *Bach*

The Patriotic Societies participating in this service are: Military Order of the Purple Heart, Thomas Roberts Reath All Marine Post of the American Legion, Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women's Overseas Service League, and others.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and the shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others).

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, grant that our wills be ever meekly subject to Thy will, and our hearts be ever honestly ready to serve Thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Mark 12: 13-17

The Sermon:

Sometimes people wonder what on earth they'll talk to the minister about when he comes to call. If you want a most interesting time with him, just ask him, "Where do you find your text for a sermon on Christian patriotism?" Confidentially, that's a tough question for him to answer.

If you look through Harper's "Topical Concordance" (which arranges Bible texts by subjects), you'll find only fifty-one texts which have anything to do with patriotic ideas. Forty of them come from the Old Testament—before Jesus' teaching had lighted the world. Out of the eleven New Testament texts, only four are from the gospels, and there is not a single one in which Jesus bids men to be patriotic. The only recorded teaching of Jesus about patriotism was, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." In other words, make up your own mind what you owe to your nation, and what you owe to God; and do your duty as you see it.

Does this mean that Jesus was against patriotism? I do not think so. There is not a single passage in His recorded teaching in which He raises His voice against patriotism. But He was interested in a far wider horizon than the tiny nation of Israel, or the narrow outlook of any one country. He was interested in the needs of the *world.*

See what a bitter world men have made under the urgings of sincere, narrow patriotism. Let General Omar Bradley (who knows whereof he speaks) tell the story: "With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped...Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have too many men of science, too few men of God...We have grasped the mystery of the atom, and rejected the Sermon on the Mount...Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death...The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants... We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living."

What the world needs most is God-sustained men, men whose roots are in His wide-reaching love, His pure wisdom. The world needs men and women who obey God. Only such men and women, with a horizon as wide as that of their Master, can save the world, or our own nation. The one patriotic task of the Christian Church is to provide such people, people trained to think and act with the wideness of God's understanding and compassion. *You yourself can best serve your country by being the servant of God.* On this Armistice Sunday, dedicate yourself to that great task!

Closing Prayer:

O God, Master of life, illumine our minds with the light of Thine own reason, inform our wills with Thine eternal purpose, and so make our daily work a prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Henry Sylvester Nash*).

Mr. John Spears, well-known Bible teacher, will teach the Bible Class this Sunday, November 13th, at 4: 00 P. M. as guest teacher.

Over a thousand people worshipped in our church last week. The attendance at the various services was as follows: Sunday, 9: 00 A. M., 12; 11: 00 A. M., 255; 7: 30 P. M., 72; Tuesday, 12: 10 P. M., 116; 8: 00 P. M., 310; Wednesday, 12: 30 P. M., 37; Thursday, 12: 30 P. M., 100; 5: 30 P. M., 75; Friday, 12: 30 P. M., 45.

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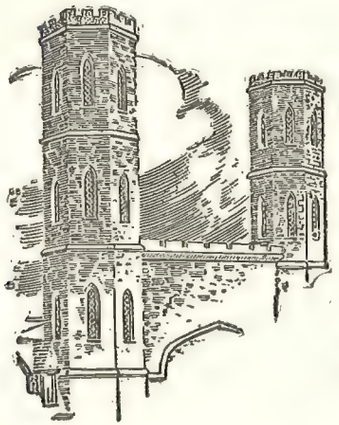
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Kyrie Eleison".....*Max Reger*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 125.....*Cobb*

All the musical selections in this service are from the "Requiem" by Gabriel Fauré.

GRANT THEM REST ETERNAL

Grant them rest eternal, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Hymns shall become thee, O God in Zion, and to thee shall new vows be paid in Jerusalem.

Hear thou my prayer, O Lord God; unto thee shall all flesh come.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Grant us thy peace.

DELIVER ME

Deliver me, Lord, from death eternal upon that day of terror, upon that day of trial; then shall heaven and earth be moved, be consumed together, for thou shalt come upon the earth in judgment.

Trembling, I stand before Thee and wait in fear till judgment shall come upon the earth and men shall know thine anger.

Day of wrath and doom impending! Death then is struck and all creation wakes. Day of wrath and day of sorrow! Great the waking, exceeding bitter.

Rest eternal grant them, Lord; let light perpetual shine upon them.

Deliver me, O Lord, deliver me.

SERMON—"If a Man Die, Will I See Him Again?".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 126.....*Barnby*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION HYMN Pie Jesu

BLESSED JESUS

Blessed Jesus, Lord and God,
Grant them Thine eternal rest,
Gentle Shepherd, lead them now
Through this darkness to Thy day,
To Thy life that knows no death,
To Thy time that knows no end,
To that home that ends the way.
Grant unto Thy servants rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 590.....*Dykes*

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Deepen, O Lord, the stillness of our inmost thoughts, and refresh us with the quiet springs of Thine eternity; that we may know Thy peace which passeth understanding, and love Thee with an everlasting love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John W. Suter*).

Bible Reading: I Samuel 2: 1-9

The Sermon:

How did the saints get to be saints? We do well to ask ourselves that question, for November first is All Saints' Day and this Sunday is within the Octave, when we remember them with loving gratitude before God. We get a clue to the answer in today's Bible reading, in Hannah's prayer, where she muses, "He raiseth the poor out of the dust...He will keep the feet of His saints...for by strength shall no man prevail." Hannah was wise enough to know that the saints have to struggle, and that the dust of their striving rises about them, and often over-shadows them. She knew that, of their own strength, no man or woman could ever be lifted up out of that darkness into saintly character. She knew that something besides the strength of man is needed.

Two children were overheard talking about the death of their grandmother. The five-year-old girl was asking her seven-year-old brother how "grandma went to God." "Well," said the boy, "it happened this way: first grandma reached up and up as far as she could; then God began to reach down and down. When their hands touched, He took her." That is a true parable of life. The choice souls whom we remember as saints are those, who, year after year, "reached up and up" towards God, and His will for them. They were the people who remembered to "think on these things"—the Christ-taught things, the things of God. And, as they persisted in reaching up, with all their being, God reached down until His love touched them, and refined them into precious gold, and made them the choice lights of their generation. There are no "self-made" saints—for it takes both the eager up-reach of a person *and* the down-reaching compassion of God, to work this miracle of heaven on earth.

Perhaps you have been deeply discouraged about your life. There were times when everyone of your saints was plunged deep in the blackness of discouragement. But they knew the way out, and they left it an open secret for you to see. Like Saul on the Road to Damascus, like Peter behind prison walls, they kept reaching toward the final source of power. And they were ever rewarded by those strong, down-reaching hands that drew them up into the light once more.

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of the saints; Grant to us, Thy humble servants, the same faith and power of love; that as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1949

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on November 1st and November 6th at the Octave of All Saints.

Blanche Simmons Burpee	George Hoover Streaker	Ethel Fisher Lees Musser
George W. Thayer	William Mitchell	Emily Peel Stewart
Gertrude S. Fisher	Louise E. Willis	Ellen M. Dittman
Elsa W. Clark	Mary J. Hill	Clara M. Thomson
Mary E. Atkinson	Paul S. Adams	George Meckling
Isabel Kirkpatrick	Marion J. Graham	Elmer D. Newkirk
Josephine C. Norwood	Lorenzo H. C. Guerrero	Lillian C. Carter
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Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant"

Sept. 11—Alfred Michael Ireland
Florence Louise Borden
Ashbert Randolph Borden
Oct. 16—Anne Marie Shaw
30—Roberta Sally Reynolds

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

Oct. 8—George W. Mason
Marian Myers
17—Stanley R. Dittman
Oct. 17—Helen Jane Hunter
29—Martin Forbes
Nancy Wells Bell

Burials

"The sun is sinking in the west,
Soon, hoon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

July 15—Elmer D. Newkirk
Sept. 12—Clara M. Thomson
Oct. 1—Lillian C. Carter
13—Robert J. Greene

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household"

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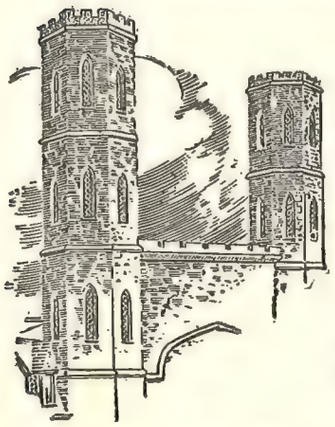
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pastorale" ..... *Alec Rowley*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 103, page 466
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"He, Watching Over Israel" ..... *Mendelssohn*
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.
SERMON—"The Christian Philosophy of Life" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 150 ..... *Pixham*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Marion*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
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(*Book of Common Prayer*).

Bible Reading: James 1: 19-27.

The Sermon:

In 1607 an English commercial company founded a settlement at Popham Beach, Maine. It was a purely financial venture, for what man could get out of it for their pocket-books. The bitter cold, the hardships, and the constant menace of the hostile Indians were too much for them. There was no thanksgiving in the hearts of those men that Autumn, no sense of freedom or glorious adventure. They had come for money, and all the money they could get was not worth the price they were paying. So when Spring came, they went home, disheartened, disappointed.

Thirteen years later, another company of people set out. Reaching the new world, they established their colonyy at Plymouth. They faced exactly the same hardships and perils as the men of Popham Beach. But when Autumn came, they celebrated the meagre harvest with a day of thanksgiving, their hearts overflowing with gratitude toward God. For they had not come for money. They had ventured forth on account of a common faith. They had risked everything that they might practice this faith in freedom. As John Robinson Elder Brewarter declared, "We are knit together in a most straight and sacred bond...It is not with us as it is with other men, whom small things discourage." Their hearty thankfulness rose out of their freedom to practice their faith in God according to their consciences. Such cherished freedom binds men together in strength against all enemies of body and soul.

Thanksgiving Day, 1949, lies just ahead of us. In a hunger-ridden world, every American parent should be humbly thankful for enough food to give his children; enough, and to spare! Let us have no sorry bleating about the "hardships" of inflation—most of our children are actually eating three square meals a day! If we be truly thankful to God, our Thanksgiving will be complete only when we make some gift to CARE, or some other agency which feeds the starving, that others may share in our God-given bounty.

We shall be deeply thankful for the high privilege of worshipping and obeying God in freedom. Behind the Iron Curtain, courageous Christian people are being persecuted for their faith, while we easily take for granted our unlimited freedom. On Thanksgiving Day you are free to kneel in a Christian house of worship and give your thanks to the open-handed God. Or, if you are shut-in, or isolated, you are free to turn on your radio and listen to God's Good News, and pray your quiet prayers of thanks. All across our broad land some thirty-five million households are "knit together in a most straight and sacred bond." All the thunder clouds on the international horizon, all the catastrophes that have crashed into our individual lives, cannot dishearten us. For we are free people, knowing with James that "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein; he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed indeed." We free people have a confidence founded in Almighty God. "It is not with us as with other men, whom small things discourage." Fortunate people, thank God for your great and abundant blessings!

Closing Prayer:

O most merciful Father, Who hast blessed the labors of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for this Thy bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to Thy glory and to the comfort of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer, adapted*).

The Rector will preach and conduct a healing service at St. James Church, Kingsessing, Sunday, November 20th, at 8: 00 P. M.

Remember 27 November? It is Loyalty Sunday—a new date on St. Stephen's calendar. You will receive your 1950 Pledge Card this week and we ask you to return it on or before November 27. If you cannot come to church that day, mail it so we may have a 100% response by November 27.

MATTERS FINANCIAL

At this time of year it becomes necessary for us to think about the financial obligations of church membership. Only a small percentage of communicants in most parishes know of the church's activities week in and week out. Consequently, when the annual pledge card is received they write the same amount as last year. This means that they think the need hasn't grown since last year, and their interest hasn't been sharpened since last year, because their idea of the worth of the church is the same as last year.

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We do not ask your continued support for St. Stephen's because it is weak, but because it is strong; the generosity and imagination of those who have given to it in the past have made it one of the strong churches in our city. But only the continuing support of the living can keep it strong and make it stronger.

Then there is the Diocese; for the genius of our church emphasizes that we are members one of another. Here in Pennsylvania we have a great missionary opportunity. The strong must bear the burdens of the weak, for we are a united family.

Then there is the work of the church throughout the world. If Christ really has touched our lives, then we must be missionary. The message and the whole validity of Christ's religion is that God so loves the *world.*

This matter of finances concerns how much we care for the Christian Gospel and the Church, which was founded and has lived through sacrifice. The giving of money is one very real and vital way to sacrifice. These are difficult days of excessively rising prices, I know. But if we are willing to sacrifice, then there can be no question of the result, for sacrifice will mean giving in proportion to our means. Will you not by Sunday, November 27th (Loyalty Sunday) when we drop our pledge cards in the "Chest of Joash" prayerfully consider your gift to the Church, that we may do our part to make the Kingdom of this world the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

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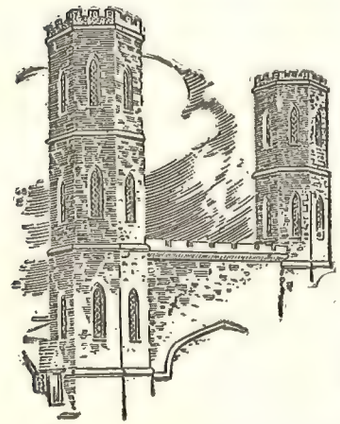
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PSALMS 121 and 122, page 502
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Great Day of the Lord"
The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly.
Even the voice of the day of the Lord;
Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek upon earth,
Which have wrought His judgment.
Seek righteousness, seek meekness,
It may be we shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.
SERMON—"A Picture of St. Stephen's Church".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 576.....*Ora Labora*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 .....*Festal Song*

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PRELUDE—"Nun Danket" .....*Diggle*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 137 .....*St. George's Windsor*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Timmins*
SERMON HYMN 276.....*Nun Danket*
SERMON.....THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Teach Us, O Father".....*Frazee*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 179 .....*St. Clement*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 140 .....*Dix*
POSTLUDE—"Bourree" ..... *Handel*

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MEMBERSHIP AND PEW SITTINGS

Membership in St. Stephen's Church can be gained by becoming a regular contributor to the support of the church through the duplex-envelope system. A certain proportion of your pledge will be designated by the Vestry as a sitting rental and will entitle the communicant to membership in the corporate body of St. Stephen's.

THANK YOU!

The work and worship of St. Stephen's is supported by income from endowments, by subscriptions and pledges and by the constant contributions of all those who avail themselves of the many privileges of the church. Members of S. Stephen's congregation make regular yearly subscriptions. Visitors to the Sunday services put their offerings on the collection plate. Friends who come to the noon-day services, or who come to the church at all other times, make their offerings in the boxes in the rear of the church. Hundreds of people come to the church each week. It is encouraging to know the almost universal self-respect of all these people. No one plans to take something for nothing. Whether the contribution be large or small, everyone does his share. One feels like saying thank you, but he doubts that it is quite in order even to say "thank you!"

"SHUT-IN" but not "SHUT-OUT"

from the loving provision of all those who have shared their magazines, books and puzzles with St. Stephen's hospital friends. Through the able supervision of Miss Maude Hess, over 1,000 of these articles have been distributed to hospitals in various parts of the city. Keep sharing by means of our Periodical Club in the church office.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Stephen's Church is now facing the greatest opportunity of its history. Never before were there so many varied religious services rendered to the people of our neighborhood as there are today. Never before has the ministry of this church reached out to so many needy people as at the present time. The program of the church very largely has been designed to meet the needs of people; not one group of people, but different groups of various ages and backgrounds. This great challenge of the church in the midst of a busy city must be met by a program that has reality and significance and it must be financed by the giving of a great many people.

St. Stephen's needs for 1950
$65,144.14

to continue the work we are now doing. Increased costs are affecting our church budget just as they are affecting yours. Thus the 1950 budget is $5,000.00 more than for 1949, a 9% increase. Will you increase your pledge accordingly? If 15 members will increase their pledges $2.00 per week, if 25 members will increase their pledges $1.00 per week, if 40 members increase pledges 50c per week and so on down the chart printed below we will reach our goal and go forward with full power.

There was a total of 428 services in St. Stephen's Church last year, 324 of which were preaching services and 148 were Communion services. Forty-two thousand seven hundred ninety-one was the total attendance at all services. There is no record of the number who came into church during the week-days for prayer and meditation.

You know, here at this old church, we have an amazingly unique chance. Generous gifts to our Endowment Fund in the past have set us almost entirely free to keep our doors open and keep St. Stephen's work and worship alive. It sets us free for all sorts of good works. It makes possible a program of practice rather than theory, a program of personal work rather than conventional work.

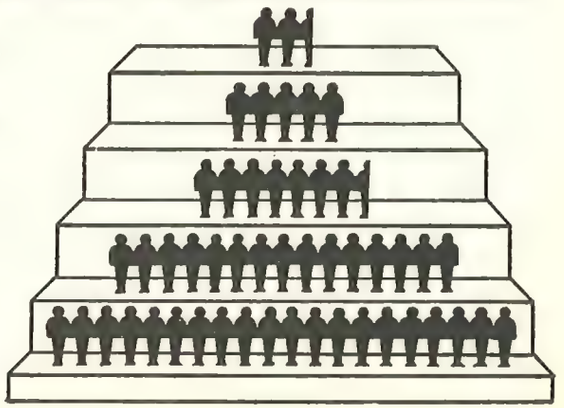
In the last few years the income from our trust funds has declined. The average return on high-grade bonds is now about half what it was a decade ago; while the general level of prices has soared to record levels, and with it church expenses have reached all-time highs. In spite of rigid economies we face again a deficit this year in our operating expenses. In the light of these distressing facts we are urging upon our contributors to do their utmost to increase this year's pledge—to take a step up. Your generosity will make it possible for St. Stephen's Church to do its work and to continue as one of the great churches in this city. We feel that we can rely upon your generosity.

We appeal to our new friends; people who have come to St. Stephen's since our last year's canvass. We hope that as you benefit in our services and activities you will wish to share in our responsibilities.

WILL YOU GO UP A STEP?

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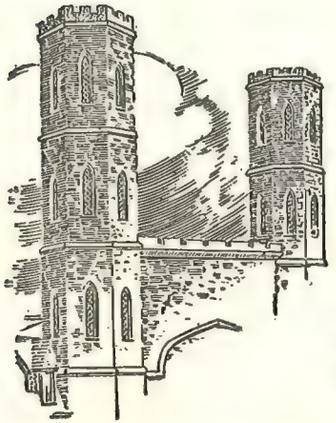
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Larghetto from 2nd Concerto".....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2.....*Veni Emmanuel*
KYRIE .....*Willan*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour Sweet" .....*J. S. Bach*

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind, Thy Father's will has all Thy mind, From Heaven Thou hast vouchsafed to come, With men, as Man to make Thy home, O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind.

O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind, The way to please Thee we would find, Whate'er we have it comes of Thee, O let us ever near Thee be, O Saviour sweet, O Saviour kind.

Thee with tender care I'll cherish, Live to Thee die to Thee, Thus I will not perish, But with Thee abide for ever, Joyfully, peacefully, Where life endeth never.

SERMON—"Lessons From The Bible For Our Present Day".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 402 .....*Munich*
SANCTUS .....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 (Verses 1, 2, 3).....*St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 398.....*Quam Dilecta*

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PRELUDE—"Andate in F".....*Wesley*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1.....*Stuttgart*
PSALM 23
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Chant*
OFFERTORY SOLO—"O God, Have Mercy".....*Mendelssohn*
CLIFFORD SYLVESTER, *Bass*
SERMON HYMN 168.....*Angelus*
SERMON—"Spiritual Healing" .....THE RECTOR
PRAYERS AND THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 4.....*Greenland*
POSTLUDE: "Andate, from Orfeo".....*Gluck*

This is the time of our *Every Member Canvass.* A pledge card has been sent to all our families. Some have mailed them to the office. Others placed them in the Chest of Joash at the service last Sunday. We are anxious to hear from every last individual on our rolls. If you have not done so, will you not sign the card—giving to the true extent of your ability during the coming year? And if you have not been attending church regularly, why not begin next Sunday? It is a means to full health of mind and spirit.

Our "thank you" to the following subscribers to the *Church Bulletins* Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Leithead, The Misses Elizabeth and Minnie Corrigan, Mrs. John C. Braun, Mrs. John A. Shimp, Mrs. Henry Groh, Miss Lillian H. Carson and one Anonymous subscriber.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Master of life, lead us, through patient study and unwearying prayer, into the deeper knowledge of ourselves and Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(*Henry S. Nash*).

Bible Reading: St. Luke 1: 1-4

The Sermon:

This Sunday is Bible Sunday throughout the Christian Church. The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the second Sunday in Advent centers around the Holy Scriptures, that we may read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.

Suppose a great man comes to your town, and holds a meeting. Four keen, truthful men you know go to that meeting. They will come back with four different stories, four different pictures of that great man. All four of those stories will be true. Because each of those men is a different person, and has his own special purposes, he sees a different part of the truth. He hears and remembers what comes home to him.

This is just what happened in the Four Gospels. Each man had a particular purpose in writing. Mark, who wrote earliest, had known Peter very well, Peter who was there with Jesus and felt the power of His living presence. Mark was a story-teller, not a thinker, so he simply tells the story of the mighty Teacher Who spoke and healed with such authority, and led people into the Kingdom of God. St. Matthew had his heart set on giving Christ to the Christian Jews; and every Jew had been brought up expecting a Great Day when the Messiah would come to redeem His people. So Matthew remembered when Jesus spoke of Himself as the Redeemer, the Anointed One, the Messiah. In Matthew, therefore, Christianity has found the burning hope of a Saviour, the mighty God come into earth's life and making it glorious.

In St. Luke we find a new purpose. Dr. Luke was writing to a Roman, "the most excellent Theophilus," that this pagan gentleman might know more about Jesus Christ. In writing to a proud Roman citizen, Dr. Luke naturally left out the teachings about Jesus as Messiah, for a citizen of the Empire would not be interested in an ancient hope of tiny Palestine. Instead, Dr. Luke wrote down for Theophilus those great teachings that would appeal to any man, anywhere. Therefore, in Luke alone, we have the beautiful and unforgettable stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, the Lost Son, the Good Samaritan. We are grateful to Dr. Luke for writing to that Greek gentleman of long ago.

St. John wrote last of all. He faced a different world. By this time strange beliefs were in the air, strange teachings that Jesus had been only a dream-Christ, a sort of ghost without living a truly human life. So John's deep purpose is to defend the reality of Christ, to prove that He was truly born; truly lived; truly felt the pains and joys that we do. John alone records the words from the Cross, "I thirst"—John remembered them, and put them in the record to remind us that Christ really lived and suffered for us.

We are rich in having these four different pictures of our Lord. But, underneath the differences, there stands out the same matchless Christ, Who brought God into human life. Through all Four Gospels runs the same command—man, in order truly to live, must surrender his will to God's direction, to Christ's leading. The Gospels all tell us that man, without God, is weak and hopeless, but that with God, under God, he can live with joy and power and peace.

Closing Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the truth, incarnate, and the teacher of the faithful; Let Thy Spirit overshadow us in the study of Thy Word, that learning of Thee with honest hearts, we may be rooted and built up in Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.
(*William Bright*).

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fulness of Christmas cheer, with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Every member and friend of the church is asked to use the special Christmas Dinner envelope. We need $300.00. Thirty-six families and individuals were cared for last Christmas.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thursday, December 8th, all day in the Community House. Admission 10 cents. Door Prizes. 2-course platter served until 7: 00 P. M. Come and bring your friends. The latchstring's out!

At the annual Thanksgiving service at the Burd School on November 23rd, at 8: 00 A. M. the girls presented the Rector with a huge basket of food for some needy family in the parish. This was made possible by no little self-sacrifice on the part of all the girls. Such giving is twice-blest.

The Rector will conduct a service of Spiritual Healing for the Sunday night congregation December 4th in the church at 7: 30 P. M.

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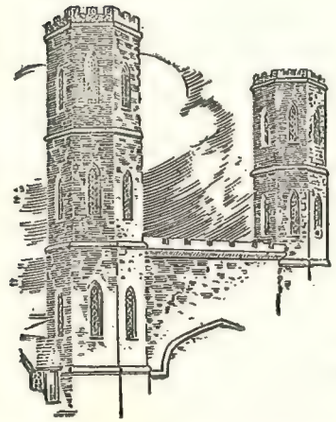
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 5 ..... *St. Thomas*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 57, page 409
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"The Wilderness" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; And they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of God. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, "Behold your God will come with vengeance, He will come and save you." Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break forth and streams in the desert, and a highway shall be there, it shall be called the way of holiness. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (Isaiah 35).

SERMON—"Religion And The Man On Easy Street" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 375 ..... *Nova Vita*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 4 ..... *Greenland*

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"The Pastoral Symphony"
"He Shall Feed His Flock" } ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*
OPENING SENTENCES
ANTHEMS BY THE TREBLE CLEF CHORUS
(a) "The Christmas Star" ..... *Kinder*
(b) "How Far Is It To Bethlehem?" ..... *Shaw*
(c) "Glory To God On High" ..... *Tschaikowsky*
PSALM 132, page 508
LESSON
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Kimmins*
SERMON HYMN 402 ..... *Munich*
SERMON ..... The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
ANTHEMS BY THE CHORUS:
Baritone Solo: "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" ..... *MacGimsey*
Soprano Solo: "No Candle Was There, And No Fire" ..... *Lehmann*
Baritone with Chorus: "Calm On The Listening Ear Of Night" ..... *Harker*
CLOSING PRAYERS AND BENEDICTION
ANTHEMS BY THE CHORUS:
(a) "Through The Dark The Dreamers Came" ..... *Daniels*
(b) "Great And Marvelous Are Thy Works" ..... *Gaul-Rye*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 9 ..... *Merton*
POSTLUDE—"Grand Choeur" ..... *Claussmann*

We are happy and proud to have with us this evening The Treble Clef Chorus, of Haddon Heights. Mrs. Helen Wyeth Peirce is the Director. Soprano Soloist, Miss MacMichael—Baritone Soloist, Harry Berger.

PARISH FINANCES

It will be a real help to the Accounting Warden if we all endeavor to bring our weekly envelopes up to date in the next few weeks, so that we can once more pay all our obligations. We have had to make a goodly number of repairs to our property this year, so if we each do our part in our weekly envelopes and in the special Christmas offering we shall close the year with all bills paid including our Missionary Expectations.

We wish to express our appreciation to the following persons for their subscriptions to the *Church Bulletin*: Mrs. Jay Knox, her son and daughter, Mr. Walter Knox and Mrs. Trent; Mr. and Mrs. John M. Harris, and Miss Josephine A. Lindenmayer.

The Rector will conduct a healing service and preach in his home church in Scranton, December 11th, in the evening.

On Sunday morning, December 4th, there passed into the Presence of God and the Kingdom of greater service the soul of one of the older and beloved communicants of our Parish, Mrs. George P. Green. She was in her 91st year and retained her faculties until the last. May God grant her eternal rest and may Light Perpetual shine upon her.

After an illness of several months, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to a larger field of usefulness, J. Wiley Christie, one-time Vestryman of St. Stephen's Church. While we are sorry for his passing from us, we are also glad that he has been delivered from the body of his suffering, and for his abundant entrance into the better life with God. His high business honor and integrity won him the respect and affection of all who knew him. Such men make a parish rich.

SINGING TOWERS: ST. STEPHEN'S

The gray towers rise toward the vaulted sky,
And the gray night shadows fall;
The echoing feet go swiftly by
Beneath the towers tall.

Out from the towers the music swells
On the free air, far and near,
From the mellow throats of the sanctified bells,
With the message of hope and cheer:
"Angels of Jesus, angels of light,
Singing to welcome the pilgrims of the night."

Oh, careless ones, wherever ye go,
To your homes, or the market place,
Pause now, for a while, in the street below,
And hark for a moment's space.

Who knows what care by earth-din stilled,
Will sense the Song—instead?
Who knows what hearts with earth-grief filled
Will hear, and be comforted?

Oh, hearken, ye "pilgrim's of the night"—
There's never a night so long,
But yet will dawn the morning light
That brings the Seraphs' song.

So over the city the carillon rings,
With its message of praise and prayer.
The vibrant air with the melody sings,
From the gray towers, rising there:
"Angels of Jesus, angels of light,
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—*Will Coffee.*

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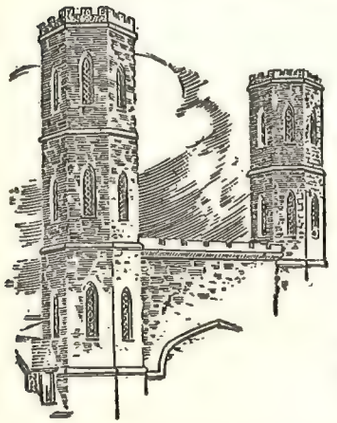
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Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Directress—Miss Charlotte U. Day. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years. Educated at public schools and professionally equipped according to ability.

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Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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This Church is a member of:

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"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M. and at 5:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear, anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 1949

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9: 00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The order of service is to be found on page 67
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 95-96

11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude "Lord, Take My Heart" ..... *Karg-Elert*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 ..... *Stuttgart*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 90, page 453
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"And The Glory Of The Lord" (From The Messiah) ..... *Handel*
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
SERMON—"What About Our Lower Selves?" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 440 ..... *Watchman*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of her mother, Mrs. Caroline E. Owens, and in memory of Mr. Harry B. Pursell given by mother and daughter.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON
BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

PRELUDE—"Traumerei" ..... *Schumann*
"Hymn of Nuns" ..... *Lefebure-Wely*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 5 ..... *St. Thomas*
KYRIE ..... *Merbecke*
SERMON HYMN 153 ..... *Ratisbon*
OFFERTORY SOLO—"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ..... *Shenk*
Olivia Pucci
SANCTUS AND AGNUS DEI ..... *Merbecke*
INSTEAD OF GLORIA, HYMN 10 ..... *Winchester New*
VESPER HYMN 391 ..... *St. Flavian*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN ..... *St. Stephen*
POSTLUDE—"Marche Romaine" ..... *Gounod*

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:
Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins; and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Bible Reading: St. John 14: 15-23

The Sermon:
When spring comes along, people clean house. With the return of the sun to the heights, light begins to flood the house. The dust in dark corners shows up, and the window-panes look dirty. Trash has accumulated down-cellar and up-attic. Experienced housekeepers know that their every-day housework, careful as it may be, doesn't take care of all dirt and rubbish. Perhaps the everyday housework hasn't been quite as careful as it should have been. No one leaps joyously to spring cleaning; but it just *has* to be done.

This is the Advent Season, the beginning of the Church Year, when Christian people look forward to the coming of Christ into their hearts again. For centuries, Advent has been spiritual house-cleaning time. When any one starts thinking of Christ being born again, and coming to dwell in their hearts, they begin to see dirt and trash which have accumulated there unnoticed. Yes, they have been saying their prayers daily, and trying to keep their hearts decently sweet and clean. But oft-times their prayers have been hasty. They've grown a bit careless as to what they say about other people; and a bit over-careful about taking excellent care of themselves. So, when they think about the Light of the World coming into those hearts, they suddenly see a lot of dirty, smelly stuff that needs moving. No one likes tackling that job; but it simply *has* to be done.

You'll need to sit down and read about Jesus in your Bible, and let the Master light up your heart. You'll need to close your eyes in quiet meditation, to let Him show you the really important sins to tackle—your unloving attitude toward some one, your refusal to listen to God's will in making that decision in business or in your lodge; your sinful spoiling of your child or your husband, by giving him everything he asks for; your laziness of heart in holding back from a strenuous deed of friendship. You won't enjoy doing this, but, if you ask God's help, and tackle the dirty job, and get that heart of yours cleaned up, you can have the most glorious Christmas of your life; for He will come to you, and, more wonderful still, He will stay on! As Daniel Henderson wrote:

"Lord Christ, the bird his nest has found,
The fox is sheltered in his ground,
But dost Thou still this dark earth tread,
And have no place to lay Thy head?
Shepherd of mortals, here behold
A little flock, a wayside fold
That wait Thy Presence to be blest—
O Man of Nazareth, be our guest!"

Closing Prayer:
O Lord Jesus Christ, Who when Thou wast here upon the earth didst love to talk with common folk just like us, and visit them in their homes, come now to us, we pray Thee. There will be room in our hearts for Thee. Amen.
(*Robert E. Speer, adapted.*)

QUAINT RULES FOR CHURCH DECORUM

Thou shalt not come to service late,
Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.
Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain
When speaks the organ its refrain.
But when the hymns are sounded out
Thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.
The endmost seat thou shalt leave free
For more must share the pew with thee.
The offering plate thou shalt not fear,
But give thine uttermost with cheer.
Thou shalt to the minister give heed,
Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.
Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend
And, if a stranger, make a friend.
And so by all thy spirit's grace,
Thou shalt show God within this place.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas falls on a Sunday this year and the regular Sunday services will be held on that day with the Rector preaching in the morning and the Rev. Mr. Meckling in the evening. The Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector will begin at 10: 45 P. M. The special Christmas Program will be mailed next week.

The Rector has received a check for $25.00 from a gentleman who is anxious to start a fund for a television set either for the Community House or the Burd School in memory of Mr. Henry Reifsnyder.

The Rector will conduct a service and preach at the Leamy Home, Sunday, December 18th at 5: 00 P. M.

We wish to thank Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman and Mr. R. T. Edsall for their subscriptions to the *Church Bulletin*.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th

7:30 P. M.

Holy Communion, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

10:45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews, will sing the Christmas Music.

The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

DECEMBER 25th

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

11:00 A. M.

Morning Prayer, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "CHRISTMAS OFFERING." Will you use it for an offering to Him?

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St. Stephen's Church

CHRISTMAS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1950
9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR
The Choir under the Direction of Dr. Matthews will sing the Christmas Carols and Music

ORGAN PRELUDE—Improvisation of Gregorian Theme "Puer Natus" ..... *Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 30—"The First Nowell" ..... *Traditional*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
CAROL (in place of Canticle)—"Come All Ye Shepherds" ..... *Bohemian Carol*
CAROL (in place of Canticle)—"O Bethlehem" ..... *Spanish Carol*
CREED AND PRAYERS
CAROL—"Chanson Joyeuse" ..... *Belgian Carol*
SERMON—"Surprises Of The Judgment" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL 21—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" ..... *American Carol*
BENEDICTION
CAROL—"O'er Bethlehem's Plains" ..... *Danish Carol*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
Christmas Music under the direction of MR. J. STOKES LEEDS
Chorus and Baritone Soloist—H. WILLIAM HILLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1950
CHRISTMAS EVE—10:45 P. M.
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION
The Choir under the Direction of Dr. Matthews will sing the Christmas Carols and Music

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude "Divinum Mysterium" ..... *Candlyn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo and Chorus from "The Messiah" ..... *Handel*
There were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo! the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying:—Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good-will towards men.
SERMON—"The Secret of Christmas" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 19 ..... *Carol*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
BENEDICTION
CAROL—"Silent Night" ..... *Franz Gruber*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS DAY—9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND CAROL SERVICE
SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS at the Organ



CHRISTMAS, 1950

What a difference! One asked whether the translation of the Christmas message of the angels reads "Peace on earth, good will to men" or "Peace on earth to men of good-will."

The answer is, of course, that it makes a vast amount of difference if one considers the value of the words themselves.

It is undoubtedly true that the coming of the Christ is the best evidence in human experience of God's good-will toward men; yet the older and incorrect translation regards man as a mere passive recipient, while the second and correct translation presents a divine promise that awaits upon a human response.

In very real fact the ineptitude of the church—and, in larger measure, of the world—is due to the failure of former generations and of our generation of professing Christians to understand and live by the principle involved in the message "Peace on earth to men of good-will."

There can be little doubt that the world regards the experience of peace both for humanity as a whole and for the individual, as the supremely desirable objective.

But that peace will never come to the individual or to the world if, on the one hand, man sits in pious inaction and expects Peace to be given as an unconditional gift of God, or if, on the other hand, man seeks to achieve Peace without the emotions, the thoughts, and the *actions* of "good-will."

And what is true of peace is true of every other spiritual goal. With the development of the brain and the gift of conscience, life passed beyond the zone of automatic evolution. It is now up to man. The door stands open, but man must choose and walk the path if he expects to enter.

Two words loom large in the teaching of Christ and those same two words loom large in the experience of life: "IF," and that introduces a conditional promise; and "DO," which means the translation of *belief into purposeful action.*

Christ is God's down-reach to man, but that down-reach will not touch him who does not respond with *up-reach.*

May the Love of God abide in you, His Peace enfold you, His Grace sustain you and His Light guide you this Holy Christmastide.

Sincerely your Rector,

ALFRED W. PRICE

The Church Staff—the Rector, Mr. Meckling, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary and the Custodian—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their best Christmas wishes.

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St. Stephen's Church

EASTER—1950

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 163-165

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Carillon" (Based upon the theme played on the carillon in the Chapelle du Chateau de Longpont (Aisne)..*Louis Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87.....*Sullivan*
ANTHEM—"Christ our Passover is Sanctified for us".....*Tours*
(The words are on page 162 in Prayer Book)
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Easter Morn" .....*H. Alexander Matthews*

As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow, and for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women "Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here, for he is risen as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.

Christ the Lord is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Christ has opened paradise.
Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head,
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the Cross, the goal, the skies.
Alleluia!

SERMON—"Strange Victory" .....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 85 .....*Easter Hymn*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 .....*French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (From "St. Cecilia Mass").....*Gounod*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 .....*Martin*

The Easter Flowers are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. The Flowers on Maundy Thursday were given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of Philip W. Chase.

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the Spirit directs us. For this purpose there is an Easter Offering Envelope enclosed.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—EASTER EVENING SERVICE WITH SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING

MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94 .....*St. Kevin*
OPENING SENTENCES—page 21
PSALM 98—page 461
LESSON—St. Luke 24: 13
Part One of Cantata
CREED AND PRAYERS—page 29
Part Two of Cantata
OFFERTORY HYMN 91 .....*Victory*
Part Three of Cantata
CLOSING PRAYERS
Nunc Dimittis
RECESSIONAL HYMN 90 .....*Neander*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

According to the Gospel of St. John, which differs only in detail from the other gospels, Mary Magdalene came to the sepulchre "early, when it was dark," and saw that the stone that had closed the entrance had been rolled away and that the tomb was empty. Then, as John continues, she wept and One Whom she had first taken to be a gardener said to her, "Woman, why weepest thou?" When He spoke her name in a way which must have been long familiar to her, she knew Him and called Him "Rabboni, which is to say, Master."

After all the centuries the story is as touching as though it had happened yesterday; the weeping woman, the news coming to Simon Peter and to that other disciple whom Jesus loved, the sick fear that enemies had stolen away the body, the swift surge of incredulous joy when this fear was removed. It was no longer dark in that garden. The sun was rising on the first Easter.

Such is the simple narrative on which rests the Christian faith. In nineteen centuries and more this faith has spread around the world. Millions have lived and died in it. It has influenced the thoughts and actions of other millions who do not themselves recite the creed but whose hearts are moved by the ethics of compassion.

The garden of the world is dark enough today. Forgiveness and hope are overshadowed in many lands. We long for peace and it eludes us. We abominate war and yet must prepare for it. We pray for good-will and are aware of an encompassing hate. We know only too well that if a time of trouble comes again it will not be the soldiers alone or chiefly, who will suffer, but the poor, the women and children and the old—those whom Jesus most loved and pitied. In the hours before dawn it is tragically easy to doubt that the good in man, the god-like attributes, can survive under such a threat. The atom bomb is no substitute for the sermon on the mount. It cannot lead us out of the night.

Within the churches, and outside their doors, in the streets, in cities, on farms, in homes, everywhere where kindly people love and respect one another, the beautiful vision of a bright world at peace still shines before our eyes. It was no darker in the world now than it was in that garden when Mary Magdalene came early to the sepulchre. Dawn came, and spring, and the time of blossoming. They will come again. The stone of darkness and hatred will not forever close the tomb of men's hopes.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,
Alfred W. Price

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ORGAN PRELUDE—
Chorale Prelude on "Angels from the realms of Glory"..*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434.....*St. Oswald*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Lo, how a rose e'er blooming".....*Praetorius*
SERMON—"When a Man Turns Over a New Leaf".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 536.....*Bourgeois*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 20.....*Divinum Mysterium*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (No. 713 Hymnal).....*Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 289.....*St. Anne*

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PRELUDE—Choral Prelude "St. Anne".....*Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 597.....*Ewing*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Kimmins*
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SERMON.....THE REV. MR. MECKLING
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light".....*Bach*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 179.....*St. Clement*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 440.....*Watchman*
POSTLUDE—"Christmas and New Year's Thoughts"

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING...SHUT THAT DOOR!

Elijah once told a very distracted and anxious woman to go home and shut the door upon herself. Shrewd reader of human nature! He recognized that there would be something psychological in such an act. States of mind are induced by physical acts quite as often as physical acts are prompted by states of mind. William James always insisted, you know, that we didn't run because we felt afraid we felt afraid because we ran. Even when Pilate went through the ritual of washing his hands with soap and water it gave his conscience a cleaner feeling too.

We will soon go through the annual ritual of shutting a door. At midnight on Saturday night, when the clock strikes twelve and the tooting of whistles and the clanging of bells announce the end of the old year, there will be people all over the land who will feel that they are actually closing some kind of door. And they are—the door of the old year. But the question is, how many of them really shut the doors of their minds on time?

There are some mental doors closed when we close the door of the old year. One of them is the Door of Worry Over Things Undone. What a common experience it is to be plagued by a haunting sense that we have probably left something undone which we ought to have attended to especially when the rush is over and the door is closed. And how many things undone we can recall when the door of the year is shut if we let our minds go out and dwell on them—the letters we didn't write, the little thoughtful services we might have rendered, the duties we left unperformed, the friendships we neglectd, the good inentions we failed to carry out. They range all the way from unsent birthday greetings to seized opportunities. It is too late now. Shut that door. There are still chances and ways for atonement in the New Year.

Another is the Door of Regret over what was wrongly done. It is related of old Doctor Samuel Johnson that in the last years of his life he could be seen once a year standing bareheaded at a certain spot in the market place, sometimes in the pelting rain, as he patiently observed the anniversary of the day and place where in his boyhood, he had slashed his father with a bad-tempered tongue. If one should keep the door of his mind ajar he could peek out on any number of regretted sins and follies—quick-tempered thrusts which drew blood, the bit of meanness which was so uncalled for, the unjust suspicion, and that ill-founded judgment. Any one of us could spend a great many unhappy moments this side of the door of the old year regretting what was wrongly done. And perhaps as a penance we deserve to. Nevertheless, shut that door.

Still another door of our minds which ought to be closed is the Door of Brooding Over Past Injuries, real or fancied. There are some people who sing a perpetual hymn of resentment adding new stanzas to it from time to time. I was acquainted with a woman, whether now in the flesh I know not, who used to say with a flash of her dark eyes, "I am like an Indian; I never forget an injury." And she didn't either. What a thing to boast about! Why be like an Indian instead of like a Christian? Still there are folk who next July will be brooding over the slights and injuries of last July. The door of the year 1949 will still be open. In heaven's name, let us shut that door!

Once more there is the Door of Sorrows, the hardest of all doors to shut. One would not say, "Shut the door of sacred memory upon thee." That would not be right. But the door of a ranking grief is different. St. Paul put it very wisely and very beautifully when he said, "Grieve not as those who have no hope." The glory of tomorrow is its hope. The joy of a new year is the light in its coming days. Gently shut the door on these bitter painful memories that recede with the past year and open the door ahead with thanksgiving that God is God, and Love is Love, and Life is stronger than all its sorrows.

It is behind the closed door that we are most likely, when we turn, to find ourselves facing Christ. "When the doors were shut—Jesus came and stood in the midst." It was behind a closed door that the woman discovered that Power which mysteriously multiplies the oil until it filled all the empty capacities into which she poured it.

A Blessed New Year. But first—be sure to shut that door!

On Sunday, January 8, at 11:00 A. M. the Rector has invited the Episcopal Chaplain of the Philadelphia General Hospital to speak to the congregation on the work he is doing in this great city hospital. Chaplain Ward is doing a fine work among the Episcopal patients. The rector will provide a clothes basket and place it at the door of the Church for this service, and the members of the congregation are asked to bring cigarettes, candy, tobacco, canned goods and any edible commodities to be placed in the basket. The Chaplain will then be able to give the patients a little gift as he makes his daily rounds.

The New Year's Eve Watch Night Service will be held at 11:00 P. M. with hymns, prayers and address by Mr. Meckling followed by the Holy Communion.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, January 1, there will be a special service of Holy Communion at 11:00 o'clock to which we invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the year at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

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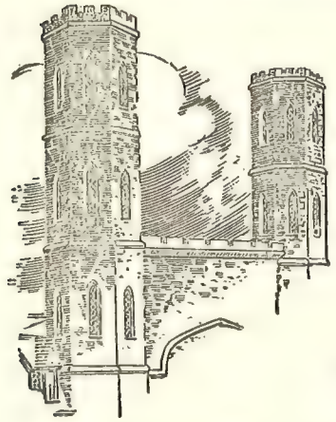
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49 ..... *Valour*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 39, Page 389
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"There Shall A Star" ..... *Mendelssohn*

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,
And a sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.
As bright the stars of morning gleam
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Radiance darting.
Truth imparting.
Gives salvation,
Thine be praise and adoration!

SERMON—"Charity" ..... Chaplain N. Lascelles-Ward
OFFERTORY HYMN 46 ..... *Morning Star*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 48 ..... *Stuttgart*

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WELCOME TO CHAPLAIN LASCELLES-WARD
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We extend a hearty welcome to our guest speaker, the Rev. Neville Lascelles-Ward, Chaplain of the Philadelphia General Hospital. Chaplain Ward will speak to us at the 11: 00 o'clock service on January 8th on his work in this great city hospital. The Rector has placed a receptacle in the vestibule of the Church where gifts to this work may be placed. Cigarettes, candy, tobacco, canned goods and any edible commodities will be gratefully received.

Our new Tower Bells have received widespread approval from business executives in our community and the bells are bringing more and more people into our noon-day services. The following is from one of the Chaplains of the City Mission who makes regular visits to Jefferson Hospital:

"Often on my way home from the Jefferson Hospital I hear S. Stephen's bells at 5: 00 P. M. After a busy afternoon in the midst of sickness and pain and sometimes face to face with death, what a spirit of hope, cheer and courage emanates from those chimes located in the very heart of an ever busy city.

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"I appreciate very much the special type of work you are so successfully engaged in at St. Stephen's. John J. Evans

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Have you made your pledge yet for 1950? We have passed the 80% mark on the way to our goal.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE

The Institute this year is sponsored by the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese and will be held on January 19 at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond, starting at 5: 30 P. M. There will be a registration fee of twenty-five cents and buffet dinner will cost $1.10. At 5: 30 there will be concurrent sessions, on the Church and Community Welfare Agencies addressed by the Rev. Arnold Purdie and with speakers giving very brief reviews of the agencies and institutions connected with the Diocese in the several fields, i.e., health, settlements, child welfare, etc. The Rev. Robert Morris who has recently returned from a period of study in England will discuss the Church and Family Life. At the dinner session the Rev. Robert McGill of Lynchburg, Virginia, former Chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the National Council will define the Department of Christian Social Relations and review the place of the Church in the field of social welfare particularly in the light of the General Convention. Mac Frenzen of the International Institute will be the principal speaker at the evening session which will be devoted to Church World Service and Displaced Persons.

The Rector is anxious to have several delegates from St. Stephen's represented at this important meeting.

THURSDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

The woman who lingered in the vestibule of the church, glanced around the door several times, to where I was busy with the books. A childlike wistfulness was in her face as she finally gathered courage to come in and ask if she might speak with me a few minutes before the service began.

As we seated ourselves in the Stall, I studied her appearance. She was not the well dressed club lady in town, for a day's shopping, but she was however, scrubbed and cleansed and arrayed for an adventure in prayer. Spotless was the wash dress of flimsy cotton; immaculate the scarf that bound her hair, in lieu of a hat. Soapy smelling was the plain, simple cleanliness of body, face and hands. But her face compelled me to silent attention. It was white, tragic and appealing. It could have been young so far as years go, but was old with suffering.

"Would you mind answering a question that has bothered me," she said as she twitched at the front of her dress. "Must I arrange my clothing or unfasten my garments in any way, to receive the Anointing today?" I realized then why she had so carefully prepared her appearance. The self conscious way in which she used the word, led me to tell her that perhaps she expected the Rector to "anoint with oil," but that all she had to do was kneel at the Altar and he would touch her head, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

"Does it matter that I do not come here to this church? You see I was never here before and had never known of any Healing service; but...oh, forgive me, lady, please forgive me for just staring at you...and talking this way, but I am in such *awful* pain..."

And indeed it was evident, for great drops of sweat broke over her forehead and face and merged into rivulets at which she mopped wearily. It seemed as though tears had escaped their emotional moorings. But there was no self pity. "I have been everywhere, done everything, tried many doctors, but get no help. When I heard of this service I thought I would *try this.* But I didn't know what would be expected of me."

I asked if she believed in prayer or in God; or in a spiritual approach to problems of pain. Her eyes misted at this and in a welcome burst of confession she said, "Lady, I don't know what ever happened to make me forget! Years ago, when I was a girl, I was near death. I spent a long time in a wheel chair. But I believed *then,* that God could do any thing so I prayed and I was healed of paralysis. But since this trouble and the struggle with doctors and never getting help, do you know what I decided to do?...I guess it was because I was so desperate I would try anything. Well, last week I went to a Spiritualist, a Medium. I thought maybe I could get some help. I'm ashamed of it now, lady; forgive me...for I see how silly it all was! The Medium said, 'Your sister Mamie is here and she sez Hold On. She was a good girl and sez, Keep your chin up.' ...Now my sister Mamie died in her teens, many years ago. I didn't need a Medium to tell me how good Mamie was, for I knew it well. Suddenly I saw how silly it was for me to go *there,* for help...and as for Mamie telling me to HOLD ON...oh God...I try...but this awful pain!" She clutched at the place, for support. "Would it be all right for me to go up, as I am?"

"Yes, go. Just as you are. And be grateful that Mamie has sent you back to the foot of the Cross." She thanked me, and having made her "humble confession", I watched her go to the front Stall and kneel devoutly as she waited the compassionate invitation to "come forward to the Altar." Nelle R. Cook.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 560..... *Pentecost*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 139: 1-16
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Come O Thou Traveller"..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

Come, O Thou Traveller, unknown, Whom still I hold but cannot see, My company before is gone, And I am left alone with Thee. With Thee all night I mean to stay And wrestle till the break of day.

I need not tell Thee who I am, My misery or sin declare; Thyself hast called me by my name; Look on Thy hands and read it there! But Who I ask Thee, Who art Thou? Tell me Thy name and tell me now.

Yield to me now, for I am weak, But confident in self-despair; Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, Be conquered by my instant prayer! Speak or Thou never hence shall move, And tell me if Thy name is Love.

'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear Thy whisper in my heart. The morning breaks, the shadows flee; Pure, universal Love Thou art. To me, to all, Thy mercies move, Thy nature and Thy name is Love.

SERMON—"The Struggle For Perfection"..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 465..... *Bethany*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 563..... *St. Dunstans*

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THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

Today is Theological Education Sunday throughout the Episcopal Church. The purpose of this emphasis is threefold: (1) To acquaint the Church with the work of the Seminaries; (2) To interest men in the ministry, and (3) To encourage offerings to augment funds needed to support the Seminaries. Most parishes will take up special offerings today.

So many fine men are offering themselves for the Episcopal Ministry today that our Seminaries are not able to take them all in. Most of our eleven Seminaries are enlarging their living quarters and their teaching staffs. Everyone is desperately in need of funds. They need your financial support. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. Our offering will be divided between the Cambridge Theological School where the Rector received his training and the Philadelphia Divinity School.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, March 12th, at eleven o'clock to administer the Rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. The Instruction Class meets in the Rector's Study on Sundays at 10:00 A. M.

TO BUILD "ONE WORLD IN CHRIST"—GIVE—MARCH 12th

The world is our home. As Christians we do not want any corner of it in darkness. In many places those who are endeavoring to bring the true light are handicapped by improper provision for the necessities of life...In Cuba missionary workers receive $950.00 annually! You can help to remedy this condition by giving on March 12th!

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant."

November 13—Mary Ann Nelson
20—Russell Muro Bleakley
December 11—Frederick James Green
January 22—Linda Lee Leeds

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

December 5—Lester M. Nichols
Ruby V. Nicholson
9—John S. Wojdag
Jean L. Gardiner

Burials

"The sun is sinking in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

October 22—Mary T. Mitchell

November 8—Annie Sorber Huxley
14—John Petroski
19—Frederick McCormick
23—Marion Hart

December 5—James Wiley Christie
8—Elizabeth Green

January 5—Charles Schmid
7—Beryl Scott Johnson
19—Charles H. Bentje

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household"

Mrs. Lottie V. Laws
Mr. Henry Renne
Mrs. Laura M. Renne
Mrs. Priscilla Shlauter
Mrs. Harriet E. Smyth
Miss Kate M. Fields
Mrs. Frances Loverin
Mr. James MacCauley
Mrs. Sylvia MacCauley

The Hard of Hearing Congregation is having a book review Friday, January 27th, at 8:00 P. M. Refreshments. All are invited. Cost 65 cents.

On Sunday evening, January 22nd, the Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church presented a musical service consisting of ten compositions of our Dr. Matthews. It was called "All Matthews Program."

The Minute-Speaker this Sunday will be Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden. Every Sunday until March 12th a member of the Vestry will present some phase of the ONE WORLD IN CHRIST CAMPAIGN.

Our very sincere appreciation goes to the following persons for their 1950 subscriptions to the *Church Bulletin*: Mrs. George R. Bishop, Miss Ida M. Landenberger, Mrs. Ida T. W. Leach, Mr. Francis H. Spratt, Mrs. E. Hawley, Miss Gertrude Bergen, Mrs. Charlotte Nodine Weiser, Mrs. Kathryn Schrott, Mrs. Isobel Smyth, Miss V. D. Arnold, Miss Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Mary M. Shields, Miss Edna H. Meyers, Miss Mary J. Allen, Mrs. Harry Lyster, Mr. Robert Greer, Miss P. E. Leypoldt, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, Mrs. Ronnie Haux, Mrs. F. Schmid, Mrs. J. Edward Semon, Mr. Frederick B. J. Crouse, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hauger, Mr. William J. Watson, Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Miss M. Falkingham, Miss Doris M. Funk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hay, Miss Frances Hatcher, The Misses Daley, Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, Mr. Thomas M. Armstrong, Mrs. L. Price, Miss May T. Miller, Mr. William McLeod, Mrs. Jane Dell, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin,

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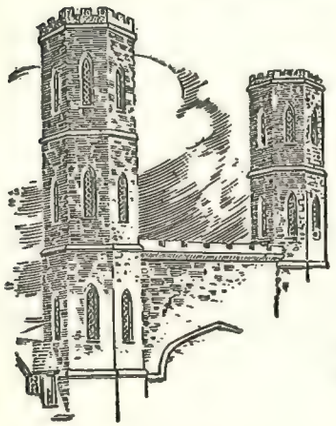
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INVITATION

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Canzona" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 578 ..... *Pleyel's Hymn*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 107: 1-16, page 476
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
MINUTE-SPEAKER ..... Mr. Wilson C. Leithead
ANTHEM—"O Brother Man" ..... *Martin Shaw*
SERMON—"Say Yes" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 375 ..... *Nova Vita*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 554 ..... *Lancashire*

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A LOOKING BACKWARD AND FORWARD

Sunday Services

9:00 A. M.—973; 11:00 A. M.—10,230; 7:30 P. M.—3,579.

Week-Day Services

Tuesday—1,945; Wednesday—1,772; Thursday—4,930; Friday—1,531
Lenten Services—18,811; *Special Services*—4,617

The total attendance at the worship services during the year 1949 was 48,388, which was 5,597 over the previous year. The figures above show the break-down for the various services. The Thursday Healing Services show the largest percentage of increase. There were 436 services during the year. The Rector conducted 376, and preached 220 sermons.

St. Stephen's Church operates seven days a week. In so doing, it demonstrates the fact that Christianity is concerned with all of a man's life and with all of a man's time. When it becomes simply a Sunday affair it is little more than a mockery. While the chief function of the church is to provide an opportunity for public and private worship, as a part of which the Word of God is preached and the sacraments administered, there are other functions which in their place are important and significant. To work out the implications of the church's worship and to demonstrate its principles of belief in action, all of which is done within the fellowship of the group, is the purpose of the activities which are centered in the Community House. Every person who takes part in the worship of the church should, in the nature of things, take some part in the church's activity. As far as we can see, there is a place in the program for everyone. We would like you to find your place, and when you find it, to take it. There is no place in the church for spectators—participants alone are needed. There are some, of course, who in the course of events have been prevented from active participation in any activity, and they are released from active service, but for those of us who are well and strong, the only way to full and real Christian life is the way of action.

WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?

Because Confirmation (the New Testament name is "the laying on of hands") brings to the recipient the gift of spiritual strength through the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. It is not the equivalent of the ceremony of "joining the church" used in some other Christian bodies; rather it is the ordination service of the priesthood of the laity, their call to active service as trained soldiers of Christ.

There is still time to join the Instruction Class which meets in the Rector's Study Sundays at 10:00 A. M. Bishop Hart will be here March 12th at 11:00 o'clock for the Confirmation Service.

ONE WORLD IN CHRIST

We are beginning today the interpretation of the Episcopal Church's Campaign of education called "One World In Christ." This campaign will culminate in the Presiding Bishop's radio sermon on March 12th.

Brief talks will be presented during these weeks preceding that important date by Minute-Speakers, each dealing with a special aspect of our world-wide program. The Minute-Speakers will be members of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church.

Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, Vestryman, has been appointed by the Rector as the Bishop's Man or Representative of Bishop Hart in the Parish of St. Stephen. He will direct the educational program among the men of the Parish and will be in charge of the Minute-Speakers.

HOME PRAYERS

(*Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.*)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, the brightness of faithful souls, fill, we beseech Thee, the world with Thy glory, and show Thyself by the radiance of Thy light unto all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Gregorian Sacramentary, 590 A. D., adapted*).

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 2:1-10

The Sermon:

We are now in the Epiphany season, the time of the shining-out of the great star of God's love. Jesus Christ is indeed the light of the world! That light is imperatively needed today. From bitter and tragic experiences, many a man has watched the lights of his world go out. The betrayal of a friendship, the inexplicable death of a dear one, the loss of one's position, or one's fortune—the hopelessness of political corruption, the chaos on the labor-management front—all of this has conspired to leave many a heart cynical and disillusioned. There is no longer any sense of stability or security for anyone. The lights are going out, they say. Perhaps the lights of our civilization are being extinguished for all time, they think.

Yet, if they will but look—there is still one light in the midst of all the confusion—a light which nothing can extinguish, a light from which all the candles of civilization can be re-kindled to glow more brilliantly. It is "the Light of the World." Jesus Christ, the eternal Light has something eternal, and eternally vital to offer—a knowledge of men, and the temptations which lead men into actions which cause our human lights to sputter and die.

Jesus, for instance, illumines for us our pre-occupation with self. The perpendicular personal pronoun claims a monopoly on so many lives today. The day is filled with the query: "What is going to happen to me?" And the night resounds with the sigh, "What shall I do? What shall I do?"

The pathos and the conclusion is too vividly suggested in a note found beside the cold body of a twelve-year-old girl who had committee suicide: "Dear Mother, I would rather be dead. I have suffered too much. You were always telling me, 'You have been seeing your father again.' I implore you that I have not. You will not have to keep me any more. I am going to die. You will have less work to do. You will have only two dishes to wash. I pray that you will be happy. Your Christine, who is about to die."

What courage that note depicts! But will that mother ever get over the consequences of her eternal pre-occupation with herself and what she mistakenly thought was her happiness.

The candles of civilization need to be re-kindled, indeed. Not the light of *things*, nor the light of *self*, but only the light of self-sacrificing love—"the Light of the World" is sufficient to re-illumine them.

Has Christianity lost its radiance? Not so long as there are human lives who reveal the glory in the world. God has never left Himself without a witness. We do not have to go back to the First Century to recapture any "lost radiance" of our religion. Nor should we sit down under a juniper tree and forget the knees that have not done homage to Baal. When St. Paul drew near to Rome he found brethren there already coming to greet him, and when he saw them he thanked God and took courage. When we face the tasks which God places before His Church today, we do well to remember that "the Light still shines in the darkness," and the darkness—thank God—cannot swallow it up. It still shines.

Closing Prayer:

O Blessed Jesus, Who by the shining of a star didst manifest Thyself to them that sought Thee, show Thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find Thee; rejoicing to present to Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, for Thy service forevermore, for Thine honour and glory. Amen.

(*E. Hawkins, 1789; adapted.*)

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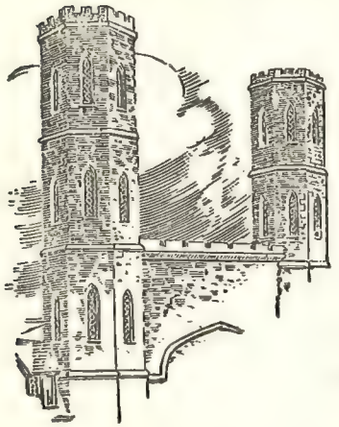
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153..... *Ratisbon*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 62, page 413
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Let us now praise famous men"..... *Vaughn Williams*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us, Such as did bear rule in their Kingdoms, men renowned for their power, leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge. Such as found out musical tunes and recited verses in writing. All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be which have no memorial, who are perished, as though they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace but their name liveth for evermore.

SERMON—"Abraham Lincoln and the Unfinished Task"..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 519..... *Ton-Y-Botel*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 289..... *St. Anne*

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O Lord, from Whom all good things do come, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Gelasian Sacramentary, 492 A. D.*).

Bible Reading: Exodus 32: 19-29

The Sermon:

Today we remember the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, whose greatness was founded on his unwavering faith in God. One of the reasons for his greatness was that Lincoln applied that faith to the tough problems that came his way, day after day. In the early days of the Civil War a minister once said to him, "Let us have faith, Mr. Lincoln, that the Lord is on our side in this great struggle." Lincoln quietly replied, "I am not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the right side. But my constant anxiety and prayer is that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side."

The temptation of most people is to decide what *we* want, and then pray that God will help us to carry out our heart's desire. We want the Lord to be on our side. But the Master did not so teach us. He taught us to pray, "Thy will be done"—to seek the Lord's way, under all circumstances. Instead of asking God to accommodate Himself to *our* wishes, He taught us to accommodate ourselves to *God's!* Whenever any human being—be it Abraham Lincoln or your own humble self—follows this Christ-taught course, his life counts for all that is right and constructive and eternal.

Lincoln applied his Christian faith to his profession. When he was practising law in Springfield, Illinois, he was approached by a man who wished to press a claim for six hundred dollars. It was a lawful claim, but if the client won it, it would ruin a widow and her four children. Lincoln, in refusing to take the case, wrote, "No doubt we could win this case for you, but we will not take it. There are some things that are right legally, but wrong morally. However, I shall give you some advice for which I shall charge nothing. My advice to a sprightly, energetic, successful man like you is to try your hand at making six hundred dollars some other way." Lincoln had to feel that he was on the Lord's side if he was going to throw himself, heart and soul, into a case. To impoverish a struggling widow and her family, even by legal means, clearly was not God's will; so he would not do it.

Apply that simple but searching principle to your own life. Instead of asking God to "go along" with your impatient wishes, take yourself by the scruff of the neck, and make yourself pray to find out His desire, and then do it! This may give you an uncomfortable spell of living, as you learn to accommodate yourself to His will, but I promise you that it will work out gloriously. For the person who strives to be on God's side finds a deep peace-of-heart which nothing can take away.

Closing Prayer:

Uphold, we beseech Thee, O God, what is good in all our works, and shatter what is false; that, learning the laws of Thy kingdom, we may be fellow-workers with Thee; through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*J. W. Suter*).

BOY SCOUTS' BIRTHDAY

America's Boy Scouts and leaders, now numbering 2,300,000 strong, are observing the 40th anniversary of their organization. Since 1910, more than 16,500,000 American boys and men have had the benefits of the training, fellowship, handicraft skills and high adventure of Scouting. America is all the richer for it. Many men in high places in American affairs today proudly credit Scouting's influence in their lives. St. Stephen's Troop No. 2 is one of the oldest in the city. Mr. James O. Lyman, Vestryman, is our Scout Master.

CONFIRMATION

There are many people today not attached to any church, but are Christian men and women; they occasionally attend services but are drifters. Some of them were regular and devoted members of churches in the places from which they came. We would have such people identify themselves with St. Stephen's Church and take a stand for Christ and His Church.

Other people are regular attendants at the services of St. Stephen's but have never made any public profession of religion. They march along with the army but are not in uniform. When asked if they attend church they hesitatingly reply that they "go to St. Stephen's"! They inwardly feel that they are not sons of the house! For their own sakes as for the good of the Church it would be wise for such people to take a definite step.

Children grow up and reach the age of decision. They then take upon themselves responsibilities which were put upon them by parents and teachers. That age, roughly speaking, is about fourteen.

The visit of Bishop Hart to the Parish on March 12th is the occasion for all the people to take their places among the organized followers of Christ. Some do it by Confirmation and others by Letters of Transfer or in other ways; but the important thing is for all to join the fellowship of the disciples under the leadership of the Master.

Confirmation classes are being held every Sunday at 10: 00 A. M. in the Rector's Study. All are welcome whether or not they have been confirmed, whether or not they have any intention of being confirmed. Such subjects as these are being considered: Faith, Morals, Sacraments, Church History, the Prayer Book, etc.

TO BUILD "ONE WORLD IN CHRIST"—GIVE—MARCH 12th!

College work is one of our most difficult home mission fields. A sound program for the Campus Community involves the continuing ministry to boys and girls of the Church who are away from home. No field is more important—no field more neglected—by our Church. The Church needs an additional $25,000 per year for this work. An informed Church is a strong Church. Know—Give—March 12th!

The Minute-Speaker this Sunday will be Mr. David L. German, Clerk of the Vestry. Every Sunday until March 12th a member of the Vestry will present some phase of the One World In Christ program.

Our hearty congratulations to Thomas Keller, our flag-bearer, who was graduated last week from Girard College. Thomas was co-editor of the Year Book and stood fifth in a class of sixty.

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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Prelude on 'The King of Love'"..... *Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157..... *Christe Sanctorum*
KYRIE ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Doubt Not The Father's Care"..... *Edward Elgar*

Doubt not thy Father's care, doubt not thy Father's care; For every grief He finds relief And answers every prayer. Night comes; the sun is lost. Night comes; He doth provide The gleam of a starry host. Night comes; the soul is dark, All joy is dead, all gladness fled And life has miss'd its mark. Then Thou—the wounded soul In that sad hour, with healing power Dost touch and makest whole.

SERMON—"Religion and Psychiatry"..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 483..... *Consolation*
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 (Verses 1-2-3)..... *St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 558..... *University College*

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Opening Prayer:

Shine upon our minds, O Lord, as the sun shines upon the trees; and, as they spread out their branches to the light, so may we open out our hearts to Thy love, and grow in strength and goodness, through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

(*Abbotsholme School Book.*)

Bible Reading: St. John 9: 1-41

The Sermon:

Strangely enough, many of us think of Judgment Day as a dread date somewhere in the future. But Jesus brought Judgment Day very close, for He showed that it comes, daily, hourly, as we judge ourselves by our response to each situation. "For judgment I am come into the world."

See the very human situation which prompted Him to speak of judqgment. Here was a blind man by the steps of the synagogue. Every person saw the same man. and responded differently, according to his character. Each saw something special, as a result of his main interests in life.

"The neighbors" asked if this man was not the familiar beggar who tugged at their coat-sleeve for alms as they came to church. To them, selfish and occupied with their own thoughts, he was a pest who disturbed their peace of mind. The disciples, excited over new thoughts of God which Jesus had taught them, asked, "Master, who did sin, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" They saw an interesting conundrum, something to speculate and argue about, a theological question that aroused their curiosity. The Pharisees, earnest men who cared a great deal about their religion, and spent much time in teaching its ancient rules, saw Jesus as a disturber of the good old ways, a young radical who brushed aside a respected sabbath-rule in order to assist a common, ordinary beggar. But, "Jesus as He passed by, *saw a man.*" Jesus was not vexed that a man had delayed Him as He went to church. Jesus saw that this was no time for theological talk, but a time for prompt and merciful action. Jesus taught that man's holiest rules are made for the true, deep benefit of man; and where one of these rules stands in the way of his true benefit, it shall be pushed aside. Jesus alone, in that crowd that gathered around the blind beggar, *saw a man* in need, and cared for nothing save releasing him into the light.

Each one of us judges ourself by our response to each situation, as did the people around the blind beggar. The Master of men walks unseen near us, seeking to draw us into compassion and active kindness. And we are judged by our response—whether it be selfish irritation, idle talk, or stodgy blindness of heart; or simple, honest attention to human need. We are judged by the way we regard the teaching of our Master Who quietly counsels loving-kindness. The story is told of a tourist who stood before a world-famed picture in the Louvre, and turned away impatiently, exclaiming, "I don't think much of *that.*" At which a veteran guard, standing nearby, quietly remarked, "The pictures are no longer on trial, ma'am; the *people* are!"

Closing Prayer:

O Perfect Love, Who art the light of the world; Light Thou this day for us, and confirm the habit of loving-kindness in our hearts, and of prayer in our minds, that we may set Thee as the sun in the center of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*A. S. T. Fisher, adapted*)

The Minute-Speaker this Sunday will be the Rector's Warden, Dr. Herbert Old. Every Sunday until March 12th a member of the Vestry will present some phase of the ONE WORLD IN CHRIST program.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, March 12th, at 11: 00 o'clock to administer the rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. The Instruction Class meets every Sunday at 10: 00 A. M. in the Rector's Study.

A YEAR OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

We have a great deal to be thankful for in St. Stephen's Parish. This past year has broken all records in attendance and in good works provided by the generous contributions of our people. Mrs. Hauger's financial report amounted to $30,574.07, the largest amount to come through the envelope system and special envelopes. Our total including income from Endowments amounted to over seventy-five thousand dollars.

We met our Missionary Quota of $5,000.00. We raised $1,769.38 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund. We gave $500.00 for the Radio Program of the National Church, $613.11 to the Episcopal Hospital, $1,247.41 to the support of the Episcopacy, $124.67 to Theological Education. Over twenty-four hundred dollars was contributed for our various parish benevolences, such as Christmas Dinners, Benevolent Society and charities. We added ten thousand dollars to our Endowment funds from a bequest of Mrs. Mary Lamb Walton. $7,200.00 was received for the Organ Fund.

St. Stephen's Church is a great missionary enterprise. It not only serves the spiritual needs of our community seven days a week, but plays an important part in spreading the Good News through the total impact of the Episcopal Church on the Diocesan, National and World-Wide levels. We have great and important responsibilities here on Tenth Street, but we must never lose sight of our important responsibilities to the Diocese and National Church.

We express our grateful appreciation to the members of St. Stephen's for a year of outstanding achievement and consecrated loyalty. May your shadow never grow less.

There will be a card party in the Community House on Friday, February third at 8: 00 P. M. for the benefit of the Senior Unit of St. Stephen's Scout Troop No. 2.

TO BUILD "ONE WORLD IN CHRIST"—GIVE—MARCH 12TH! The world will not become "One in Christ" until we are "One in Christ" at home. Our missionararies in this country cannot do their most effective work unless we supply them with material resources. Our Prayer Book urges us to *pray, work* and *give* for the spread of Christ's kingdom. Will you—GIVE—March 12th?

We acknowledge with much appreciation the 1950 *Church Bulletin* subscriptions of the following persons: Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Miss Jane R. Harper, Miss Margaret L. Gill, Mrs. Henry Thoma, Mrs. Mary McEwen, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pace, Jr., the "Purcells," Mr. and Mrs. August Albers, Miss Mary Wallace, Mr. William L. Scherzer, Mr. Winfield S. Brown, Miss Constance Price, Mrs. J. Everett Bacon, Mrs. Frances L. Weir, Mrs. Mazie Seighman, Mrs. Emily E. Weber, Mrs. Ernest A. Parnell, Mrs. E. Sherwood, Mrs. Louis H. Buckalew, Miss Katherine Fetzer, Mrs. Arthur E. Schmidt, Mrs. Arthur E. Schmidt, Mrs. R. H. Beattie, Mrs. F. C. Adams, Miss Mary E. Shoemaker, Miss Anna M. C. Lundh, Mr. E. D. Newkirk, Jr., Miss Jane S. McEldowney, Mrs. Estelle Weber.

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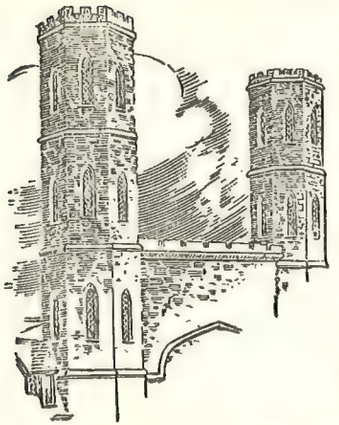
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Improvisation on a Gregorian Theme "Cibavit Es"...*Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59.....*St. Flavian*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 119: *XIV, XV*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"The King's Highway".....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
SERMON—"The Words of Jesus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 433.....*Langran*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 434.....*St. Oswald*

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The Rector will be the noon-day speaker in Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, February 27—March 3.

One of the very popular speakers of our Lenten season is Dean Gifford of The Philadelphia Divinity School, who will preach Monday through Friday of this week.

We extend a warm welcome to the Rev. Herbert W. Jones, who will give the Lenten address on Saturday, March 4. Mr. Jones served St. Stephen's during the Rectorship of Dr. Franks and was Minister-in-Charge until the calling of the present Rector.

TO BUILD "ONE WORLD IN CHRIST"—GIVE MARCH 12th

Our new program of Christian Education calls for a curriculum for the whole Church, not a part of it. Only the response of the whole Church can make this program effective. You can help bridge some gaps in our present programs of education by...giving on March 12th!

HOME PRAYERS

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord, Who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honor and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Bible Reading: I Corinthians 6: 15-20

The Sermon:

What does Lent mean to you? "Oh," a childish memory whispers in your ear, "Lent is the time when people give up things." That is right. Read again the great prayer at the top of this article. In it we pray, "Give us grace to use such abstinence..." But *why* the abstinence. *Why* "give up things"? What *for?*

One of the saddest, silliest performances in respectable religion is the child who goes about proudly announcing, "I have given up candy for Lent!" If you ask him *why,* he does not really know. The true satisfaction he gets is bragging about it; and he is in a fair way to become a most objectionable little prig.

Why discipline our bodies and spirits in the six and a half weeks of Lent? Read further in that collect, "Give us grace to use such abstinence that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may obey Thy godly motions in righteousness." There is your reason for abstinence. We are going to "break" our bodies as a horseman breaks an unruly horse. The horseman does it so that the horse will obey the touch of the rider's will, through the reins. The Christian "breaks" his body and its appetites, so that it will obey the touch of God's will on his life.

By all means make your Lent a season of disciplined living. But make it *positive.* If you have a sweet-tooth that adds pounds of fat to your body, and makes you sluggish, by all means follow an intelligent diet, and make yourself a healthier, more responsive servant of God. But keep your thoughts on your positive goal, a leaner body which will serve God better. If you love reading in bed, and your light burns too late into the night, so that you rise weary and foggy-headed, by all means put a sharp curb on that harmful habit. But don't think much about your "sacrifice" and thus make a self-pitying hero of yourself—keep your thoughts on the refreshed, clear-headed life you are aiming for, so that God can use you more fruitfully. Make your Lent a positive, building season.

St. Paul put it simply—"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost?" That body was given you, not primarily for your own enjoyment, but primarily for God's use. Your religion has to come out of that body. Don't be like John Atkins, the windy weaver—"The trouble with John is that he stands around talking about his religion when he ought to be attending to his loom. He is a good enough fellow, and has the making of a fine weaver in him, but he has not yet learned that while he is in the weaving-shed his religion ought to come out of his fingers and not out of his mouth."

Closing Prayer:

Lord, I am not yet willing for Thee to have Thy way with me; but I am willing to be made willing. Amen. (*F. B. Meyer*).

A LETTER FROM YOUR BISHOP

TO ALL THE FAITHFUL IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Responding to the great need of the world today, the General Convention adopted a budget of $5,634,617.00 for our work at home and abroad. In addition to increases in missionaries salaries, sending new volunteers to various fields and opening new work in Okinawa and other places, the enlarged budget makes a more adequate provision for our work in Christian Education, enabling the National Division of Christian Education to set forth new materials and develop better methods both for our Church Schools and for our adults. The new budget also includes the special offering which has been taken during the past three years for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

Due to your generosity, the Diocese has been able to meet its missionary apportionment in full for the past several years. We will need $110,000.00 for the special offering on March 12th to enable us to meet our full share of the enlarged budget for the work of the General Church. The Presiding Bishop will speak over the radio to all of our churches throughout America between 11:30 and 11:45 A. M. on March 12th. The local station is WIP.

Should the offering on that day amount to more than $110,000.00, the remainder will be used for Diocesan work. I am confident that the people in this Diocese will again respond generously as they have done in the past.

Sincerely yours,
OLIVER J. HART, *Bishop of Pennsylvania*

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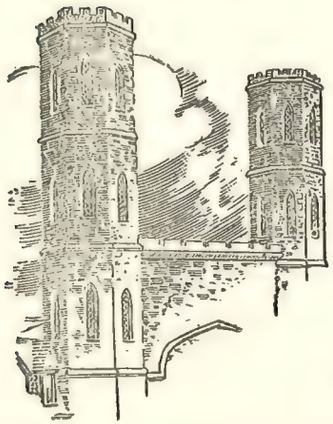
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Elegy" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Let This Mind Be In You" ..... *Mrs. H. H. Beach*

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus;
Who, being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God,
But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant,
And was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man,
He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.
Wherefore, God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a Name which is
Above every Name, that at the Name of Jesus, every knee should bow,
Of things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should
Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

SERMON—"The Point of No Return" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 65 ..... *Horsley*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 208 ..... *Penitentia*
HYMN IN PLACE OF GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, 343 ..... *Gerontius*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 64 ..... *St. Drostane*

The Palms on the Altar today are given by the Mothers' Meeting.

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8:00 P. M.—PASSION WEEK MISSION
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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Collect for Palm Sunday*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 19: 29-44

The Sermon:

Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is often called "The Triumphal Entry." What a strange name for that entrance! True, the crowds were cheering, and the city of Jerusalem was stirred. But He Who rode into the city was sick at heart, and wept over the Jerusalem that had rejected Him and His eternal Kingdom. By all man's standards of success, He had failed. His great mission to win the hearts of men to live and obey their Father had been defeated; for men were more interested in a kingdom of armies that would overthrow Rome. God and His Kingdom could wait. To make their rejection of Jesus clear beyond all doubt, on Friday they chose freedom for a tough rebel, and death for Jesus Christ. There could be no doubt about that defeat, in those days of long ago.

Every single one of us is acquainted with defeat. No man born of woman escapes that bitter experience. But there are some who understand that no defeat is final. The real question is, "What can I do with it?" And the answer is plain and glorious—"Let the spirit of Christ into it. Let God into that defeat, and miracles can follow." One day in World War II, a shattering blast of TNT blew off the hands of Harold Russell. At first he was overcome with black despair and self-pity over the defeat of all his hopes and plans. And then he remembered that there is something called "faith in God and myself, faith that I can always rise from every set-back. A man is licked without this." He decided not to be content with clumsy artificial hands, but to master the much more difficult, but much more effective "hooks." At first it was torture, but he doggedly kept trying, kept on depending on God for the nerve to win out. He caught the knack of those "hooks," and grew so skillful with them that he was asked to teach other disabled veterans how to use them. His success was so notable that Hollywood picked him for the role of Homer Parrish in the unforgettable film, "The Best Years of Our Lives." He has taught thousands of people that, with God's help, disaster can lead to victory; that, if we let God into our defeats, He can work miracles out of them.

That is what Jesus did with the disaster of Palm Sunday. He let God into that rejection of His Kingdom, and into the grim defeat of the Cross and God made Easter out of it! In those dark days of Holy Week, Jesus could not see beyond the shadow of the Cross, but He let God into the darkness, and trusted the outcome to Him. Most of you have your black disaster—the Master shows the way through its blackness. It may not be an easy way. It may be hard, and heavy and lonely. But let God into it! Let Him have His way with your defeat. I promise you, He will make something glorious out of it; something that will bless others, and so bring to them and you the peace of God.

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who hast given unto us Thy Son to be an example and help to our weakness in following the path that leadeth unto life, grant us so to be His disciples that we may tread in His victorious footsteps; for His Name's sake. Amen. (*Roman Breviary*)

MEN, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

What do you, the men of St. Stephen's, know about your own church? The Episcopal Church has a long and inspiring history, but are you familiar with it? Do you understand, for example, the part played by Henry *VIII* of England in establishing our historic Church?

To illustrate further: What do you know about the organization and government of the Episcopal Church? Is it a social club run by a few wealthy members or do you and I have a voice in the conduct of this organization's affairs?

The answer to these questions and other pertinent problems will be discussed on the evening of April 18th when St. Stephen's Church inaugurates her new educational program: "For Men Only—The New Evangelism."

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together 151 persons who have been confirmed here over the past 8 years.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

The Middle Aisle of the Church will be reserved for Men on Good Friday

Monday through Thursday, 12:30 P. M.—
The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey

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Healing Services, 1:15 and 5.30 P. M.

Good Friday—
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12:30 P. M.—The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D.
1:00 P. M.—Stainer's "Crucifixion" under the direction of Dr. Matthews.

Soloists

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59.....*St. Flavian*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 119: XIV-XV, page 497
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 4 .....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14
ANTHEM—"Here Yet Awhile" (From St. Matthew Passion).....*J. S. Bach*

Here yet awhile, Lord, Thou art sleeping,
Hearts turn to Thee O Saviour blest:
Rest Thou calmly,
Death, that holds Thee in its keeping,
When its bonds are loosed by Thee,
Shall become a welcome portal,
Leading man to life immortal,
Where he shall Thy glory see,
Saviour blest,
Slumber now and take Thy rest.

SERMON—"The Words of Jesus".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 339 .....*St. Christopher*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 407 .....*St. Hilda*

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ARE YOU A FORGOTTEN MAN!

The Christian church has forgotten her men! This accusation has been levelled at all churches, but the Episcopal Church is included by one of her prominent laymen, active in National Council work. We have failed, continues this authority, to provide a challenge to the male members of our church.

To meet this challenge the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen has formulated a new and energetic evangelism to embrace all men, whether members or strangers in our midst.

St. Stephen's Church in conformity with her missionary tradition welcomes this opportunity for greater service and accordingly has completed plans for monthly meetings for men. Starting Tuesday evening, April 18th, men of the Parish will be invited to attend a supper served at six o'clock and an evening of talks and discussions vital to all who are interested in the furtherance of the Church of Jesus Christ.

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Bishop's Man to St. Stephen's Church.

WHY HAVE A MISSION?

One of the means advocated for use in the great evangelistic advance sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches and set in motion by our own Church at San Francisco is what is known as a mission. A mission is a series of informal meetings, day after day, for five, eight, or more days, at which the teaching is done by an especially trained man, called a missioner. The singing and worship are informal. The teaching meetings are usually held in the evening.

A mission is held for the deepening of the spiritual life of church members, for the information of inquirers, for the commitment of all to the greatest cause on earth.

The present situation calls for a revival of genuine Christianity on a national and world scale. The churches need to be saved from their complacency and impotence, and empowered and inspired to do their appointed tasks.

The whole land needs a cleansing of its unrighteousness and a re-emergence of the spirit of repentence, faith and responsibility. The time is urgent. The call to advance rests upon the seriousness of the days in which we live, upon the authority of Jesus Christ, and upon the necessity of new life for all men through faith and obedience to Him. "If any man is in Christ he is a new creature."

With all this in mind, we have arranged with George Benedict, the missionary to the Jews under the authority of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, to conduct a Passion Week Mission in St. Stephen's Church beginning Sunday evening, March 26, at 8:00 P. M. and continuing each night until the following Sunday night, April 2, with the exception of Saturday night.

The Pennsylvania Bible Society is co-operating with the mission and will distribute scriptures each night. Prominent laymen will participate in the services by reading the scripture lessons. Our Vestry will have charge of the ushering. We look forward to seeing all our members present and helpfully engaged in this stirring program of rallying the ancient people around their Messiah. The opportunity today is unique for winning Jews to Christ.

We extend a hearty welcome to Dean Chester B. Emerson of Cleveland, who will be our guest preacher this week at the Lenten Noon-Day Services. We welcome heartily also the Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the Pennsylvania Assembly who will preach on Saturday, April 1.

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PRAYER BOOK MEMORIALS

Prayer Book Memorials are still available for those desiring to memorialize their loved ones. This can be done by means of attractive book-plates inserted in the Prayer Books at a cost of one dollar each. You may send in as many names as you choose, giving the information listed below which may be placed on the offering plate with your contribution or handed to an usher. Or if more convenient mail same to the Church Office. "To Love Is To Remember."

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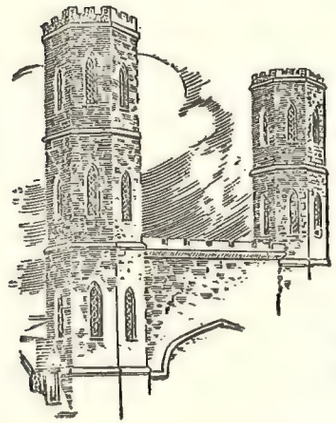
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY RABBI GEORGE BENEDICT

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Improvisation on "Heinlein"..*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 55 .....*Heinlein*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 96, page 459
FIRST LESSON
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
SECOND LESSON
BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*
CREED AND PRAYERS
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ANTHEM—"Behold The Lamb of God" (From The Messiah).....*Handel*
Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.
SERMON—"The Call of the Messiah"....Rabbi George Benedict
OFFERTORY HYMN 556.....*St. Andrew of Crete*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567.....*Dulce Carmen*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. Eugene Glazier in memory of his parents, by Mr. James Carrigan in memory of his wife, and by Mrs. John Mohn in memory of her husband.

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THE CALL TO THE MISSION

The rector wants a revival in the parish of St. Stephen's. There are others who want it too. That is why we are having a preaching mission during Passion Week, March 26-April 2.

The fact that the rector and others want a revival in the parish of St. Stephen's is not very important. What is more important is that God wants it. God wants to give us much more than we have been ready to seek or to receive. He wants to make us more simple and clean and trusting and unselfish. He wants to set us free from selfish fears and pride and the burden of unconfessed guilts. He wants to reconcile us with those whom we have hurt or those who have hurt us. He wants to draw us together in a brotherly fellowship, so warm and real that others will want to be a part of it. He wants to give us the strengthening, uniting energy of His Holy Spirit. God wants the people in our congregation, whether rich or poor, to be an attractive, welcoming and a happy center of believing prayer and brotherly service.

If we want a revival in the parish of St. Stephen's because deep in our hearts we know that God wants it, what can we do? We can ask God for it. He has said that to them that ask it shall be given, to them that really ask and keep asking. We can make ready for it by using the special prayer printed on this page. We can agree together that we shall put this first and take time out from lots of other things to let it happen.

We have asked Rabbi George Benedict who is now an Evangelist to the Jews and who is preparing to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania to conduct this Passion Week Mission. He has called the Mission "Total Christianity." He wants both Jews and Gentiles, believers and non-believers to attend. It is for all sorts and conditions of men. The printed program of the Mission is now available for distribution. You can see that it gets to your friends and neighbors. When you were baptized you were made a missionary of Christ's religion. No advertisement that can be made will bring the outsider to the church with as much certainty as a personal invitation from you. You can volunteer your services as an usher or as a choir singer. Come every night. Come to church next Sunday at the 11:00 o'clock service and hear the challenge from our Missioner, George Benedict, who will tell us in detail what you can do to make this Mission of "Total Christianity" succeed.

DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE MISSION

O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who didst send Thy Son and Saviour Jesus Christ, into the world to seek and save that which was lost, bless the Mission to be held in this Parish, that the faithful may be strengthened, and those who know Thee not may be drawn unto Thee, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother; may I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly, and follow Thee more nearly.

God bless the Mission, speak to us through the Missioner, and help us to hear and obey Thy voice. Amen.

The rector will conduct a clinic for the healing of souls in the First Presbyterian Church and the Church of The Epiphany in Crestview, Florida, Sunday, March 19, through Friday, March 24. The Rev. Mr. Meckling will celebrate the Holy Communion at the 9:00 o'clock service, March 19, and will conduct the Thursday Healing Services at 1:00 P. M. and 5:30 P. M. March 23 and the Communion Service following the Friday noon-day service. Rabbi George Benedict will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service, Sunday, March 19.

The Annual Reports of the Parish Organizations are now ready for the printer. We print the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all who are on our mailing list. Do we have *YOUR* corrected address and telephone number? Send this information *without delay* to Miss Evelyn Blackburn, Parish Secretary.

Our guest preacher for the week of March 20 is The Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh. Don't fail to hear his series of sermons!

The Saturday speaker at the noon-day service is The Rev. Jesse F. Anderson, Rector of St. Thomas Church, Philadelphia, the largest colored congregation of our Church in that city.

ONE WORLD IN CHRIST—OUR SHARE

Offering envelopes and pledge cards were mailed to all on our mailing list a week ago. The share of our parish in this effort to increase the work of the whole Episcopal Church is 40% of the 1950 quota already assigned and accepted by the Vestry. Since our quota is $5,300.00, the amount to be raised in this special effort is $2,120.00. If you wish to extend your giving over a matter of weeks or months during the year, please use the pledge card, and make payments at your convenience. We have received so far $981.36.

The rector preached in Trinity Church, Ambler, on March 15th.

The name of Miss Catharine S. Zimmerman should be added to our Confirmation List of last Sunday. Miss Zimmerman is the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the Youth Consultation Service of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of New Jersey. Twenty-one candidates were confirmed by Bishop Hart last Sunday.

Our "Thank You" to the following persons for their much appreciated 1950 *Church Bulletin* subscriptions: Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis, Mrs. Mabel E. Richards, Mr. Wayne Henry, Mr. Harry S. Bush, Mrs. Ada Robertson, Miss Gladys Given, Mr. A. F. Müller, Miss M. Maulsby, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Miss Hilda E. Yeutter, Mr. William J. White, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Slatcher, Mrs. J. C. Funck, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert C. Bullock, Mr. Charles N Clark, Miss Marion Headman, Mr. and Mrs. David Gamble, Miss Eleanor Reed and family, Mrs. Charlotte Guenther, Mrs. Edward J. Cooke, Mrs. Jean Z. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Z. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Guenther, Mr. Walter Steele, Mr. Charles H. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Walker, Miss Dorothy Prouty, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Winter, Mrs. Frederick E. Griner, Mrs. Frances F. Loverin, Mr. Edward J. VanDyke, Mrs. John J. Spear, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Ross, Miss Florence Wilder, Dean Emory R. Johnson, Mr. William W. Ruhl, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Merchant, Mrs. Edith Oliver.

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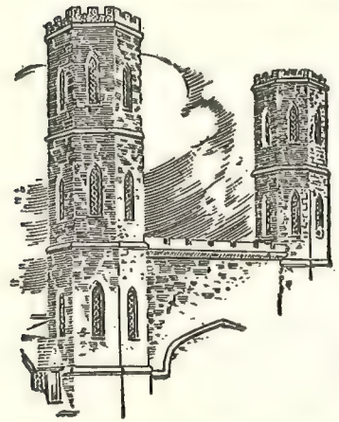
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from Violin Sonata *III*.....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 58.....*Langran*
KYRIE.....*Willan*
ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet We Humbly Kneel".....*Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel, Lord be near us; May we now Thy presence feel, Lord be near us; Fill our hearts with love of Thee, Lord be near us, In Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms, Lord, be near us; In Thine everlasting arms, Hold and cheer us; Bind our souls with bonds of faith; Lord, be near us, In Thy mercy hear us.

SERMON—"The Clinic Of The Apostles"..THE REV. JOHN GAYNER BANKS, D.LITT.
OFFERTORY HYMN 572.....*Maryton*
SANCTUS.....*Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 196.....*Eucharistic Hymn*
HYMN 345 (In place of Gloria in Excelsis).....*Dominus regit me*
SEVENFOLD AMEN.....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 406.....*Stephanos*

The Flowers on the Altar last Sunday were given by Mrs. Frances L. Weir, Mrs. Mazie Seighman, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mortenson in memory of Mrs. Mary L. Reed, as well as by the Burd School in memory of Mrs. Eliza Howard Burd. The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. John T. Troth in memory of her husband and by Mrs. Rosswell C. Williams in memory of her husband.

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

Bless us, O God, with the vision of Thy being and beauty; that in the light of it we may learn to think Thine own thoughts after Thee, and in the strength of it may do our work without haste and without rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*"Prayers Old and New"*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 11:25-30

The Sermon:

A wise man has written, "The word 'Christian' means something...When a man calls himself a 'Christian,' he means that he admits Christ into every area of his life." Our Lent will be positive, if we set ourselves to welcome Him into all parts of our lives. Into our *recreation*, for instance.

Jack Miner did that, at Kingsville, Ontario. He had founded a bird sanctuary there in 1904, where he fed, protected, and cared for bird life, especially the wild ducks and geese. Then in 1909 he began "banding" them—placing a very light, numbered metal band around the leg of each bird. Later on, when one of them was shot down, or hurt, many miles away, the person who discovered the band would send it back to Jack Miner. Hundreds of these bands came back through the mail, and a vast fund of knowledge was obtained about the migration routes and habits of wild fowl. This was Jack Miner's recreation—he banded birds because he enjoyed it. Then in 1914 he had a brand new idea: "Early one morning, like a star shooting across the heavens, God's radio—or God's guidance, if you want to call it that—said to me, 'Stamp verses of Scripture on the blank side of your bird-bands.' From the very first time I stamped such a verse on a band, I felt the help of God, and knew I now had my tagging system complete."

So, the following Spring, he began. A hunter, who had shot down a duck in the South, found the bird-band, with Jack Miner's name and address and, on the inside, "Mark 11:28"; and, looking it up in his New Testament, read, "Have faith in God." A man, serving time in prison in Arkansas, noticed the incident in a newspaper story, and thus started reading his Testament. Sportsmen, as the years went on, wrote Jack Miner that their lives had been changed by the Bible passages his bird-bands had directed them to. And a missionary deep in the Hudson Bay country came out, for the first time in twenty-six years, to tell Mr. Miner that these bird-bands had stirred up a new awakening of faith in the Indians and Eskimos who came in to have the missionary interpret the messages. Jack Miner commented, "My bird sanctuary would never have been what it is, nor have gained world recognition, had I not taken God into partnership, and given Him first place." He had let God into his recreation.

Whatever your recreation, let it become rich and glorious by letting the spirit of Christ into it. If you enjoy a game of cards, invite some lonely person to join you and two other friends—and your game will re-create all four of you. If fancy cooking is your hobby, share it with some young bride, or your own daughter (or son!), and you will have a part in the recreation of many a body-and-soul in the years ahead. If you have a knack for letter-writing, let God use that gift to bring new laughter and faith to distant people. You can take any gift—deftness with knitting-needles, skill at carpentry, a flair for interior decorating—just let God into it, and it will become a breath-taking adventure.

Whatever your hobby is, make it into true "re-creation" by opening it to God. Let Him use it constantly. For the only true re-creation is found in Him Who said, "Come unto Me...and I will refresh you."

Closing Prayer:

O God, grant to Thy children to bear one another's burdens in perfect good will, that Thy peace which passeth all understanding may keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Don't Forget—The Annual Booklet *Our Parish in Action* containing the reports of our parish organizations and a directory of all our people is going to press on March 15th. We have received eight of the thirty-seven parish reports. Hurry, hurry, hurry! We want this publication ready for distribution at our Annual Parish Meeting in April. Do we have your telephone number?

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Edward S. Morris, Esq., and his sister, Mrs. William F. Machold in the sudden death of their mother, Mrs. Roland S. Morris. Mrs. Morris was confirmed and married in St. Stephen's and taught in our Sunday School for many years. She had a keen appreciation of the devotional use of the prayer book and hymnal and made constant use of them. The service was held in St. Stephen's on February 25th and was conducted by the Rector and Bishop Remington. May she rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

TO BUILD "ONE WORLD IN CHRIST"—GIVE MARCH 12th!

A strong Church calls for well-informed devoted Churchmen. This is your opportunity—an urgent need must be met! Give—for a larger and better Domestic and Foreign Missionary work—for an extended educational program!

The Minute-Speaker this Sunday will be Mr. Charles K. Hay, Vestryman and Chairman of the Community House Committee. Mr. Hay will speak on some aspect of the Church's program "ONE WORLD IN CHRIST."

Mrs. Agnes Sanford, author of "The Healing Light" will give a lecture in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, March 14th, at 8:00 P. M.

NATION-WIDE ADDRESS

On Sunday, March 12th, at 11:30 A. M. the Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry K. Sherrill will broadcast an address over the Mutual network to every Episcopal Church on the subject of "One World in Christ." We will have a radio in St. Stephen's and tune in at the proper time. We are to have the added inspiration of Bishop Hart who comes to us for the Rite of Confirmation.

St. Stephen's Church will share in this opportunity of undergirding the work of the national church. One great area of need to be met is in the production of new religious education material. St. Stephen's share will be $2,000.00. It is hoped that the literature sent to all our families on this subject will be carefully read.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, March 12th, at 11:00 A. M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. At this eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

CHRISTIAN HEALING MISSION

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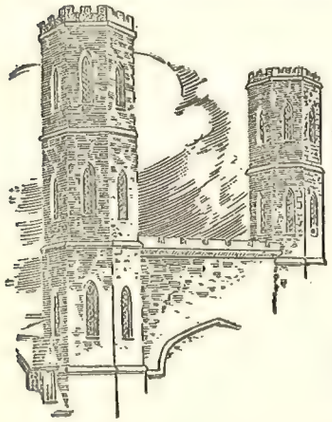
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Prelude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 .....*Melcombe*
KYRIE .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo "God Is Love".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
God is love, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God.
Love never faileth; There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear.
SERMON—"The Love That Does Not Fail".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 458 .....*Consecration*
SANCTUS .....*Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 (3 verses) .....*St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 561 .....*St. Boniface*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Mathilda Maulsby in memory of Ira T. Maulsby, and by Mrs. Charles K. Hay in memory of her father, Mr. J. W. Huxley.

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JAMES CARRIGAN

Proverbs 22:29. *"Seest thou a man diligent in his business?*
He shall stand before kings."

James Carrigan, Verger of St. Stephen's Church for forty-four years, died at the Jefferson Hospital on the 21st of September in his seventy-sixth year. On Tuesday we carried his tired body from the Church he loved so well, but we know that he has now found a happy place in the heavenly mansions. He has been a precious part of our heritage. The fourth Verger in the history of St. Stephen's, he has served the longest. Mr. Kragg, the first Verger, served thirty-four years, Mr. Leeds eighteen years and Mr. Clayton thirty-one years.

In the eary Church the keeper of the Church's gate was in minor orders, and Mr. Carrigan placed his vergership in the same class. He not only took care of the buildings in a remarkable way, but also was a true under-shepherd and deeply interested in the welfare of the congregation. He was not popular with grafters and people who want to milk a rich church, or with contractors anxious to skimp their jobs—but he was much loved by the poor, and the rector found him as true as steel, and as loyal as a Highlander to his chief. He was no hireling but a true friend, and a most sincere Christian—incorruptible and thoroughly trustworthy. He has been the rector's best assistant and was an efficient and honored member of the church.

James Carrigan has gone on because the Master has a purpose for him in the Kingdom beyond the West. We cannot doubt that, nor can we cease to thank God for His ministry to us through him.

The funeral service was held in St. Stephen's Church, on September 26th. The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D., officiated assisted by the rector. Vestrymen were the honorary pall-bearers. Dr. Matthews and the Choir furnished lovely music. Interment was in the church burial lot in Laurel Hill with his beloved wife. His resting place is next to that of the Rev. Frederick Keable, a beloved associate of St. Stephen's.

We thank God for his fine Christian character, for his good fight, his finished course, and his kept faith; and we rejoice in the confidence that he has already heard the gracious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

A memorial fund has been started. Those of the members and friends of the church who desire to give to the James Carrigan Memorial Fund may do so through the rector's office.

RECTOR'S PRAYER AT FUNERAL OF MR. JAMES CARRIGAN

O God of Peace, Who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength, by the might of Thy spirit lift us, we pray Thee, to Thy presence, where we may be still and know that Thou art God.

Remember, we pray Thee, Thy servant, James Carrigan, O Lord, whose spirit lives on in St. Stephen's Church, one of the living stones in our spiritual structure, one of the faithful whose lives hallow our parish life, and grant that increasing in knowledge and love of Thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in Thy Heavenly Kingdom.

We thank Thee, O God, for his Christian life so devotedly consecrated to the task of keeper of the church's gate, a true under-shepherd to the congregation of this church, for his fidelity to all his duties, and for his unfailing service to the poor and needy. We thank Thee for his good fight, his finished course, and his kept faith; and we rejoice in the confidence that he has already heard Thy gracious words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

May Thy grace so enrich our lives that we, too, may be wise in thought, loving in disposition, gracious in conduct, and victorious both in living and in dying.

With deep and sincere desire yet with humble submission, we offer this our prayer; in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

WELCOME

To young people coming to Philadelphia for school or college, to families moving into the city from other places, to residents of hotels who expect to be here only a brief time, the Parish, its Vestry and Ministers extend a cordial welcome. The services on Sundays at convenient hours and of varied character, the open pews in a church which is always open, are all at your service.

On week-days there are not only noon-day services with helpful messages but there are many groups with many purposes meeting in our modern Community House. There is a place for you in one or more of them, whether you are young or old, men or women, boys or girls, professional people or home-makers.

In the pews you will find a card which signed and sent or left in the pew will bring to you some one with full information.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

The Rector has been asked now and again about the vexed question of prayers for the dead. It is true that much superstition and abuse has clustered about the question of prayers for the dead with the result that many Protestants shy away from it as something not quite orthodox. While we cannot have any knowledge of the conditions in which souls live beyond the grave, the revelation of Christianity implies very distinctly a relationship of the soul which is everlasting. We have grounds sufficient for the belief that the intuitive conclusion of the writer of the Hebrews "that they without us might not be made perfect" holds a deep truth. In an apprehension such as this of the continuance and progress of personality in the spirit world, it is the intuition of the mother mourning her child, of the lover mourning his beloved, which would seem to come nearer to the truth than the cold logic of the rationalist. When Romeo bursts out with that sublime lament, "O my love, my life—thou art *not* conquered!" he is expressing Shakespear's own conviction. The blessed dead may experience joy and sorrow over their dear ones still on earth, and conversely, we need to commit to God all our hopes and desires for them.

"...but thou
If thou shouldst never see my face again
Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore; let thy voice
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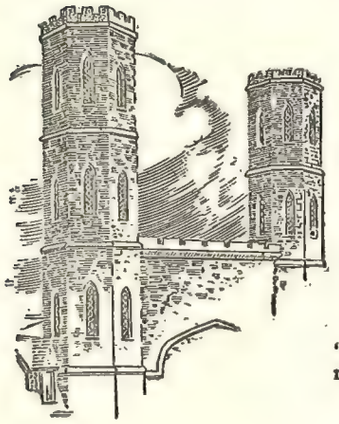
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Aria" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 116, page 486
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Immortal, Invisible" ..... *Thiman*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

SERMON—"The Miracle of Recovery" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 291 ..... *Mendon*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*

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THE BURD SCHOOL was officially opened for the year 1950-51 by the Rector on Wednesday, September 20th, at the Chapel Service. There are four new girls this year and a total of thirty-four in residence. Extensive renovations and improvements to the physical fabric were made this summer. The second floor dormitory was completely modernized. Visitors are always welcome.

NEW RECTORY

The Vestry has sold the rectory in Germantown and bought a new home for the rector and his family at 121 Lodge's Lane, Cynwyd, Penna. The new rectory is the same distance from the church and solves a number of pressing problems for the rectory family. It is a fine property in every way, easier to manage, near excellent schools with many advantages. The 'phone number is Cynwyd 0888. Come up and see us!

The Treasurer wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for making "summer financing" easier. The response to bring pledges up to date is gratifying.

MEMBERSHIP

We are always happy to welcome persons into full and active communicant membership in our Church Family. This may be done in one of two ways: (1) By Letter of Transfer from the previous Parish where you were listed as an active Communicant; (2) By Confirmation. (The Rector's Class will begin in January).

Because of the traditional and ancient following of the Apostolic Succession, the Episcopal Church does not permit transfer by letter of persons who have had valid membership in churches which have broken away from this tradition. Instead persons desiring to attain full communicant status are given the benefit of instruction and the privilege of being received by the ancient Rite of Confirmation.

Here a brief note on admission to the Communion is in order. We follow the practice of "open" Communion in our Parish, that is to say we feel that the Lord's Supper is for all of the Lord's people regardless of their denominational tags. We also feel that the rules strongly suggest that Confirmation is the required admission standard for Episcopalians. This rule should not serve as a barrier to other Christian people who desire to share the fellowship of the Communion with us.

"STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES"

We intend the church here to be a friendly church and not permit strangers to remain so for long. Whether you have been here a thousand years or are here for the first time, please make yourselves known to your church neighbors after church service. It would help the rector be efficient if new folk would hand him their name and address written on the card found in the pews so you may receive parish information and be properly welcomed.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant"
August 27—Robin Stewart Martin
September 17—Alice Jones Sadler

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"
September 8—Charles L. Kelley
Elva L. Elliott

Burials

"The sun is sinking in the West;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."
July 7—May T. Miller
15—Sarah Mullin
26—Augusta G. Balsley
August 1—Rhoda M. Hay
12—Julia C. MacAlister
September 8—Helen Stapleton

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."
Mrs. Horace Guillou
Mr. K. Einar Seaholm
Mrs. Sonja H. Seaholm

FALL HOUSECLEANING?—OUR SHELVES ARE BARE.

The Church Periodical Club, through its competent Supervisor, Miss Maude B. Hess, is equipped to distribute any number of magazines, games, puzzles and books to our city hospitals. "What hast thou in the house?"—to *share!*

BACK TO STANDARD TIME!

Commencing THIS SUNDAY, September 24th, the services at St. Stephen's will be held on Standard Time.

COME TO THE FAIR

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HOW TO CONQUER EVIL

The western world will learn some day that we must win people away from communism instead of trying to drive them away with threats of imprisonment, guns, planes or bombs. Communism is based on hatred—class hatred. When we hound men, drive them into jails, or shoot them, bomb their cities, kill their families, the hatred that communism feeds on increases rather than decreases. But the world is strangely blind to this truth that Jesus taught. He won people away from evil by feeding them, healing them, loving them. He finally took the greatest step of all—winning them away from sin by dying for them. Ever since that day, evil has never been able to stand before His presence. He taught how to conquer evil by winning men to that which is good. When will nations and officials who call themselves "Christian" learn this great but simple truth?

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579..... *Marion*

VENITE, Page 9

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11..... *Thiman*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace"..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is not darkness with Thee for the night is as clear as the day; The darkness and light to Thee are both alike; God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. Amen.

SERMON—"Divine Discontent" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 572..... *Maryton*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 394..... *St. Asaph*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others).

Opening Prayer:

Help us, O God of our life, to bear our pain as Thy beloved Son bore His trials and passion, so that we may gather strength out of weakness and suffering, and consecrate our sorrows even as he did; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(*Prayer Book for Soldiers and Sailors*).

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 10: 16-28; St. John 15: 16-27.

The Sermon:

Last week we said, "God reigns throughout all creation..." That is one of the great and deep convictions of the Christian religion. But hosts of sincere people gag when they try to swallow it. They ask why God allows the world's awful suffering, and remember some beloved friend who underwent many years of gruelling pain.

In the Old Testament days men believed that God would provide physical safety—"A thousand shall fall at thy side...but it shall not come nigh thee." As a keen saint has pointed out, Old Testament men were taught that they could make a kind of bargain with God, that He would take extra-good care of the man who trusted Him; and keep him physically safe and well. But Jesus, our own Master, did not talk like that. He never promised safety to His men, saying "If you come along with Me, you'll be nicely protected." He said the opposite, "If you follow Me, you will get into trouble." They were not to expect any magical protection. They were to expect, not only the ordinary perils of life, but special hostility and persecution, just *because* they were Christ's men. Any real adventure—whether it is climbing a towering mountain, or following a towering person like Jesus—is a difficult, perilous undertaking.

We are children in a vast universe; and we are not going to understand the *why* of much of its suffering. The Master frankly warns us that, as His followers, we are bound to do some suffering, as He did. But he does promise that *nothing can happen to us that cannot be turned to gain,* that cannot be transformed into a splendid adventure. He promises that after the struggle of climbing the lofty mountain, there will be a superb view at the top. He allows pain of muscle and mind as part of the discipline of learning.

The keen saint put it this way: "Parents put their little child into the nursery. They do not cover the floor with eiderdowns or pad the walls. Therefore, when the little chap is learning to walk, he often falls, and sometimes hurts himself. They *allow* him to fall. They do not *intend* him to fall, or they would push him over." In the same way, God allows the many accidents of our stumbling, awkward lives, as a necessary part of learning to find our feet in His world. But He does not allow anything to happen to us that cannot be turned into something glorious.

The test is this. When pain next comes your way, you can do one of two things. You can lie on the floor and cry and kick—you can bewail your lot, and blame God for letting this happen to you. Or you can sit there quietly, figuring how to learn to keep your feet next time; asking yourself, "What does God mean me to make out of this?" If you take that brave and Christian view, you will please God greatly, and you will become a tower of strength to those around you.

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who knowest all things, and from Whom nothing is hid; Thou hast seen fit to limit our knowledge and to set before us the slow learning of Thy works and ways. Grant us grace to accept the mystery of life with a humble heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*The Book of Worship, revised*).

Will the user of duplex envelope number 234 kindly give her name to Mrs. Harry Hauger so that our records may be correct?

Our apoligies to Mrs. Madeline Keller and Mrs. Bertha Scargle whose 1950 *Church Bulletin* subscriptions have not been acknowledged to date. Many thanks!

The Rector will preach at the Haddon Heights Dell Services on Sunday evening, July 23rd, at 6:00 P. M. Six churches of Haddon Heights co-operate in these Summer Services.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

David L. German, Jr., our erstwhile Crucifer, is now a Senior in Johns Hopkins University. He is President of the Alpha Psi Omega Fraternity, President of the Barn Stormers Dramatic Club and Treasurer of the Canterbury Club, a national organization for Episcopal students.

James Keller, a Crucifer of a few years back, has completed his Sophomore year at Lehigh University. He is the Chairman of the Pre-Theological Council of Lehigh and the House President of Leonard Hall.

Edward Cooke, Jr., has been graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Albert Foster was graduated from Jefferson Medical College on June 9th.

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

And we are about at the half-way point in the year. It seems a good time to refer to the matter of pledges, especially since the Treasurer reports that there are many who are in arrears—some so much so that he is beginning to feel a trifle uncomfortable about them. The children of Isreal who were forced by the Egyptians to make bricks without straw, had nothing on our Parish Treasurer. He has to do more than that every summer; he has to run the parish and try to pay the bills with very little money. Mr. Raspin has no hankering to be a magician and he would be very grateful if you come to church with your offering or, if you expect to be away, would pay up your pledges in advance.

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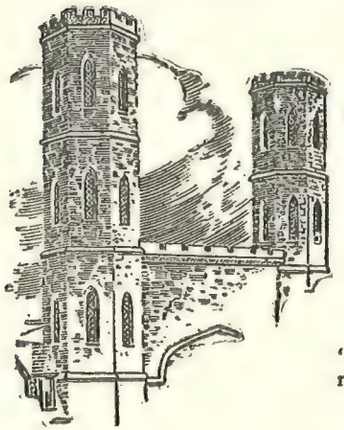
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Prelude on Moscow".....*Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 577.....*Christmas*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 56, page 408
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*H. Alexander Matthews*
JUBILATE, page 15 .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy".....*Cesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O Loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts,
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour,
Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy,
Show us Thy favor.
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON—"Making Weakness Your Greatest Asset".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 272 .....*Moscow*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 593.....*Patmos*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services; the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of our country and others).

Opening Prayer:

O Thou Who art the light of the minds that know Thee, the life of the souls that love Thee and the strength of the hearts that serve Thee; help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee; so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee Whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(*Gelasian Sacramentary*)

Bible Reading: St. John 14:1-6

The Sermon:

Some earnest and well-meaning people try to divide our world in two. They say that a minister is engaged in a "sacred" task, while a shoemaker is doing "secular" work. Leslie Weatherhead, in his superb book, "When the Lamp Flickers," shows that this is a false division. Even the Church has erred in claiming that the joys of the senses are "worldly," secular, instead of God-given, sacred privileges, and the saints of old used to talk of "withdrawing from the world," as if there is a "not-God's" world to withdraw from!

There is only one world, the world that God made for our habitation. We live in a uni-verse. "From the smallest atom to the farthest star, one will and one spirit holds everything together...sodium burns with a yellow flame in the laboratory, and with a yellow flame in the sun...God reigns throughout all creation, and His sovereign will directs it."

The shoemaker's job is intended to be a sacred one—to serve the needs of people who have to walk, freely and briskly, to accomplish anything in the world. "The religious shoemaker is as much a servant of God as an ordained minister. He is, in fact, in God's world, doing God's work, for God's people, for God's sake. Because he is a religious shoemaker, he cannot put cardboard instead of leather into shoes. Making a good pair of shoes, thoroughly, is a divine service because it is a contribution to the welfare of men, and service to men is the only way of serving God...It was when Jesus had been a carpenter for twenty years, and had never preached a single sermon, that the Voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.'"

Jesus did not talk about withdrawing from the world—*for there is nowhere else to go.* It is all God's world. The saints who started the theatre (and you will remember that the first plays were started in churches and only the ordained were allowed to play them) were far more in harmony with Christ's mind than the Victorians who thought it wicked to go to the theatre. Jesus loved to go to wedding-parties, and people enjoyed His company so much that they gladly invited Him—and the kill-joy Pharisees called Him a "gluttonous man and a winebibber." Poor, wooden-souled men, they thought that some areas of life are sacred, and others secular. These religious leaders did not know that it is *all* God's world. Jesus blasted them for that.

D. R. Davies once said, "Outside of God there is only death." To find real life, go with God wherever you go in His world. You should be doing God's work, whatever your job—on a farm, in a pulpit, in your kitchen, at a railroad crossing. It is those who remember that they are always in God's world, put here to do His will, who are the truly wise and useful people of every generation.

Closing Prayer:

We yield Thee hearty thanks, O Lord our God, for Thy great goodness to us. Mercifully assist us in every duty each one of us has to do, and vouchsafe to be our Companion every day, from morning to night, and from night to morning; that we may love Thy presence and walk in it vigilantly. Amen. (*James Skinner*)

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant."
May 21—Gloria Lynn Ozosky

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together."
May 21—Andrew H. Fritzinger
Lenore M. Dennis

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household."
Mrs. Marie E. Goodwin
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ARE YOU INTERESTED in joining a Prayer Group in the parish? We have a very fine group whose members give certain periods of each day for private prayers for our Church and its many high hopes and good works, to deepen the spiritual life, to make intercession for the sick and those in special need. An individual of this group would promise to give a certain period in each day for these intercessions. The Group as a whole meets once a month. Speak to the Rector, if you are interested.

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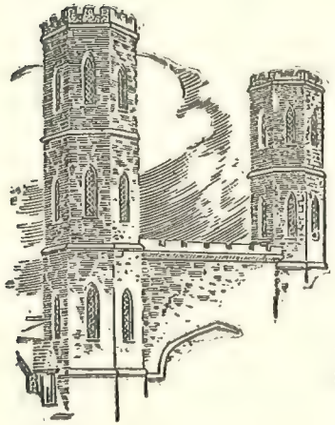
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Siciliane" ..... *J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

KYRIE ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

ANTHEM—"In Humble Faith and Holy Love" ..... *Garrett*

In humble faith and holy love, the song of saints and martyrs sing
That incense which to God above, blest angels and archangels bring;
Three mystic rays in glory shine, from the tremendous Godhead's Throne;
These in one source doth faith combine, in Three we praise one God alone.
For this sad vale of tears below, our anchor this of faith and love,
Till God His vision shall bestow in Christ's triumphant Church above.
To God our Father raise the voice, Invisible, Immortal King!
In our Redeemer's strength rejoice and to the sacred Spirit sing. Amen.

SERMON—"If Any Man Will Do...He Shall Know" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 266 ..... *Nicaea*

SANCTUS ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Regent Square*

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Opening Prayer:

Help us, O God, to keep open the windows of our souls to Thee in prayer, and renew us ever by Thy grace, that through all the restlessness of life, we may always possess something of the peace of those whose minds are stayed on Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*The Grey Book*)

Bible Reading: Romans 8:31-39.

The Sermon:

St. Paul, as he writes to his friends at Rome, touches on a few of the unwelcome hardships of life which upset people—heartbreak and physical suffering and peril. Like a trumpet he cries, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Or, in another passage, "None of these perils unsettles me." Seventeen centuries later on, George Washington demonstrated the same inner strength to meet the worst that life can throw at men, without being upset, and emerged from Valley Forge to an increasing victory.

But *how* is this victory gained? Rufus Jones declares that such steadiness is achieved through a genuinely religious life, for real faith sets men firmly on their feet, turns sunsets to sunrises, makes the impossible become possible. "The master secret of life is the attainment of the power of serenity in the midst of stress and action and adventure." And he shows how the Friends have worked out this way of victory; first, silent communion with God "to find the springs and sources of power, and then to go forth to the tasks of the world in the armor of Light." Open-hearted praying thus opens the human soul to receive that strength which can stand against the worst tempests of life.

We Americans are a bustling people—men and women of action, determined to be forever up and doing. Often we run away from our real problems as we rush off into activity; like the worried housewife who, instead of praying her worry through to victory, turns her house upside down and does a strenuous day of house-cleaning. By so running away, she leaves the problem unsolved, to plague her later on.

Those who want to be "more than conquerors" learn the habit of quiet communion with God each day as regularly as they have breakfast. They stop their busyness, their fretting and straining, to open the gates of their souls to the tides of the Almighty love and might, and to remember that, if God is with them, there is nothing that need be feared. They rise from their time of quietness renewed, refreshed, and able to meet whatever awaits them, *lifted up* by the Eternal. As Rufus Jones puts it, "It is like a ship in a lock. Here the ship is, shut in by great gates before and behind. Its driving engines have been slowed down. Its speed has been diminished to naught. It is no longer going anywhere. And yet all the time the water is rising beneath the ship, and when the gate in front swings open, and the ship emerges from its period of full stop, it will go out for its journey on a higher level and carry its burden of freight henceforth on a new plane."

Closing Prayer:

May the love of God unite us; the joy of God inspire us; the peace of God enfold us; the courage of God sustain us; and the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, rest upon us forevermore. Amen. (*Selected*)

The Rector presented for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on May 22nd, Evelyn Shirley Hanville and William Harry Cinq-Mars. Hearty congratuiations!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held at Menlo Park, Perkasie, Penna., on Saturday, June 10th. Buses will leave the Community House and also at the Burd School at 9:00 A. M. Parents, friends and members of the congregation are invited to join us. Menlo Park is thirty-three miles from City Hall. There will be a charge of 75 cents for the bus ride for non-members of the Church School. We will provide milk and ice cream, as well as tickets to the amusements and the swimming pool for the children of the Sunday School. Bus reservations may be made through Edwin S. Heins, Esq., Superintendent.

THE ANNUAL BURD SCHOOL DAY will be Saturday, June 3rd, from 2:00 until 5:00 P. M. You are cordially invited to the school at 4226 Baltimore Avenue.

ELECTRONS and DEITY

The Anglican Communion observes today Trinity Sunday. It is a great feast which ought to find an important place in the life of every Christian. It stimulates us to consider the tremendousness of God, to sum up as well as we can with our limited intelligence the Infinite Being Whom we worship as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

It is impossible any longer for a scientist to ridicule the mysteries of religion, or refuse to believe in Christianity because there are Chrstian doctrines which he cannot understand. What if the Bible had declared that Elijah had talked into a little box and his words had been heard in a similar little box down in Egypt?

Chesterton says that "the Trinity is easier to understand than the electron." The scientists would now have us believe that all matter consists of infinitely small universes of electric force, planetary systems of these whirling forces within other planetary systems, so that if you hold up your finger before your eyes you must see with the vision of scientific faith a cosmos as endless and majestic as "the starry firmament on high." Compared with that, the revealed three-fold personality in unity of the Godhead is simplicity itself.

We cannot by searching find Thee out, O Thou Almighty, unto perfection; but we can discover Thee by receiving Thee, as we discover Thy universe by receiving it. Lo, Thou dost stand at the door, and knock. Amen.

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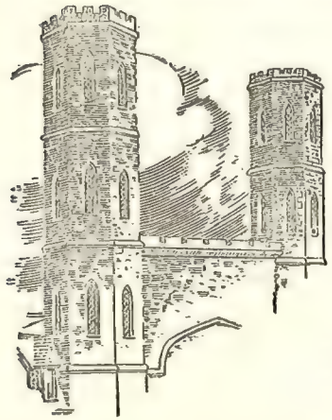
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11:00 A. M.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Prelude" ..... *Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 132, Page 508
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
SERMON—"O Valiant Hearts!" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
MASSING OF COLORS
AMERICA
TAPS—PRAYERS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM (Kneeling)—"Rest In Peace" ..... *Schubert*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

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O God, Who art peace everlasting, Whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and Who hast taught us that the peacemakers are Thy children, pour Thy peace into our souls that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and that all that makes for peace be loved and sought by us always through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Mozarabic Sacramentary*)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 55

The Sermon:

Some years ago, Herman F. Reissig, hearing that a general had advocated military preparedness, saying, "I don't like war, but I want to protect my country," sat down and wrote the following reply. As we look forward to Memorial Day, we may well ponder his big-minded, broad-souled words:

"Protect 'my country'! But where is 'my country'? Who has decreed that 'my country' shall include only the geographical area bounded by the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans, Canada and Mexico? Who has decreed that 'my country' shall embrace only those men, institutions, and events which lie between the year 1492 and the present? Who may thus limit and define 'my country'?

"Where Isaiah lifted up his voice for human justice, there is my country. Where Plato announced the reality of the spiritual, there is my country. Where Jesus offered His life for men, there is my country. Where St. Francis lived the compassionate life, there is my country. Where Shakespeare swept the human scene into his dramas, there is my country. Where Darwin discovered the method of the soul, there is my country. Where Darwin discovered the method of the Creator, there is my country. Where the Magna Charta was signed, there is my country. Where Milton sang, where Rembrandt painted, where Geothe wrote—there is my country.

"Who draws these little lines, limiting my allegiance by accidents of time or space?

"Where Ghandi fought a swordless fight for freedom, there is my country. Where Schweitzer heals the bodies of black men, there is my country. Where Kagawa champions the underprivileged, there is my country. Where brave men stood firm against Hitler's barbarism, there is my country. I would protect my country. For my country I would fight against all enemies. Where is my country and who are its enemies?

"Wherever men and women lift the flag of justice, or of beauty, or of freedom, or of truth, or of peace, or of fellowship, there is my country. Who enslaves men in body for the sake of gain, or in mind for the sake of power, who tramples on others' rights, who closes the doors of opportunity, who serves the dark gods of superstition and prejudice, who turns his eyes toward the past, who denies to others the privileges he desire for himself—he is my enemy. God help me to protect my country against all enemies."

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who makest the frail children of men to be Thy glad soldiers in the conquest of sin and misery, breathe Thy Spirit, we pray Thee, into the people of this land and all countries, that they may come together in faith and fellowship, and stand up as an exceeding great army for the deliverance of the oppressed and for the triumph of Thy Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Robert E. Speer*)

The Rector presented Jane C. Rodgers and Amanda E. Smith for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on May 15th. Hearty congratulations!

Those who heard Ralston Young, better known as "Red Cap No. 42" of Grand Central Station in the Church on May 18th received a tremendous spiritual uplift.

ORGAN FUND

Forty-nine individuals and organizations have pledged $17,781.00 to the Organ Fund. $9,102.75 of the above amount has already been received.

Recent gifts have come from the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's. Twenty-five dollars has been added to the original gift of fifty dollars. A member of the parish has added two hundred dollars to her original gift of one hundred dollars.

One thousand dollars has been received from a former member of St. Stephen's in another city who desires to be anonymous. Here is part of her heartening letter:

"MY DEAR DR. PRICE:

The enclosed cheque represents something I have had in mind for several years and now at last accomplished.

St. Stephen's has meant so much in my own life, and I so thoroughly like what it stands for as a parish that I have wanted to give something that would help carry on the work in the years to come.

My thought has been to have the amount added to the Endowment Fund. However, I am sending it to you for you personally to decide the best use for the money. Perhaps you will wish to use it for the Organ Fund.

Please, however, do not use my name in connection with it but let it be an anonymous gift.

We have been greatly interested in the exceptionally fine Parish Report, and only wonder how you accomplish so much..."

The Rector was interviewed on the "In Person" radio program over WCAU, Friday, May 19th at 10:30 P. M.

A good time was really had by all who attended the annual parish meeting. Our grateful appreciation is extended to the Committee from the Hard-of-Hearing Congregation for the splendid refreshments.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Chapter 4 and Unit 4 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in memory of departed members; by Mrs. Reba Fryer in memory of her son, William J. Fryer; by Miss Gladys Given in memory of her brother, Raymond Given; by Mrs. Augusta Balsley in memory of her mother; by Mrs. J. C. Funck in memory of her husband and parents; and by Mrs. Walter H. Lloyd in memory of her mother, Julia Fort Hughes, and her mother-in-law, Ida May Lloyd.

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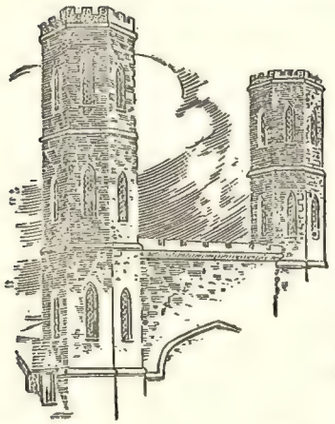
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Consolation" ..... *Alec Rowley*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104 ..... *Ascension*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 105: 1-20, page 470
TE DEUM, page 10 ..... *Stanford*
JUBILATE, page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Sing A Song of Praise" ..... *John E. West*

Sing a Song of Praise,
Bless the Lord in all His works.
Magnify His Name and shew forth His praise
With the songs of your lips. Alleluia.
Sing a Song of Praise.

SERMON—"The Nobility of Error" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 352 ..... *Diademata*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105 ..... *Coronae*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Emory R. Johnson in memory of her husband, Dean Emory R. Johnson, and by Mrs. Jack H. Rawlins in memory of her father, Mr. Alexander Franz.

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7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING

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PRELUDE—Prayer ..... *Lemaigre*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 549 ..... *All Saints New*
KYRIE ..... *Merbecke*
SERMON HYMN 208 ..... *Penitentia*
SERMON
OFFERTORY HYMN 350 ..... *Jubilate*
SANCTUS AND AGNUS DEI ..... *Merbecke*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
VESPER HYMN 179 ..... *St. Clement*
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RECESSIONAL HYMN 578 ..... *Pleyel's Hymn*
POSTLUDE—March in E Flat ..... *Guiraud*

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Opening Prayer:

Take from us, O God, all tediousness of spirit, all impatience and unquietness. Let us possess ourselves in patience, and commend our souls and bodies into Thy hands, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Jeremy Taylor, adapted).*

Bible Reading: St. Luke 22: 39-46

The Sermon:

Sometimes you hear people discussing the problem of "unanswered prayer"; but there is no unanswered prayer. All prayers, I believe, are answered—every one! What we mean by "unanswered" prayer, usually, is a prayer like Jesus' first request in Gethsemane, "If it be Thy will, let this cup pass..." God's answer to that request was "No"; and, since Jesus' chief purpose was to know God's will for Him, God did answer His prayer by pointing to the hard, stern way of the Cross. By accepting God's command, He went forward to the triumph of the Cross, and the deathless victory of Easter.

The real puzzle, therefore, is not "unanswered" prayer; but why it is that God so often answers "No." Often, of course, He says "No" because we have asked for second-rate favors that would do us, or someone else harm. God, being loving, cannot say "Yes" to harmful prayers, any more than your father could give you the rifle or the pressure-cooker you asked for at the age of ten! You, yourself, have not always said "Yes" to your children. Because you loved them, you could not grant foolish or hurtful requests. We cannot, surely, expect God to be less wise and loving than we are!

But there are many times when we cannot possibly understand why God's answer is "No." When a young father, with a beautiful wife and several fine children, is critically ill, and we pray for his recovery, and that young man dies—we cannot understand. If we *could* understand, we would be more than human. I haven't the faintest idea why God does not grant such a request; but I have come to trust God enough to leave the answer with Him. After all, there is no reason why my childish prayer should change the will of the All-Wise. In a case like that, I can only lift my prayer to Him, asking Him to pour His healing strength through the channel of my life, to help that sick young man; and then leave the outcome with Him. Then, if that young man dies, I can pray to God for strength to accept the outcome, to master my grief, and start on from there.

The true secret of victorious praying is to ask God to show us what He wants, rather than putting our whole heart into what we want. That is the secret of the great Gethsemane prayer—Jesus sought, and found out, what God wanted of Him; and obeyed God's will; and His willingness has blessed mankind ever since. Take yourself by the scruff of the neck, therefore, and make yourself drop the "Give me" prayer; and change it into a "Show me" prayer. Dare to ask God to strengthen you to be able to "take it," if necessary; to struggle and endure, and master the heavy heart, the disappointed hopes. If you pray faithfully for Him to show you the way, He will always answer that prayer.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, grant us to see the right path and steadfastly to follow whither it leads; for the sake of Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ORGAN FUND

Jefferson and Madison maintained, as opposed to John Marshall Hamilton and President John Adams that the Constitution was not the supreme law of our land, but that the earth belonged to the living, and that self preservation and changes to meet the demands of growth and the betterment of the people were far superior.

In somewhat of a similar manner, we, the members of St. Stephen's, are in a position to have to decide whether or not the well known need of a new or renovated organ in order to continue to function adequately and to maintain the high standards of our church regarding service music and beauty of memorials should not be our immediate consideration.

"Music wakes the soul...and fits it to bespeak the Deity." There is no reward for a lost opportunity—it is gone forever!

Have you pledged to the Organ Fund? *Dr. Herbert Old.*

The Rector presented Marie E. Goodwin and Florabel Cunningham for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on May 8th.

Summer is just around the corner and we are about at the half-way point in the year. It seems a good time to refer to the matter of pledges, especially since the Treasurer reports that there are many in arrears—forty-six using the duplex envelopes have not as yet turned in an envelope! Summer is a lean time for our Treasurer. Now is the time to "catch-up."

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held in the Community House at 12: 30 P. M. Sunday, May 21st. You are all invited to attend. Business includes the election to the Vestry. There will be informal talks by the Vestry-men and refreshments will be served. Let us make this occasion a high point in the life of our church.

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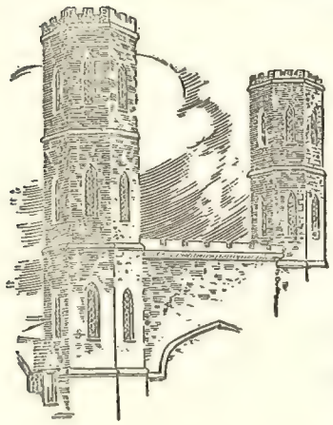
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Communion" ..... *Richard Purvis*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*
KYRIE ..... *Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"Seek Ye The Lord" ..... *Varley Roberts*
Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, Call ye upon Him while He is near; Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts, And return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy, And abundantly pardon.
SERMON—"Put Yourself In Line!" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 483 ..... *Consolation*
SANCTUS ..... *Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 208 ..... *Penitentia*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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PRELUDE—At Evening ..... *Kinder*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 292 ..... *Innocents*
PSALM
NUNC DIMITTIS ..... *Tours*
SERMON HYMN 247 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*
SERMON
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring ..... *Bach*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 294 ..... *St. Bees*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
POSTLUDE—Processional March ..... *Kinder*

Mrs. Agnes Sanford will speak in St. Stephen's Church, Tuesday, May 9th, at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Sanford is author of "The Healing Light." All are welcome.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community House following the Morning Service, Sunday, May the 21st. Plan to attend.

Our *Church Bulletin* subscription "Thank You" to Mrs. Robert C. Thackara.

THURSDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Healing is in reality, the cleansing of these body-temples. It is a subtle process and begins with self-love. The door swings in and the slender key that fits the lock is given in Jesus' admonition, "Leave your gifts before the altar and go; be reconciled to your brother and then come." I believe the moment we have laid our gifts and turn to go, we must begin at the turning to forgive ourselves. One place at which we need forgiveness is at the place of indulgence.

Someone, in search of help, was overheard to say, "If the Rector is not to preside at the Healing Service I will not go." What sleek disguises the little fox of prejudice wears. She nibbles away at the foundation of the body-temple under the guise of loyalty. We are tempted into indulging ourselves by the use of familiar assertions, such as; "true to my church; loyal to the Rector; faithful to tradition;" and yet in the same breath, "loyalty to one" can readily imply "prejudice...or aught against... a brother." It is these comfortable indulgences then, that we bring to the altar and leave there as gifts, for God to evaluate. The spring cleaning season is a good time to begin.

In the absence of the Rector, the honor was given one day to the Rev. Gustav Meckling to conduct the Healing Services. Later on a group met together and there was about the conversation an inner quiet, a deeper consciousness of the Holy Spirit. We were thinking aloud on our feeling about the five-thirty Healing Service. "Wasn't he humble?" "How earnest and sincere!" "I felt such a personal interest when he prayed." "I feel different somehow...I wouldn't have missed that experience for anything." "He gave me a sense of time-less-ness...as though we could abide awhile for the Healing to come." Thus ran the comments of the group.

Suppose that each one who spoke had refused to attend the service because someone different was to preside. Think what we would have missed. Yet through hugging our prejudices to ourselves for any reason, we shut out God's creative activity in our lives. It is so human to want to dictate terms. When we assert, "I won't go if the Rector isn't there," we preclude God. But suppose God was limited to one person through which to channel all of His benefits. Suppose (tongue-in-cheek) He said, "Today I will allocate my Healing power, or so much Grace for forgiveness, or so much of the Holy Spirit to so and so..." Yet we do that to God and pride ourselves on loyalty. How differently the Four Gospels would read today if Jesus had said, "You, Peter, may heal; but the others...well they have no aptitude for that sort of thing." What He did say sweeps aside all prejudice, "Truly, truly, he who believes in Me will do the works that I do and greater works than these will he do."

Let us step aside from our selves when we leave the gifts of prejudice and indulgence at the altar and begin the Healing by forgiving our little-selves. This is where real sacrifice begins. Healing bubbles up like a spring of living water from within at the same time that it flows down from on High, through any available form of life. Every thing about God is fluid, never static. He asks not for portions of our selves but rather, He asks for the AREA of our lives that He may pour down His healing love to wash away our self imposed limitations.

Don't let us ever limit the Healing power of God by thinking that we can dictate terms to Him. God is the Author and Finisher. Healing must come His way for He has always known our need. He can afford to wait for us to return for God has all of Time. In His infinite variety lies your adventure. Don't miss it by self-indulgence.

Nelle R. Cook.

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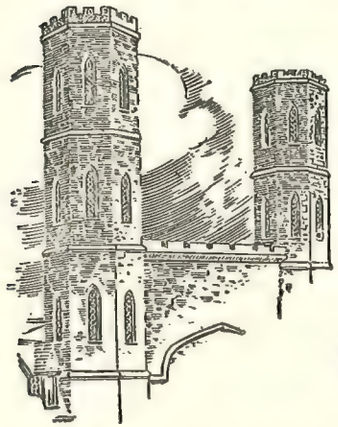
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Choral Improvisation on "Lyra Davidica".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94.....*St. Kevin*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 81, page 442
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Morn of Beauty".....*Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness!
Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night.
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness;
Now breaks the day of peace and light.
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, sing alleluia!

The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning;
The earth awakes with victory as her strain.
Lift up your hearts and greet this glad day dawning,
For Christ the Lord is risen again!
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, sing alleluia!

SERMON—"First—Stand Still".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 91 .....*Victory*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 88 .....*St. Albinus*

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$1,295.11 was received from the Presiding Bishop's appeal on March 12th. Congratulations!

TO THE RECTOR AND MEMBERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH:

At the request of Dr. Price I have attended the stated quarterly meetings of the Female Protestant Episcopal Prayer Book Society at its Church House.

The Society is making a concentrated effort to re-build its membership in the churches of this Diocese and to promote greater interest in the Prayer Book as a missionary project. Very satisfactory progress has been made in both undertakings.

In their last report the Society had distributed over eleven thousand Prayer Books and Hymnals to different Dioceses and missionary Districts in the United States, Philippine Islands, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Central America and West Africa.

St. Stephen's Church has contributed through its members the total of $15.60 which sum was turned over to the Society's Treasurer, Miss Mary Lea Perot.

We are planning and hoping that next year our contributions will be at least double these figures.

Respectfully submitted,
RUTH GORDON LEITHEAD.

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We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wolf for a large electric refrigerator for the kitchen in the Parish House where the Tuesday luncheons are served.

Eighteen thousand attended the Lenten Noon-Day Services this year, and more people attended our Easter Services than ever before.

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Dr. Matthews is celebrating this year his fiftieth anniversary as an organist in this country. He came to this country in 1900 after receiving his early training from his father, John Alexander Matthews, a prominent organist and conductor in England.

Dr. Matthews organized the Choral Art Society of Philadelphia, which he conducted for twelve years, and for ten years was the director of the musical clubs at the University of Pennsylvania. For a period of fifteen years he also conducted the Orpheus Club of Wilmington, Delaware. At the present time he is conducting the Women's Chorus of the Philadelphia Music Club.

As a composer, Dr. Matthews has been prolific and his published compositions number over 300. Among these many are very popular among choirmasters, including the Cantatas "The City of God," "The Story of Christmas" and "Triumph of the Cross." Dr. Matthews' contribution to organ and anthem literature has been most generous.

Dr. Matthews is a composer member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and a member of the Philadelphia Musical Fund Society and of the St. Wilfred's Club in New York. He is head of the theory and organ departments of the Clarke Conservatory of Music in Philadelphia. Dr. Matthews has received honorary degrees from Muhlenberg College and the University of Pennsylvania.

On April 1st, Mr. James Carrigan began his fourty-fourth year as Verger of St. Stephen's Church. His loyalty and devotion to St. Stephen's is proverbial. Shortly after the present Rector came to St. Stephen's he was introduced by one policeman to another as "The Rector of Carrigan's Church." During the long history of St. Stephen's Church we have had but four Vergers, whereas we have had eight Rectors.

MISTER, THIS MEANS YOU!

What do you men of St. Stephen's want in a Church Service? Do you consider the average Church's program vague and ineffective? Perhaps you regard religion as an admirable ethic, but something a person should take like Homeopathic medicine—in small doses.

Mister, the problem of the Church—its success or its failure—is yours! The clergy can do just so much, and let this be remembered: Your minister and his work reflect the type of laymen behind him and supporting him.

Your Church needs men! What are you doing about supporting the new evangelistic and educational program which will be inaugurated with a dinner and talks on the history and organization of the Episcopal Church. The date is Tuesday evening, April 18th, 6:00 o'clock sharp.

Do something about it now! Notify the undersigned immediately that you are coming.

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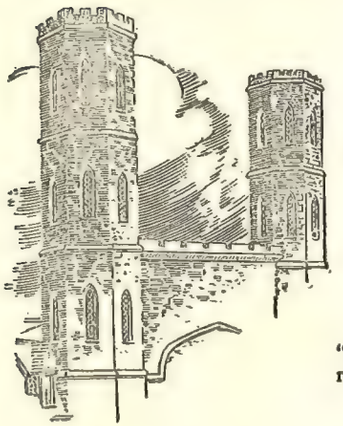
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VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 148, page 524
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Thiman*
JUBILATE, page 15.....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming".....*M. Praetorious*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesus' lineage coming as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter when half-spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind
To shew God's love aright she bore to men a Saviour when half-spent was the night.

THE SERMON—"A Case Of Skepticism Overcome".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 319
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 292.....*Innocents*

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HOME PRAYERS

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Opening Prayer:

I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast so set eternity within my heart that no earthly thing can ever satisfy me wholly. I thank Thee that every present joy is so mixed with sadness and unrest as to lead my mind upward to the contemplation of a more perfect blessedness. Amen. (*John Baillie*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 25:31-46

The Sermon:

Someone once asked a holy man what judgment day is like; and he said, it is like the side of a great mountain, upon which you see many people, some climbing, some descending. Some are on the lower slopes, not far from the bottom. Many are midway. A few are close to the peak that rises against the blue sky. Judgmest day is that mountain-side. God is not concerned with the *position* of each human soul, whether near the bottom or the top. God is concerned with *the direction in which each soul is moving,* whether he is resolutely headed up the steeps, or softly headed downward. What God asks of each of us is, "Whither bound?"

Our friend Leslie Weatherhead applies that truth to the Pharisees as they sought to mislead the Galileans by calling Christ evil. He says, "Let us imagine that a company of us could go to a starving country with truck-loads of nourishing food. Now imagine the little children with their pinched white faces, and men and women with their gaunt frames rushing up to the trucks with arms outstretched. But then suppose a group of important people in high positions should come between the people and the trucks, and shout to the people, 'Don't touch it! It is poison! This is a trick to deceive you. Have nothing to do with this so-called food. These are evil people on an evil errand!'" That is just what the Pharisees were doing—Jesus and His disciples came bringing the bread of life, the inner nourishment necessary for men's starved hearts and souls, and the Pharisees shouted, "Don't touch it! It's poison! Have nothing to do with it. This man is of the devil." Those Pharisees were headed downward, hell-bound; and, even worse, were seeking to lead others hell-ward with them.

For, after all, what are heaven, and hell, except the aim of our lives, the purpose of each day's living? You know the neighbor who leans over the garden wall on Sunday morning when you are just starting off for church, and says, "Well, I am not a religious man. You must go your way, and I must go mine, but we are all going the same way, really, and we will all come to the same place." I do not want to be unneighborly, but I do not think that we *are* on the same road, and I do not think we *shall* get to the same place. If your sensitiveness to God is increasing, you are going to heaven. If it is decreasing, you are on the road that leads to hell.

Those loved ones whom we remember gratefully before God were people who set their feet on the climbing path of growing response to God's will for them. Many of them were simple folk who lived in quiet places, far from the limelight of public attention. But their lives were headed heavenward, growing each year in quickening sensitiveness to God's will for their lives. It is our glorious privilege to follow in their steps. Whither bound?

Closing Prayer:

O Eternal God, Who holdest all souls in life, we beseech Thee to shed forth upon Thy whole church, in paradise and on earth, the bright beams of Thy light and heavenly comfort; and grant that, following the good example of those who have served Thee here, and are now at rest, we may at last enter with them into the fullness of Thine unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*"New Every Morning"*)

The first of a series of meetings for the men of St. Stephen's got off to a good start December 12th. Thirty-five men were served a very fine supper by the wives of the Vestry. Mr. Wilson Leithead, Chairman of Adult Education of St. Stephen's, gave a challenging presentation of the purpose of the meeting and very thoughtful and helpful addresses were made by Dr. Herbert Old and Mr. I. Smith Raspin.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the opera, "Hansel and Gretel," in the Community House December 15th, were thrilled beyond measure by the marvelous performance. We are grateful to the Women's Committee (Mrs. Raspin, Mrs. Hauger, Mrs. Leithead, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hay) for their good work in selling the tickets and providing and serving the refreshments. Two hundred and twenty-two dollars was realized.

THANKS

It was a glorious Christmas at St. Stephen's Church and I thank all of you for the part you had in making it such. The music was never better. The Christmas Basket Committee did a fine piece of work in distributing Christmas cheer, and donations were received which took care of the whole expense.

We at the Rectory were again deluged with greeting cards and gifts for which we thank you with deep affection. You will probably get tired of my boasting about you, but I cannot refrain once more saying what a fine parish this is, and that I thank God that He has permitted me to be one of you. ALFRED W. PRICE.

Agnes Sanford, author of the *Healing Light,* will give another of her inimitable messages on Thursday, January 11th, at 8:00 P. M. in St. Stephen's Church. Plan to attend!

THE BURD SCHOOL

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the receipt by Burd School of a grant-in-aid of $2,500.00 from Junto, Inc., for a special research project in connection with the educational and certain other problems of an institution such as ours. Junto, Inc., is a non-profit foundation which, amongst other things, directs the operations of our neighbor, The Junto Adult School, whose work we have the pleasure of assisting by the use of the Community House on certain evenings each week. The School and we, ourselves, are most grateful for this evidence of interest and goodwill. EDWARD SHIPPEN MORRIS, *Treasurer.*

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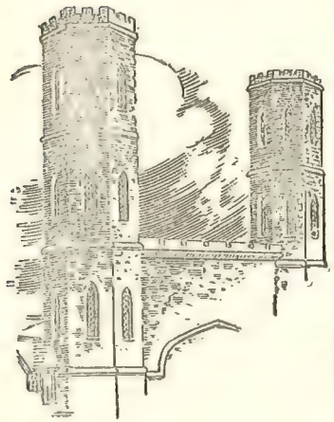
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BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of man's desiring" ..... *J. S. Bach*
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashion'd With the fire of life impassion'd, Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.
SERMON—"Standing Before God!" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 440 ..... *Watchman*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 5 ..... *St. Thomas*

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Opening Prayer:

O Lord, raise up, we pray Thee, Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succor us; that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are sore hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.
(*Book of Common Prayer*)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-2, 9-11, 28-31.

The Sermon:

Many a humble soul is troubled by the approach to Christmas. It may be the clear, sweet glory of chimes from a church steeple, filling the crisp night with Christmas joy. Or it may be the hearty voices of commuters in a crowded railway station, singing out the old carols. "Christ is coming!" the music proclaims; and an honest soul shudders, suddenly seeing in his heart old sins and fears which do not belong where Christ is to dwell.

But you need not shudder over Christmas, friend! For Christ came for honest folk like you. And, furthermore, He did not come to condemn, but to save—to save you from all stumbling and despair. He is not called "Saviour" for nothing. He is called by that great name because true men and women, down the ages, have found through Him, a wondrous life of new freedom from old sins. He is called "Saviour" because He asks so little of us, and does so much for us, filling our lives with joy that nothing can take from us.

As you prepare for Christmas, He asks one simple thing of you. He asks your willingness to open your heart to Him. He asks your consent that He may come into fthe stable of your life, and become Master there. Do you want Him? Will you let Him in? Will you invite Him inside, to "direct, sanctify, and govern" your heart and body? If you do, then He does the rest—the mighty work of cleansing you, and making you new and joyful. Once you let Him in, lust loses its power in you; hate is melted by loving-kindness; fear is overcome by His mighty Presence. Think of it—all God's Son asks of you is an open door, and a greatful welcome, that He may work His wonders in you!

James Burns tells us about Burne-Jones' painting, "The Star of Bethlehem." Mary is seen in the foreground of the picture, with the Child upon her knee, while the Wise Men approach with their gifts. Beyond the circle where the Christ-Child sits is bleak wintertide; the trees are bare; the ground is white with snow; and all is chill and desolate. But, around the place where Jesus is, spring has broken out; the snow has gone; the frozen ground has softened; and flowers burst into bloom. There is a song in the air, and new life springs up everywhere, close to Christ.

Christmas can be like that for you—whether you be eighteen or eighty. If today, deep down within you, you open the door of your heart to be ready for Christ to come in and take over, then He will push away all the old, cold hardness and despair out of your life. For, wherever He is, there is always a song of spring!

Closing Prayer:

I call upon Thee, my God, my mercy, Who madest me, and Who didst not forget me, though forgetful of Thee. I call Thee into my soul, which, by the desire which Thou didst inspire in it, Thou preparest for Thy reception; through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*St. Augustine*)

The Rectory Telephone has been changed to a dial service. The number is now WElsh Valley 4-5137.

There will be an "Open House" for Carol Singing at the Burd School, 4226 Baltimore Avenue on Monday evening, December 18th, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. You are expected!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas falls on a Monday this year and the regular services will be held on Sunday, December 24th, 9:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 7:30 P. M. The Christmas Eve service of Holy Communion and special music by Dr. Matthews and the Choir will begin at 10:45 P. M. The services on Christmas Day will be 9:00 A. M. Holy Communion and 11:00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

Please hand in your PLEDGE CARD today and help us wind up the 1951 Canvass. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule.

The benevolence of the following Benevolent Society contributors is most gratifying—lack of space has prevented acknowledgment previous to this issue, but it is non the less hearty for the delay: Miss Marion Headman, Mrs. Fannie S. Long, Mrs. Maude Z. Hinds, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, Mrs. H. Matthews, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, The Misses Elizabeth and Minnie Corrigan, Miss Constance Price, Mrs. George Wiegand, Mrs. George Sinnamon, Mrs. F. M. Smyth, Miss Judith M. Colt, Mrs. George R. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. James Frutchey, Mrs. Madeline Keller, Miss E. S. Hanville, Mrs. F. F. Cunningham, Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Mrs. Mary S. Roberts, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Miss Mae Sneddon, Laura E. Wilde, R.N., Miss Susan C. Thackara, Mr. L. P. Stumpf, Mrs. Jean Z. Becker, Miss Mary E. Millham, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Mrs. Kathryn Schrott, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mr. David Magee, Miss Margaret L. Gill, Mrs. C. Garrett and Daughter, Mrs. E. C. Stoughton, No. 234, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. Mary E. Barallo, The Misses Daley, Mrs. B. F. Tinsley, Miss Frances Tinsley, Mr. Clarence P. Garrett, Jr., Miss Marion Slatcher, Mrs. John C. Funck, Miss Katharine M. Field, Mrs. Charles Hutt, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hauger, Mrs. Horace Guillou, Mrs. George L. Townsley, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Miss Mary Louise Wallace, Miss Margaret P. Davis, Miss Ida M. Landenberger, Miss Emily Hewitt, Miss Elsie Dahl, Miss Adele M. Lewis, E. Weddell, Mrs. Helen LeDent, and seven anonymous contributions.

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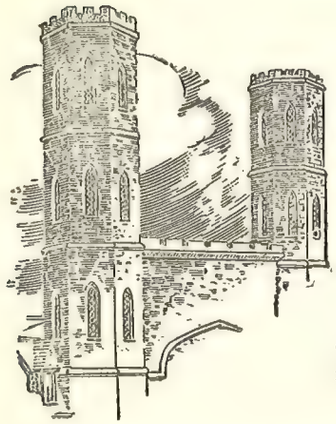
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ANTHEM—"There shall be no night there" ..... *David Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there, and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

SERMON—"A New Planet" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 447 ..... *Bangor*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 4 ..... *Greenland*

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer, shortened*)

Bible Reading—Psalm 139

The Sermon:

For many centuries of the Christian faith, Advent has been a season of penitence. Before being ready for the Christmas rejoicing, we take an honest look at ourselves, and ask forgiveness and cleansing from our sins; we pray that we may "cast away the works of darkness."

The deepest sin of most men is their attempt to escape God. As Paul Tillich puts it, "The modern way to flee from God is to rush ahead and ahead...to be always active, to be always planning, to be always preparing. But God's Hand falls upon us; and it *has* fallen heavily and destructively upon our fleeing civilization; our flight proved to be vain." As the Psalmist said, "Whither shall I flee from Thy presence?"

The dreadful truth is that we resent a God "unto Whom all hearts are open." Zarathustra said to the Ugliest Man, "You could not bear Him to see you, always to see you through and through." So in that story, the Ugliest Man murdered God, saying, "He had to die." So, on Calvary, men crucified—and thought they had murdered—Him, Who could read the innermost thoughts of their hearts. They could not bear those penetrating eyes. So we, with our childish ideas of God as the Pursuing Ogre, flee Him as in a nightmare, running, running, until our feet stick fast, and we know that He is going to catch up with us at last.

But Tillich points out, "Ultimately, we know that it is not He Whom we reject and forget, but rather some distorted picture of Him." We need to see the true picture of God; as small boys have needed to learn that the policeman is not the enemy they feared, but the friend who sees them across the street to school, who even recovers their lost dog. As soon as an intelligent boy has the true picture of a policeman, he makes friends with him.

Even a great saint like Martin Luther, in his younger years, shuddered when he thought of God, the all-seeing witness. "I did not love God. I hated the just God... and was indignant towards Him in silent blasphemy." Many of us have felt just that way about God; some do, today. What can we do about this sin of hating God our Father? Luther conquered his hate of God by at last recognizing the true picture of God in the crucified Christ. Looking at the Cross, Luther at last saw what God is like; the God with infinite power to crush or compel us, but Who, instead, offers Himself to us in patient, undying love. There, on the Cross, Luther saw the God Who says, "Come unto Me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden...Fear not, I bring you good tidings of great joy...Come unto Me."

Prepare for Christmas by setting up in your mind the God of the Cross, the God of the Bethlehem Manger. As you look with wonder upon Him, you will be sad over your past sin of hating Him. You will ask His merciful forgiveness; and will move on to meet Him at Bethlehem.

Closing Prayer:

O God, Maker and Master of all men; Give us or take away whatever else Thou wilt, but give us a will like Thine, knowing neither weariness nor waste; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Henry Sylvester Nash*)

PARISH FINANCES

It will be a real help to the Accounting Warden if we all endeavor to bring our weekly envelopes up to date in the next few weeks, so that we can once more pay all our obligations. We have had to make a goodly number of repairs to our property this year, so if we each do our part in our weekly envelopes and in the special Christmas offering we shall close the year with all bills paid including our Missionary Expectations.

The Rector will preach Sunday evening, December 10th, in the First Methodist Church, National Park, New Jersey.

The Rector will address the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Prospect Methodist Church, Prospect Park, on Tuesday afternoon, December 12.

On Sunday, December 10th, at the 7:30 P. M. Service, the Treble Clef Chorus of Haddon Heights, New Jersey, under the direction of Mrs. Helen Wyeth Peirce will present their Annual Christmas Music Service together with the Evening Prayer Service. Mr. Leeds will be at the organ and the Rev. Mr. Meckling will conduct the Service.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant."

September 24—Dru Lindelle Carter, David Richard Price
October 8—Steven Rick Mark
15—Jack Charles Hess, Jo Ann Meogrossi, Ronald Dean Meogrossi, Carmen John Meogrossi
November 17—Emma Fleckenstine
26—Thelma Georgiana Walsh

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

September 6—Garland Gooding, Margaret Reed
8—Charles L. Kelley, Elva L. Elliott

Burials

"The sun is sinking in the West;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest. Alleluia."

September 14—Harry N. Douthitt
26—James Carrigan

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

Mrs. Mary S. Roberts, Mrs. C. John Meogrossi, Mr. Herbert T. Hare, Miss Royetta J. Dibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Rogers, Miss Florence Appel, Miss Phyllis M. Martyn, Mrs. F. Page Seibert, Jr.

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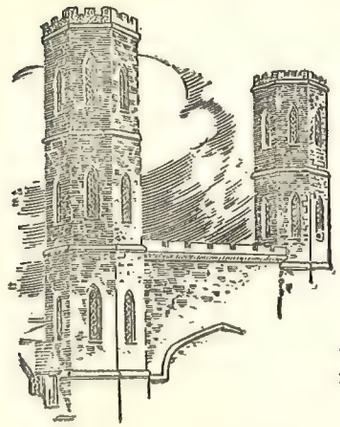
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Improvisation on a Gregorian Theme"
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315 ..... *Kremser*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 96, page 459
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"With A Voice of Singing" ..... *Martin Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name. Make his praise to be glorious.
SERMON—"The Purpose of the Church" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
AMERICA—The Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 487 ..... *Ellers*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Marie T. Beeckel in memory of her sister, Mrs. Alberta Klinger, and by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Leonard in memory of Mrs. John T. Hay.

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THANKSGIVING DAY
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Prelude on St. Anne"
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 137 ..... *St. George's Windsor*
SPECIAL PSALM (In place of Venite), page 264 ..... *Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
Anthem—"Praise God in His Holiness" ..... *Shaw*
SERMON—"The Cost of Living" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 289 ..... *St. Anne*

OUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Stephen's Church is now facing the greatest opportunity of its history. Never before were there so many varied religious services rendered to the people of our neighborhood as there are today. Never before has the ministry of this church reached out to so many people as at the present time. The program of the church very largely has been designed to meet the needs of people; not one group of people, but different groups of various ages and backgrounds. The great challenge of the church in the midst of a busy city must be met by a program that has reality and significance and it must be financed by the giving of a great many people.

Once a year in St. Stephen's Church we ask our members and friends to present themselves at the 11:00 o'clock service on Loyalty Sunday (this year November 19th) and to place their pledge cards in the Chest of Joash in lieu of an Every Member Canvass.

Here in this old church, we have an amazingly unique chance. Generous gifts to our Endowment Fund in the past have set us almost entirely free to keep our doors open seven days a week and keep St. Stephen's work and worship alive. It sets us free for all sorts of good works. It makes possible a program of practice rather than theory, a program of personal work rather than conventional work.

We have the present satisfaction of being entirely in the black, with no indebtedness. Whatever you contribute, goes directly into the varied program and work of the parish, or of the Diocese and general church. This is a healthy situation and we wish to keep it so.

It is our belief that a democratic church is one in which every member contributes in accordance with what he has to give. If your income increases, will you not give some share of that increase to your church? This will be to pull your weight in the boat. It will help to balance those inevitable losses in the parish that come from death, old age, loss of income or transfer.

Newcomers to the parish, especially, are urged to make use of envelopes. If you do not attend every Sunday, it is entirely possible to pay annually or quarterly, or as you will. But a pledge to the envelope system lets the Vestry know where it stands and makes possible some planned operation of the parish. These pledges are not legal obligations, and may be increased or decreased by getting in touch with your rector or treasurer, should your circumstances alter during the coming year.

St. Stephen's Church needs $65,000.00 to continue the work we are now doing, and to meet the 30% increase in our missionary budget.

When we respond to the Church's yearly appeal to support its budget through the weekly envelope system, we should be saying, "I am voting with all the powers of my total personality to keep alive and to strengthen the sources of supply for a Christian world with its distinctive quality of ideas and of life and of spirit. I am voting to keep the fires of Christianity burning high at the heart of a world at the crossroads."

A united parish, moving forward generously, together, cannot be stopped.

Place your pledge card in the Chest of Joash this morning and vote your vital witness to the things that endure.

MEMBERSHIP AND PEW SITTINGS

Voting membership in St. Stephen's Church can be gained by becoming a regular contributor to the support of the church through the duplex envelope system. A certain proportion of your pledge will be designated by the Vestry as a sitting rental and will entitle the communicant to membership in the corporate body of St. Stephen's Church.

The Rector dedicated a beautiful silk American Flag for use in the chancel on Sunday, November 12, a gift to the church from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter No. 4.

The Philadelphia Conservatory of Music will present the opera "Hansel and Gretel" in the Community House, 923 Ludlow Street, on Friday, December 15, at 7:00 P. M. The cost is $1.00. This production is for the benefit of St. Stephen's and every one is urged to come and enjoy a fine evening of entertainment.

ST. STEPHEN'S AND FELLOWSHIP

In a famous address at Pittsburgh, Francis J. Chesterman, forcibly emphasized that in our present day economy we have everything our hearts desire except one essential ingredient, viz; "fellowship."

This prominent Episcopal Layman is right, as we all know, but do we really understand what fellowship means in practical terms?

Here at St. Stephen's under the able leadership of our Rector, Dr. Alfred W. Price, we have discovered that fellowship is both human and divine. We also have come to see in our Christian Religion something new and vital that can be translated into our own lives and into the lives of all we know and meet every day.

This Fall our Men's Dinner and Educational Meeting will give us all an opportunity to learn more about this important subject "St. Stephen's brand of Fellowship."

Time: Dinner, 6:30 Tuesday evening, December 12, 1950.
Place: St. Stephen's Community House (rear of church).
There will be no charge.
Kindly advise the undersigned promptly.
(Reservations cannot be accepted after December 5th)

William C. Leithead
5314 Cedar Ave.
Phila. 43, Penna.

The Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering of St. Stephen's Women amounted to $298.01. Of this amount $23.00 came from the women of the Hard of Hearing Congregation. This is a very generous response to this semi-annual appeal.

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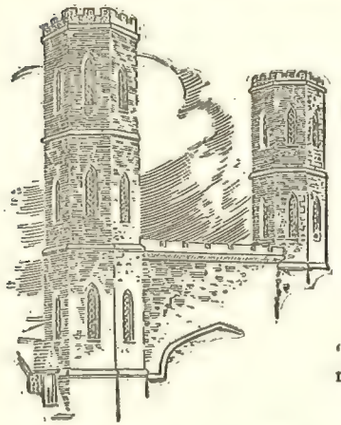
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11:00 A. M.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Solitude" ..... *Hyde*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 62, page 413
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous" ..... *Noble*
SERMON—"Only ONE Can Bring Us Peace" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 528 ..... *Hesperus*
MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
AMERICA (third verse)
CLOSING PRAYERS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM—"Rest in Peace" (all kneeling) ..... *Schubert*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by *The Military Order of the Purple Heart*, Chapter and Unit No. 4, in memory of Departed Members.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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WHAT SHALL I GIVE FOR WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN ME?

This is the time of the year when it is necessary for us to come to you to renew your pledge for the support of the church. We often say that the great American sin is the worship of money. But in one sense we do not have sufficient reverence for money and all that it means. Your property is an *extension of your personality*. Much of what we call culture and civilization depends largely in the things we own. If I own *three cents* I can tomorrow extend my personality and be in two places at once by mailing a letter. If I own several dollars I can for one day have an extra pair of hands doing my work for me or with me. And if I own many dollars I can become a veritable octopus, with hundreds of hands and brains at my bidding. That is why it is so difficult, as Jesus warned us, for a rich man to get to heaven. It is so easy for his well-th to become ill-th.

Your budget has a great deal to do with your soul. In fact, it is not a bad picture of your soul. In a notorious divorce case the monthly budget of the woman applying for alimony was published in the newspapers. It ran something like this: Rent—$200; Clothing—$150; Amusements—$75; Books—$1.75; Charity—$5.00. Could you wish a better photograph of her soul? What of the man who pretends to be a Christian and yet when he attends service gives less to GOD than he gives to go to the movie. Where your heart is, there will your money be also.

The Jews were commanded to make sacrifices—to make holy— their possessions by offering the first fruits to God. All that we have is a loan from God, and we are trustees of His estate. So the man who says that his time, his money and his talents are his own, to do with as he pleases, is an embezzling trustee, and Jesus tells us what such a man deserves. (Matt. 24:45-51). Our chief task in life is to try our best to "pay our board," to pay back to God and to God's children some little part of all that it has cost them to give us the privileges we enjoy.

The church's program for the year 1951, has been intelligently and inspiringly presented these past seven weeks by members of our Vestry. We realize that we must increase our giving this next year by 30% if the church is to fulfill her commitments at home and abroad. Our own parish budget has been presented in a previous issue of the *bulletin*. Let us forthwith stop talking budgets; instead, let us give in relation to income. Let us prayerfully consider a basic religious idea—to resurrect and put into effect in our parish the Biblical idea of tithing. Every Episcopalian, by adopting this historically sound basis, can determine how much he should give to God in return for what God has given him.

Actually to "tithe" is to give one-tenth of one's income to one's church. However, today with the present income taxes and the need to support "outside" charities once coming under the province of the church let us every one of us determine to adopt in gratitude to God the idea of devoting one-tenth of his *net* income (after income taxes) to selfless purposes—five per cent for his church and five per cent for general charities, such as Community Chest, Red Cross, etc.

To those who have not prayerfully considered the proposition, this figure might seem unduly large. But is it?

In the first place, the Government says, in effect, "Knowing that this nation cannot continue to grow in spirit without its people supporting the work of their churches, their hospitals, their homes for the aged and infirm, etc., you may give for these purposes *15 Per Cent of your Gross income* and deduct it before taxes." Thus the dispassionate, money-minded men who raise the funds to finance our federal government's activities recognize the importance of such giving in far larger amounts than the figure we suggested.

In the second place, it is a matter of record that a large proportion of those of us who have adopted tithing actually and sincerely feel that the Lord has rewarded us not only in greater inner grace *but in greater worldly prosperity!*

This idea of thus being financially rewarded for tithing may seem incomprehensible to you. The truth in that statement (of being rewarded by greater prosperity) is that if all the people in the congregation carefully took five per cent of their income and gave it to the church that would mean responsible, careful budgeting, and therefore, being responsible with five per cent they would also be careful and responsible with 95%. The Christian virtue of responsibility and stewardship by doing away with carelessness does in a sense lead to prosperity. There is nothing strange about this. It follows a law of character which we all know. Although I can testify personally to the material rewards accruing from the consistent practice of tithing, I would not put this question of tithing on such a self-centered basis, as a kind of insurance. That motive is surely false to the basic teachings of the New Testament. Spiritually, when we give it is true we grow in grace and know that we are doing our share.

So let us accept for the moment the five per cent figure. But why, some unthinking person might say, why should I give five per cent to my church? What has it done for me to warrant that much from me?

A few simple, obvious Christian thoughts should suffice to answer that question. When you pledge five per cent of your net income, you are not giving it to St. Stephen's Church in Philadelphia. You are giving it to God. And your giving to God should be in return for what He has given you.

And just what has God given you?

Let us set aside, for the moment, the great spiritual concept of the God Who gave us His Son for our hope of eternal salvation. Let us set aside, for the moment, the concept of God to Whom we can turn in prayer for strength in our weaknesses, help in our troubles, and peace in our sorrows.

Let us think, instead, of the God Who gave us the capacities for love and friendship, for kindness and understanding. Let us think of the God Who gave us the mind, the abilities, the will-power and the strength which we have used to achieve whatever material success we enjoy in this world of today.

Let us never forget there is no such thing as a "self-made man"!

The customary pledge card is enclosed herewith. Please designate how much of your pledge you desire for the program of St. Stephen's and how much for the Diocesan and World-Wide Program of the Episcopal Church. Bring this card to church Sunday, November 19th, for the Chest of Joash Dedication Service, or mail it to the Rector today. Say *yes* to your faith.

The Rector and Dr. Matthews and Choir will broadcast a service over WCAU on Sunday, November 19th, at 10:00 A. M.

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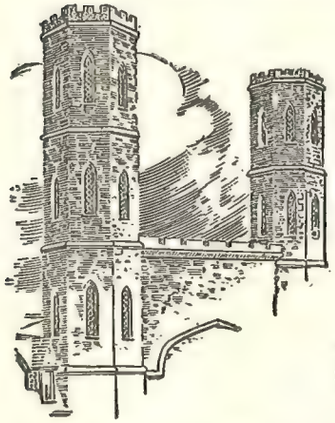
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude:
"Our Father Which Art In Heaven".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 553 .....*Lancashire*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 107: 1-16, page 476
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Unto The Hills".....*Webbe*
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
SERMON—"The Two Accents Of The Gospel".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 435 .....*Rest*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 563 .....*St. Dunstan*

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Be present, O Lord, to all our prayers, and protect us by day as well as by night, that in all successive changes of time we may ever be strengthened by Thine unchangeableness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Leonine Sacramentary, 440 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: Revelation 21: 1-7

The Sermon:

No housewife worth her salt goes through life with the same slender recipes or the same limited skill in cooking with which she began as a bride. No fisherman worthy of the name sticks to his high school book of flies, or his early awkward casting. No small athlete is content to go on missing goals in basketball games. No, the youngster sets up a basket at home, and practices; the fisherman expands his skill and his supply of flies; the housewife collects new recipes, and learns new ways of delighting her hungry family. The people who are alive are *growing* people. They pay attention to the quiet voice which promises, "Behold, I make all things new."

Of course, human beings have a way of getting into ruts at times. We drift into the doldrums, and life gets flat and stale. All the freshness goes out of it. Our hearing gets so dull that we catch no good news in the air as we trudge around, drearily doing our duty, but not expecting anything much to happen.

There are a lot of dull-hearted people. It may be partly because so much of the world's work—at machines and assembly-lines—is so monotonous. In Jesus' day, it was the iron rule of Rome, its heavy taxes and its humiliating laws, the grinding of poverty and suffering, that made people dull-hearted. People just didn't expect that anything much was going to happen in their lives again. And then a young Man with a straight back, and kindly eyes, and a quiet voice of authority, came, saying, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you...Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men...Behold, I make all things new." And crowds flocked to hear Him. For He put a glory back into their lives.

Take time in these weeks and months ahead to read the great promises Jesus made to you; and dare to take them seriously. Take His word that He is able to refresh you, to make a new person of you, to put a song in your heart. Learn to live each day, confidently expecting part of His promises to come true in you that day. Keep at it faithfully, and the future for you will be radiant. As Berton Braley once wrote in *The Saturday Evening Post*:

"Oh, you gotta get a glory in the work you do;
A hallelujah chorus in the heart of you.
Paint, or tell a story; sing, or shovel coal;
But you gotta get a glory, or the job lacks soul.
O Lord, give me a glory. Is it much to give?
For you gotta get a glory, or you just don't live!

"The great, whose shining labors make our pulses throb,
All are men who got a glory in their daily job.
The battle might be gory, and the odds unfair;
But the men who got a glory never know despair.
O Lord, give me a glory; When all else is gone,
If you've only got a glory, you can still go on!"

Closing Prayer:

Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and in peace, without stumbling and without strain; that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, Who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. Amen. (*Mozarabic, before 700 A. D.*)

CAN YOU HELP US COMPLETE OUR BULLETIN FILE?

For the year 1941 we are missing the single issue of May 25th and all issues for July, August and September. For the year 1943, the issue of July 18th, and for the year 1944, the issue of January 2nd. If you are in a position to supply any of these issues, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Gifts for the James Carrigan Memorial Fund have been received from the following persons and are hereby lovingly acknowledged: Mr. James F. Armstrong, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mrs. George Aeugle, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert C. Bullock, Mrs. Nelle R. Cook, Miss Elsie Dahl, The Misses Daley, Mr. Clarence Garrett, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hauger, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hay, Miss Marion Headman, Mrs. Emory R. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Kennedy, Mrs. Helen LeDent, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead, Mrs. Fannie S. Long, Mr. David Magee, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Miss Marion Slatcher, Mrs. Jane S. Smith and Family, Miss Susan C. Thackara, The Tinsley's, Mr. William J. Watson, Miss Dorothy Ziegler, Mr. L. P. Stumpf, and three anonymous gifts. (Additional acknowledgments will be made in subsequent issues, owing to lack of space).

JAMES CARRIGAN, VERGER

At a Meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church held on Tuesday, October 10, 1950, the following Minute was unanimously adopted:

"It is with deep regret that record is made by the Rector and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Church of the passing-on of James Carrigan, our beloved Verger, on September 21, 1950. The service of Mr. Carrigan as Verger extended for a period of 44 years and was one of continued loyalty and outstanding devotion to the Church. His eternal vigil and affection for anything that had to do with the affairs of Our Church, its Clergy or its Communicants was outstanding and the subject of admiration and acclaim on the part of all who knew of it. He was a devoted aide to the three Rectors under whom he served, Drs. Grammer, Franks and Price, and the assistant Clergy who were on our staff during that period of 44 years. He was greatly loved by visiting Bishops and Clergy and was a loyal friend to the groups who have constituted not only the Sunday but the weekday congregations of St. Stephen's. His loss is greatly felt. It will be impossible to replace James Carrigan. Our hearts are deeply grateful for his life of sacrifice and service and we extend to those who were near and dear to him, our sympathy in the common loss which we share in his passing-on."

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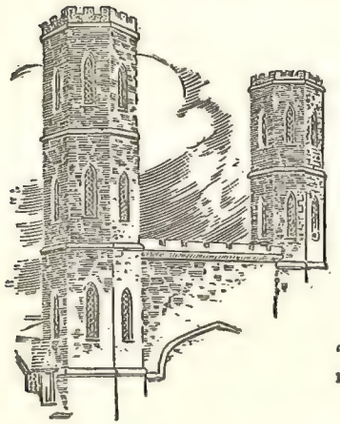
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pastorale" ..... *Jules Vierne*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Gaul*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Grieve Not The Holy Spirit" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another; tender, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"What Shall We Tell Our Parents?" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 572 ..... *Maryton*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 361 ..... *St. James*

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O Lord, vouchsafe to look mercifully upon us, and grant us that we may choose the way of peace; so that, rescued from the captivity of the sins which have oppressed us, we may attain the dwellings of the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Sarum Breviary, 1085 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 18:9-14

The Sermon:

What kind of memories do you cherish? It is well to have a care about this, for cherished memories shape your whole character.

Some people delight in remembering the mistakes which other people make, like the Pharisee Jesus pictured in the parable. He recalled the chiselers, the unfair, the unfaithful in marriage, and the hard-boiled tax collectors, and prayed, contentedly, "Thank God, I am not like them!" In our national life sometimes we do the same kind of looking back, as we shout, "Remember the Maine!" or "Remember Pearl Harbor!" taking satisfaction in remembering the dreadful things other nations have done to us. Those who cherish memories of other people's sins become smug and proud. After a while, the world knocks them down, "for every one who exalts himself shall be humbled."

There are wiser people who make a point of remembering their own mistakes, and asking God to forgive them. The tax gatherer in the parable was that kind of a man. He was sick of the crooked game; and he asked God's compassion, God's help in changing to honest dealing. Such people are humble, and understanding, and easy to live with. Jesus said that they really please God, being eager to learn from Him and discover His will. In the long run, the world backs up people like that, for "he who humbles himself shall be exalted."

In the gallery of your mind, therefore, there are some pictures that could wisely be taken down—the memories of the hurtful, nasty things that others have done to you. In their place, it might be well to hang a few pictures of your own sorry deeds, just for safety's sake. You must, of course, also have happy memories hung along the galleries of your mind; and just enough of the dark memories to keep you humble before God and men.

In the city of Venice there is a very peculiar custom. Whenever a prisoner is going to be condemned to death, a tall figure, dressed in a long black cloak, walks majestically into the center of the court room. He bows solemnly to the judge, and cries out in a deep and cavernous voice, *"Remember the baker!"* Then he bows and stalks out of the room. Three hundred years ago in that city a baker was executed for a crime he did not commit. There had been some doubt about his guilt, and there was a lengthy debate before the decision was handed down. After he was dead, his innocence was established, and the judges who had condemned him gave a sum of money, the interest to be used for two things. One was to set up a lamp in the Doge's Palace, to burn forever, called "The Lamp of Expiation," reminding the world of their sorrow for their grievous mistake. And, second, to pay the man in the long black cloak, so that this ghastly figure would always enter the court room to warn men that human justice is liable to err, and punishment should be tempered by mercy and moderation. Store away in your gallery, my friends, the dark-cloaked figure, bidding *you* to "Remember the baker!"

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, drive from our hearts we beseech Thee, the darkness of sin, and make us to come to the true Light, which is Christ; through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen. (*Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D., adapted*)

The Rector substituted for Dean Ladd Thomas in a two-hour course in pastoral care for graduate students at Temple Theological School last Monday. The rector will speak to a class of undergraduates at the Philadelphia Divinity School October 17 on the subject of Spiritual Therapy.

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WELCOME TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Today, October 15, is YOUTH SUNDAY and is the occasion on which young people join all their fellows throughout the Anglican Communion in demonstrating their part in the life of the parish family. At this time the Church is reminded of the young people who will be its future leaders and who are today making an important contribution in its work. On YOUTH SUNDAY the whole parish has an opportunity to recognize and support its young people.

At this season of the year, the Colleges, Schools of Nursing, and other special schools begin a new term. Many young people come to downtown Philadelphia to make their home here for the school year.

We cordially welcome these young people to all the services of St. Stephen's Church. We invite you to make St. Stephen's your "church home."

ENLARGED BUDGET

Owing to the enlarged budget of the National Council, the Diocese of Pennsylvania has been asked to increase its missionary givings by $110,000. To meet this increase 30% has been added to the accepted Proportionate Share of each church. St. Stephen's share for 1951 will be $6,890.00. This sounds like a large increase but when we add the amount of $1,359.35 which we gave last year to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief to the accepted share of $5,300.00 which we will give in 1950 we find that the total is no greater than the new figure for 1951. In 1951, it is important to realize that there will not be a special appeal for World Relief as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief will be included in the amount we give as our Proportionate Share.

In other words, if every person using the duplex envelopes will add 30% more to the red-side we shall have our goal here in St. Stephen's.

Bill Smith, the bookkeeper of the Church and the Burd School Accounts, has been called back into active duty in the Army. Bill had served with great distinction in World War II and since then has finished his College course, and his first year in the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He will be greatly missed by his many friends. We extend our heartfelt good wishes.

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9:00 A M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from Violin Sonata" ..... *Handel*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 39, page 389

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" ..... *James Rogers*

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue; that we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee, now and evermore.

SERMON—"Is There Any Justice?" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 304 ..... *Beacher*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Croyder in memory of Mrs. John Coats Brown.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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THE BURD SCHOOL ALUMNAE

The Burd School Alumnae extends a cordial invitation to the members and friends of St. Stephen's Church to attend a card party and social to be given at the School, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, on Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 P. M. Tickets obtainable from the Chairman, Mrs. Vincent Novak, 1127 S. 55th Street, SA 7-6802, or Miss Emma Smith, 4931 Walnut Street, GR 2-3804. The cost is $1.00. Prizes awarded and refreshments served by the Alumnae.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

With this issue of the *Bulletin* comes the annual appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year, the Benevolent Society sent three thousand four hundred and twenty-eight pieces of sewing to five of Philadelphia's major hospitals. The material for these garments are supplied by the hospitals, and the Benevolent pays women to sew these articles in their homes. These needy women were paid $311.81 for this vast amount of sewing this past year.

Five hundred dollars will just about cover expenses for the season 1951. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing and also the hospitals who desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

LAYMEN TO EDUCATE THE CHURCH

To make sure that every man, woman and child in St. Stephen's Church is thoroughly informed about the Church's Program of work in our parish, our diocese, the nation and throughout the world, vestrymen under the leadership of Mr. Wilson Leithead, will give a ten-minute address each Sunday at the eleven o'clock service, beginning October 1 and continuing until November 19th.

Back of our educational campaign lies the conviction that in a world of turmoil, menaced by a militant atheistic communism, the only safety lies in a world converted to the principles of the Christian religion, and a first step in bringing this about is to make our own nation genuinely Christian.

The Episcopal Church is planning to expand its missionary work at home and overseas. It has plans for a new,expanded program of religious education, and for advance in the fields of Social Relations, College Work and work with Youth.

In the presentation by the vestrymen modern techniques will be employed. Bishops at home and over-seas, by means of recordings, will tell in their own voices, of the needs of today and the unprecedented opportunities offered at this time for Christian advance.

This educational program will reach a climax on Loyalty Sunday, November 19th, when every member of our parish will be asked to pledge their support of the new, enlarged Program for 1951.

Don't miss hearing the thrilling presentation by seven of our outstanding laymen.

CONVERSIONS FROM ROMAN CATHOLICISM

Most of our lay people have been worried by the loud trumpetings of Roman Catholic joy in the daily press whenever a prominent, or near prominent Episcopalian has gone to Rome. Many ask if we ever get any people from Rome. We now have facts and figures. In the last ten years at least 25,301 Roman Catholics have come to us in the United States and its possessions. This is a surprising figure but even this is quite conservative because it includes only those adult Roman Catholics received by our bishops. It does not include baptized Roman Catholics who have been regularly confirmed. No estimate has been made of people we lose to Rome but an informal survey made around New York City indicates that conversions are about ten to one in our favor.

MY MORNING ACT OF FAITH

I Believe In Jesus Christ, The Son of God
Therefore

I AM IN HIM, having redemption through His blood and Life by His Spirit.
HE IS IN ME and all wholeness is in Him. To Him I belong by Creation, and self-surrender. To me He belongs for all my hourly needs. There is no difficulty, inward or outward which He is not ready to meet today.
I HAVE RECEIVED not the Spirit of Fear, but of Power and of Love and of a sound Mind. I can do all things through Jesus Christ Who gives me strength of arm, strength of heart, strength of brain, strength of will and strength of faith.
Amen.

Please cut this out—insert in your Bible or Prayer Book and read it every morning.

The Rector preached and assisted Burton N. Jones, Worshipful Master, at a religious service at the Masonic Home, 3333 No. Broad Street, Sunday afternoon, September 24th.

We acknowledge with much appreciation the *Church Bulletin* subscriptions of Mrs. Christine Leight, Mr. Francis H. Spratt, and Mrs. P. Donald Mackes.

From Diocesan Headquarters we have the following report of receipts from our Parish, as of September 20:

Accepted quota ($800.00 over 1949)	$5,350.00
Received on account	3,223.13
Due before December 31	2,076.87

We have paid $553.29 more than a year ago!

Our Diocesan Assessment of $1,250.00 for the support of the Episcopate, the Diocesan Convention and the rectors of sustained parishes is paid in full.

In order that we may be able to pay the balance of $2,076.87 on our missionary obligation, we need to have the generous co-operation of every member of St. Stephen's Church.



St. Stephen's Church

EASTER—1951

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9:00 A M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE: Choral Improvisation—"Alleluia Pascha Nostra"....*Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87 .....*Sullivan*
ANTHEM—"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us".....*Tours*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast. Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Christ the Lord Is Risen Again".....*Thiman*

1. Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ hath broken every chain;
Hark! Angelic voices cry,
Singing ever-more on high, Alleluia!

2. He, who gave for us His life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today;
We too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!

3. He, who bore our pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us and hears our cry,
Alleluia!

4. Hymns of praise then let us sing
Unto Christ our heavenly King,
Who endured the Cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

SERMON—"This Matter of Life and Death".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 85 .....*Easter Hymn*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 .....*French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (From St. Cecilia Mass).....*Gounod*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 .....*Martin*

The Easter Flowers are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EASTER EVENING SERVICE WITH SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

EASTER EVENING

PRELUDE—Easter Dawn .....*Hodson*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 85.....*Easter Hymn*
PSALM
LESSON
NUNC DIMITTIS .....*Timmings*
SERMON HYMN 91.....*Victory*
ANTHEM—Easter Morning .....*Richolson*
SERMON
OFFERTORY ANTHEM—The Risen Christ.....*Noble*
PRAYERS
VESPER HYMN 100.....*Dexter Street*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 94.....*St. Kevin*
POSTLUDE—Easter Recessional .....*Mallard*

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and Gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the Spirit directs us. For this purpose there is an Easter Offering Envelope enclosed.

THE EASTER CROSS

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2 : 20.

On Easter Day the pulpits of the Church will ring with the triumphant proclamation that our souls are immortal because Christ is risen, and that Easter Day has obliterated the black tragedy of Good Friday. The Easter victory, many will say, has cancelled the crucifixion. Spiritually, though not in actual fact, on Easter morning we bury the altar cross under Easter lilies.

There is a sense of course in which Easter does cancel Good Friday, or rather in which the Resurrection of Jesus in Judea cancelled what His enemies—and some of His friends—believed had happened to Him. They supposed that He had failed in His task, that His purpose of redemption had been thwarted. But we are entirely wrong if we celebrate Easter as if it annuls Good Friday for us. In our joy that "the three sad days are quickly sped," we must not infer that we can now forget all the sorrow and disappointment, all the burden of sorrow which Jesus endured on that dark day.

Easter does not annul Good Friday. It rather confirms it. It gives to the Cross of Christ an eternal validity, and to turn away from the Cross on Easter Day, to wish it might be removed from the altar, or concealed behind flowers, as some have done, is to forget all that Christ has meant, and hopes to mean to us. Sacrifice, the vicarious bearing of human sin, in other words, the Cross of Calvary, is an experience not limited to one day, in Jesus' life or in ours.

There has always been some plausibility in the doctrine of conditional immortality—the theory that we must earn everlasting life, and that some poor folk have nothing immortal that can survive their physical death, nothing worth saving. But whether or not all of us can live forever, everlasting life would be a living death for those who have not learned to lose themselves in sacrificial living. The one condition of our living with Christ, and His living in us is that we be crucified with Him. Easter means that we are to live in partnership with Him if we are to live at all. And He promises us rest only as we share His yoke.

This aspect of Easter throws no gloom upon it. It remains the most joyous day of the year. The Cross is uplifted, but the light of Easter irradiates and glorifies it. Because of Easter the Cross can never again be mere suffering and sorrow. Easter gives an eternal validity to the life of sacrifice, and proclaims that he who finds such a life is in the central stream of the universe, sharing that self-giving Love which is the very life of God.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24th

7:30 P. M.

Holy Communion, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

10:45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews
will sing the Christmas Carols
The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

December 25th

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

11:00 A. M.

Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector

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A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out God? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "Christmas Offering". Will you use it for a gift for Him?

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St. Stephen's Church

CHRISTMAS

1951

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1951

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

The Choir, under the Direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews will sing Christmas Carols from many nations

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Christmas Pastorale" ..... *Alec Rowley*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
CAROL (in place of Canticle) ..... *German Carol—1638*
"There's Born In Bethlehem's Manger"
CAROL (in place of Canticle) ..... *French Carol—1614*
"Shepherds, All Shepherds"
CREED AND PRAYERS
CAROL—"Christmas Hymn of *XVII* Century" ..... *Jungst*
SERMON—"What We Think About Jesus" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL 21 (American) ..... *St. Louis*
PRAYERS
CAROL—"Rocking" ..... *Czech Carol*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Regent Square*

Sunday, December 23rd, 7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling—Christmas Music under the direction of Mr. J. Stokes Leeds.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1951

Christmas Eve

7:30 P. M.

Holy Communion, Carols and Sermon—Mr. Meckling will preach, with Christmas Music under the direction of Mr. J. Stokes Leeds

Christmas Eve

10:45 P. M.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AND HOLY COMMUNION

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. Matthews will sing the Christmas Carols

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Puer Natus Est" ..... *Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
CAROL—"From Heaven High" ..... *Traditional XIV Century*
SERMON—"The Other View Of Christmas" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL 33 ..... *Holy Night*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
PRAYERS
CAROL—"Rocking" ..... *Czech Carol*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

Christmas Day

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1951

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Christmas Music under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews

CHRISTMAS, 1951

There is no doubt that one of the things the Christmas story makes us think about is home. As we look at ourselves and try to analyze our needs and necessities, we find that our deepest need is the need of home and our greateast human affliction is homesickness. That is, that terrible sense of having been cast out from the home in which we were so thoroughly protected into the wilds and hazards of a careless universe, with its terrible spaces and its relentless and indifferent laws that seem to have no bearing on the little lives which count for little as they drift along a few years and then pass away into oblivion. That is the sense of homesickness that more adults have than you can ever imagine. It is the desire and the need to know that they live in a universe which is a home because it is the Universe God has made for His family. And it is the fear that they do not!

And so Christmas comes along and suddenly at least on one day of the year, this broad, vast, frightening universe becomes a home once more in which people care about each other, remember each other, are generous toward each other and enter into some of those relationships which make a house a home. And that happens not only in the churches but all through the secular world. Sometimes we church people complain of what we call the secularization of Christmas. I appreciate that because it seems deplorable to me to see how completely some people divorce Christmas and the celebration of it from the one thing that makes Christmas possible, namely the birth of our Lord. And yet, I am not so sure about this continual complaint about the secularization of Christmas. It seems to me on mature thought that Christmas might be described in one way as the day on which God Himself became secular, for secular is the word for "world" and Christmas is the day on which God came into the world forsaking the cold, bleak majesty of the heavens to take upon Himself the shabby vesture of humanity and undergo all the trials and tribulations of an ordinary human life. That is secularity, and therefore I am not too much disturbed because some people have intimations that the universe is a home and that those intimations come from the tops of office buildings where lights shine for Christmas, or that some intimations come from parties and dances that may not have any particular religious significance, and their messages are not always from the Bible but are from the hearts of people who may be still in those upper levels of frivolity, but nevertheless have the same need for home and that same human affliction, homesickness, and who reach out at Christmas to catch every intimation and every glimpse and every reassurance that they live in their Father's world and that the people who live with them care about them and love them and honor them.

To an open house in the evening
Home shall men come,
To an older place than Eden
And a taller town than Rome.
To the end of the way of the wandering star,
To the things that cannot be and that are,
To the place where God was homeless
And all men are at home.

May the Love of God abide in you, His peace enfold you, His Grace sustain you and His Light guide you this Holy CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

Sincerely, your Rector,
ALFRED W. PRICE

The Church Staff—the Rector, Mr. Meckling, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary, the Book Lady, the Clerk and the Sexton—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their Very Best Christmas Wishes.

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9:00 A. M.—Holy Communion
11:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion Third Sunday Evening

NOON-DAY SERVICES—12:30-12:55

Tuesday Noon Club for Business Men
Luncheon served before and after service

Wednesdays
Noonday Service with Address
Holy Communion on the Last Wednesday in the Month

Thursdays
Healing Service and Address 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.
Mrs. Nelle Cook In Charge of Literature Table—Foyer of Church—Thursdays

Fridays—12: 30-12:55 P. M.
Holy Communion

THE VESTRY

Meets Second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 P. M.

Dr. Herbert Old, Rector's Warden
I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden
David L. German, Esq., Clerk of Vestry
Edward Shippen Morris, Esq., Treasurer of the Burd School
Edwin S. Heins, Esq. Mr. Elmer Carll
Mr. Harry J. Hauger Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong Mr. Charles K. Hay
Mr. James Otis Lyman Mr. Wilson C. Leithead Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr.

THE CHOIR

Sopranos—June Hrinko, Soloist, Marion Baker, Janice Bushnell, Dorothy Campbell, Phyllis Matthews, Catherine Cross.
Altos—Dorothy Charles, Winifred Douglass, Mae Nichols, Elmina Finck.
Tenors—Albert E. Clark, Fil Oakford, Jr., Carl R. Myers.
Basses—Harley G. Charles, Thomas J. Maher, Cyril Bowman.

Organist—Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, Telephone, RI 6-0810
Presser Building
Assistant Organist, Mrs. Samuel N. Hughes
Organist and Choirmaster for the Hard of Hearing, Joseph Stokes Leeds
Librarian, Miss May Falkingham

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone number, WA 2-3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

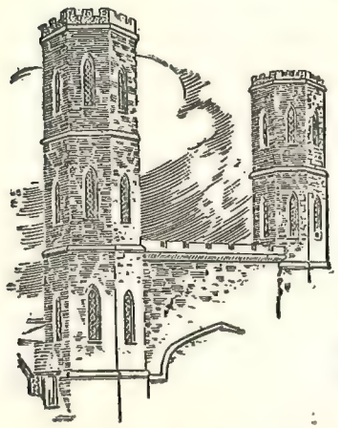
The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6 p.m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 p.m.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting Third Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p.m.
Prayer Fellowship: Fourth Thursday at 7:45 p. m.
The Camp Farthest Out: Third Thursday, 8 p.m.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Directress—Miss Charlotte U. Day. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years. Educated at public schools and professionally equipped according to ability.

St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church

Tenth Street above Chestnut, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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This Church is a member of:

The Protestant Episcopal Church in America;
The Philadelphia Council of Churches;
The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America;
The World Council of Churches.

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M. and at 5:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear, anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

From 6:00 A. M. to midnight every day intercessory prayer is offered by the forty-five members of our Prayer Fellowship for the recovery of sick persons whose names have been sent to the Rector. The names of those for whom prayer is offered are kept on the Altar. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 30, 1951

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11: 00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude".....*Willan*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 28.....*Regent Square*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 146, page 522
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*Ward*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Voices of the Sky".....*From "Story of Christmas"*

SOPRANO SOLO

1. O lovely voices of the sky,
That hymn'd the Saviour's birth,
Are ye not singing still on high.
Ye that sang "Peace on Earth"?
To us yet speak the strains,
Wherewith in days gone by,
Ye blessed the Syrian swains,
O voices of the sky!

2. O clear and shining light!
Whose beams that hour heaven s glory shed,
Around the palms and o'er the streams,
And on the shepherds' heads,
Be near through life and death,
As in that holiest night
Of hope and joy and faith,
O clear and shining light.

SERMON—"Such As I Have".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 319.....*Richmond*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 292.....*Innocents*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by the Vestry in memory of Miss Laura Bell.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN
(MORE CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND MUSIC)

MONDAY EVENING, December 31—11:00 P. M.—WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
MR. MECKLING WILL CONDUCT

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to the church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others)

Opening Prayer:

O GOD, by Whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light ariseth up in darkness for the godly; grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy sight we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*William Bright*)

Bible Reading—St. Matthew 6: 16-23

There was once a tailor who went to Niagara Falls, and joined the guided party at the cave under the falls, where sightseers get closest to the mighty cataract. Some of them shudder with fear. Others were wide-eyed with wonder at the majesty of the scene. But, as the tailor stood there, with the mist drifting in, all he had to say was, "What a place to sponge a coat!" The tailor was blind to all the breath-taking beauty and grandeur, because his vision was narrowed to his small heart and mind.

1952 begins the day after tomorrow. A lot of people will live that year like the tailor at Niagara Falls, missing the splendor, because there is no splendor within them. But other people, who have found a glory in the New Testament, and have learned to trust GOD, will find shining opportunity on every side. GOD will give them important tasks, to build His Kingdom where they live. He will guide them to the right house, at the right time, to say the right word. These men and women know how the Holy Spirit made common people into world-changers in days of old; and still operates as powerfully as ever today.

I wish you a New Year in which you will travel trustingly with GOD. Traveling thus through 1952, there will be more happiness than you dare to expect. There will also be rich suffering, because GOD will lead you to take the pain of others on your heart. And your life will be big and roomy, filled with the wideness of GOD'S mercy; with the deep intent of fitting your life with His great plan. We shall not stop to think too much about our age, or the passing days, for, as a Scot wrote:

"What matters it to us who are immortal
Which side of the grave we stand on, when we know
That what the world calls death is but the portal
Leading to life again? 'Tis but to go
Across a gurgling river in the dark
Hanging on God; and but a moment so
Till we are over, and we disembark
And enter life afresh. 'Tis basely wrong
We should so meanly understrike the mark
As measures life by years; and all along
Busy ourselves arranging little schemes
That death will dash to pieces, when we might
Be building, far above those earthly dreams,
Houses that stand forever in GOD'S sight."

Closing Prayer:

O most merciful Father, open our eyes, that with fullness of sight we may behold Thy glory in the face of Christ, and the face of Christ in every man. Amen.
(*Robert E. Speer*).

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

New Year's Eve this year falls on Monday night. Mr. Meckling will conduct the usual Watchnight Service at 11: 00 P. M. with hymns, prayers and address followed by the Holy Communion. The coming year is certain to be a year of tension and great pressure. We shall do well to approach it in the spirit of solemn dedication to GOD, turning to Him for strength and insight. He alone will see us through successfully.

A WAVE attached to the Philadelphia Navy Yard, having been transferred to Detroit, wrote to the Rector as follows: "St. Stephen's meant a great deal to me; there is a feeling in the services and such depth and beauty that is rarely found. Thank you for all you have done for me." E. S. H.

Here is a letter from a recent patient from Jefferson Hospital: "For the past 12 days I have been a patient at Jefferson and before I return home tomorrow I want to tell you what deep comfort I have found in the ringing of your Church Chimes. Only an hour after my arrival here, they rang at noon, and I learned to listen for them every day. The Vesper Hymns at 5: 00 o'clock were especially lovely, for that is a lonely time of day in a hospital. I feel sure there are many people here who feel as I do about this; in fact, this whole area is sweetened and beautified by the bell music." H. R. S.

THE LIFE BEYOND

(The following is an excerpt of a recent letter to the Rector from a fine, Christian nurse.)

. . . . "I had a wonderful experience this summer, while caring for a sweet patient in the last stages of glandular cancer. Only 43 years old, with three small children, a devoted husband, a lovely new home — and yet nothing seemed to help her. We were all disturbed about the 'seeming unfairness' which takes life away when so needed. One night as we talked together quietly, she said, 'You know, Mrs. Card, when I became so ill, GOD came and took my hand and took me to a beautiful place where everyone is so happy, and there is no pain. But my sister wouldn't let me stay and begged the Doctor to bring me back to life.'

"She continued with a smile: 'I am so glad I had that glimpse of the life beyond, for I shall never fear death again — it was so beautiful I cannot describe it! And some day, GOD will come again and take my hand and will take me the whole way and I shall be *glad* to go with Him.'"

GOD did come for her a few weeks later. "But," says this nurse, "my heart was glad for her and I hope her story will be able to give courage to others facing death, and hope to those who remain after they are gone."

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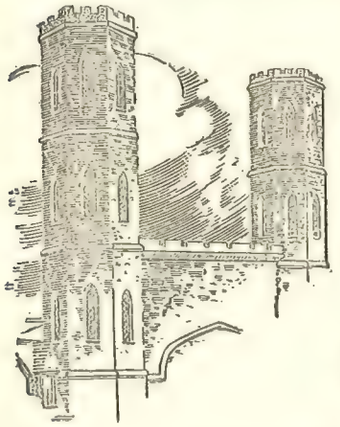
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 318 ..... *Hosanna*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 81, page 442
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
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ANTHEM—"Blessed Is He" ..... *Gounod*
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
SERMON—"Salt of the Earth"..... The Rector
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
OFFERTORY HYMN 442 ..... *Bangor*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 1 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Harry B. Purcell and Miss Purcell in memory of husband and father, and by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of her mother, Caroline E. Owens.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

At the Evening Prayer Service on December 16th at 7:30 P. M. we're to have the pleasure of hearing the Treble Clef Chorus of Haddon Heights, under the direction of Helen Wyeth Peirce. Mr. R. Nicholas Guarino will be the Tenor Soloist with the Chorus. Mr. J. Stokes Leeds at the organ. The service will be enhanced by the rendition of old and newer traditional Carols of Many Lands.

1. (a) While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep, XVII Century....*Arr. Hugo Jungst*
   (b) The Manger, from Cantata, "The Wondrous Story".....*Richard Kountz*
   (c) Christmas Dawn, from same Cantata.....*Richard Kountz*
2. (a) Christmas Lullaby, based on Franz Gruber's "Silent Night" *Charlotte Warren*
   (b) Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus.....*Gevaert-Dickinson*
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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to the church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Set free, O Lord, the souls of Thy servants from all restlessness and anxiety; give us that peace and power which flow from Thee; keep us in all perplexity and distress, that, upheld by Thy strength and stayed on the rock of Thy faithfulness, we may abide in Thee now and evermore; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(*A. S. T. Fisher*)

Bible Reading—St. Luke 1:46-56

The Sermon:

We anxious twentieth-century people like to talk "big". We delight in using circus-poster words, talking about colossal achievements and billions of dollars spent; we take pleasure in relating our successes. But the person who approaches Christmas "talking big" is pretty sure to miss the point. For the God Who created the vastness of the universe has a way of simplicity, a habit of using modest things, and dwelling in humble places.

"It is God's way to begin small", writes J. H. Denison. "He once started to save the world. We might have supposed that in revealing the terror of His majesty and the beauty of His love, He would rend the heavens, and so astonish the world that they would only be beginning to forget it now after nineteen hundred years. But he did not. He began with a Baby in a cow-stable. He could scarcely have made a smaller beginning. Look back. Look into that dark cave. A flickering torch casts huge shadows of long-horned oxen on the rough-hewn walls. There is no sound but the low crunching of the cattle as they munch their hay. There, in the midst of them, is the young mother, forgetting for the moment her discouragement and discomfort and illness. For there, in her arms, lies the Baby, her baby boy, and about His face still plays the light of heaven from which He came...O little Babe of the stable, who would ever dream that Thou art a King? Who would ever imagine that Thy power would reach down along the ages, overturning kingdoms, establishing empires, changing the world...that Thou, O gracious Babe, shouldst be enthroned in so many faithful hearts, who would gladly lay down their lives, and all that they hold most dear, for Thy Name's Sake?"

If you are going to have the radiant spirit of Christmas in your heart, you need to remember where you can find God in these days of preparation. As a pastor I call on people up and down the streets of our city, and I find God constantly in everyday places. I find Him in the radiance of a young mother's face, as she lifts her new baby out of the crib, so that I can really see him. I find Him in the tenderness of an older girl, caring for her little sister; in the awkward love of a man in over-alls, playing with his small son. I find Him in the unfailing devotion of a wife, caring for her dying husband; and in the faithful prayers of two parents, whose son has gotten himself into bad trouble. I find Him in the breath-taking open-handedness of everyday people of small means, as they share what they have with those in need.

God began with a Babe in a cow-stable. Then God can begin again in you, with a small beginning of honest love, a spark of new courage. He can come into the darkness of your heart, and fill it with the glorious light of His Presence. If you will humbly open your heart to Him, He will be born again, at the very center of your life, this Christmas-tide!

Closing Prayers:

O God, our heavenly Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men; to Thy honor and glory, forevermore. Amen.

(*Church Service League Prayers*)

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WHY PLEDGE MONEY IS DIFFERENT

Why is money pledged different from money received by the church but not pledged? Why do we need to indicate on a pledge card what we plan to give our church in 1952? Here are two reasons:

1. We cannot budget problematical funds. A program for the coming year cannot be planned if the Vestry must try to guess what a person will give.
2. Very few of us come to church every Sunday in the year, yet the church's expenses continue weekly whether we are in town or not. If a person pledges, for instance, $5.00 a week, the Vestry knows, barring unforeseen calamities, that they will receive $260.00 from that person during the coming year even though he might not be in town to be in church every Sunday.

Therefore, please make a pledge, if you have not already done so, and mail or place it on the alms basin next Sunday. Christ works through you.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our Christmas Services will be five in number: Sunday, December 23rd at and Christmas Day at 9:00 A. M. and 11:00 A. M. E.a
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The Episcopal Church is spending millions of dollars on a new study course and curriculum for our Church Schools. Much work has been done and much more is yet to be done. The first publications on the adult level of the new curriculum were available last year. The first book called "The Holy Scriptures" and the second "Chapters in Church History" were bought and read by some forty members of our parish. Every one who read these books were highly enthusiastic about them. Now, the third in the series has been published, entitled "The Faith of the Church". The Rector ordered ten of these books a few weeks ago and all have been sold to members of the congregation. Another shipment is on the way. This volume achieves the impossible—it provides a text-book of Christian doctrine which has been accepted by all schools of thought and theology in the Church. It is an exposition of Christian doctrine written so every one who reads can understand. This book will interest every one in St. Stephen's. The cost is $1.50. It is a must for those who want to know the fundamental teaching of Christianity.

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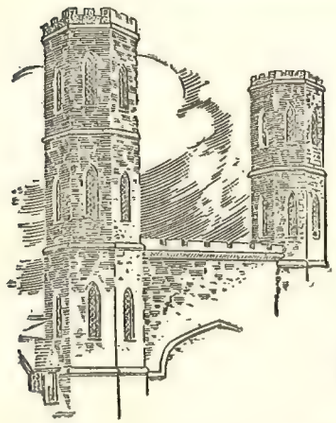
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9 ..... *Merton*
PSALM 46, page 397
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Blessed Are They" ..... *Hugh Blair*
Blessed are they, whom the Lord, when He cometh shall find watching.
They shall go into Life eternal, that shall be His people,
And God Himself shall be with them, and shall be their God.
SERMON—"The Book" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 402 ..... *Munich*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 6 ..... *St. Thomas*

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(*Domine Sacramentary, 440 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 1:26-33

The Sermon:

Christmas cannot be celebrated in a single day. No, we must begin long before December 25th, so that when it comes suddenly upon us, we shall not be found wondering, "Why don't I have the spirit of Christmas in my heart?"

So often the deep and shining meaning of Christmas gets smothered under a multitude of things-to-be-done; of frantic and irritated haste, like a long line of automobiles, headed homeward on a hot, summery Sunday afternoon, with radiators and tempers boiling over. But those who begin their celebration of Christmas far ahead come to it with peace and quiet joy in their hearts. Their feet may have moved swiftly in the days of preparation, but it was the swiftness of those who know what they are doing, and where they are going; who speed forward with a clear and simple purpose.

Take time to see, in your heart of hearts, what Christmas means. Stop and be quiet that you may grasp why a whole wide world is aware of ONE PERSON'S birthday. Dr. Horner tells the story of a father and son during World War II. They were walking down a village street, looking at the stars in the windows of the homes from which men had gone to serve this country from Iceland to Australia. There was a star in the window of almost every home. The boy was impressed as his father told him of the meaning of the stars, each one representing a son given from the home. As they walked along in the deepening twilight, Venus, the evening star, shone in the West and glowed all alone in the evening sky. It was so bright that when the boy looked up, it held his attention. Suddenly, he turned to his father and said, "There's a star in God's window, too, isn't there, Daddy? Did God give His Son?" Yes, God gave His Son, because He loved the world—that the world might see, in Jesus Christ, the Face of ALMIGHTY GOD!

And that, my friend, is the meaning of Christmas! That is the Holy Fact that lies back of all the Christmas festivities, all the happy gatherings—in all families, all the hosts of people kneeling at prayer and sacrament. God gave His Son to us, that we might see Him face to face. Let that Holy Fact sink deep into your heart, that it may glow there, and light all your Christmas preparing. Go about your Christmas tasks, joyous just because God gave His Son Who wonderfully lives on in our hearts. Have the grace to be thankful that God still hangs a star in the window of the night!

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who by Thine Almighty Spirit dost enlighten every man that cometh into the world, enlighten, we beseech Thee, the hearts of us Thy servants by the splendor of Thy grace, that we may ever think thoughts worthy and well-pleasing to Thy majesty, and love Thee with a perfect heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Gallican Liturgy of Alcuin, 790 A. D.*)

The Rector's wife contributes, for Advent, this Sonnet inspired by those interred beneath the vestibule of St. Stephen's Parish house.

Dedication

O Ye, whose bones lie far beneath my feet
In buried vaults below the floor's bright tile,
I read your names and ages, carved so neat
Upon your stones above you. Gone the while
You lived and served, and loved the Master, too.
Of all whose tramping steps upon you tread,
'Tis only I who turn my thoughts to you
And feel a kinship with you, 'tho long dead.
O Rector, daughter, wife, and doctor son,
"Beloved and honored", "cherished and revered",
"Lamented" and then "mourned"—your work is done.
What wonderful memorial is reared!
May we who breathe be mindful of *our* days
So that *we* may be worthy of such praise!

GIVE RELIGIOUS BOOKS THIS CHRISTMAS

The following books are recommended as excellent gifts for Episcopalians:

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ARE WE A FRIENDLY CHURCH?

Twice recently one woman was embarrassed by cold receptions given friends who visited Episcopal Churches. Are we as friendly and courteous to visitors in our Church home as we are in our secular homes? Let's try this for a change:

1. Don't sit alone. Take a seat next to some one else. If you don't know him him or her, make it a point to get acquainted after the service.
2. As you leave the Church speak or smile to everyone whose eyes happen to meet yours.
3. When you meet a new member of the parish tell him about your favorite organization, and ask him to go to the next meeting with you.
4. If you must be the first person to take an empty pew, sit near the center so someone else will be encouraged to sit with you.

PLEDGES

The total is creeping up slowly. We are most grateful to all who have helped by pledging on Loyalty Sunday and hope that everyone in the Parish will try to send in a pledge soon.

How To Give

Cheerfully: "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."
Proportionately: "As God hath prospered."
Systematically: "On the first day of the week."
Regularly: "Lay by in store."
Scripturally: "Bring ye all the tithe."
Sacrificially: "Shall I bring that which cost me nothing?"
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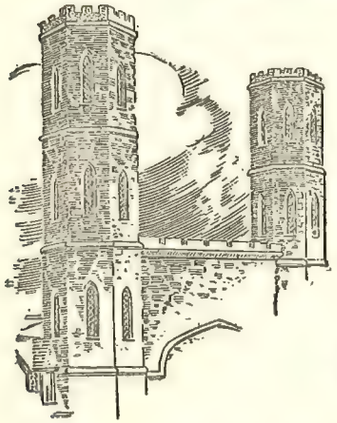
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Autumn" ..... *Robert Elmore*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... *J. S. Bach*

Jesu, Joy of man's desiring, Holy Wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd,
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

SERMON—"What Is Salvation?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 440 ..... *Watchman*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 213 ..... *St. Agnes*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 4 ..... *Greenland*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to the church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Make us, we beseech Thee, O Lord our God, watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Thy Son, Christ our Lord; then when He shall come and knock, He may find us not sleeping in sin, but awake, and rejoicing in His praises; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(An Advent prayer from the Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.)

Bible Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5

The Sermon:

Christmas is only three weeks away now—that great day when God slipped into our world in the form of the human Jesus. Ever since that first Christmas Day, wherever God slips in, the darkness retreats, and there is love and peace. Right now so many people are figuring whether they have enough money saved up for Christmas. Lists are being made, lovingly and with a touch of anxiety—will I have enough to get the presents that will express my love? *Am I rich enough for Christmas?*

Our peril in America is that we shall forget what true riches are. We are so apt to think in terms of "boughten" gifts, of so many dollars put down on the counter. We forget that love cannot be bought and delivered. You can quicken your preparation for Christmas by re-reading O. Henry's unforgetable story, "The Gifts of the Magi"—of the young man and the young woman who were very much in love. She had beautiful hair, and he knew that she longed for a certain costly hair-comb exhibited in a certain store-window, which would look stunning in that lovely hair! She knew how he prized his heavy gold watch-chain, and had dreamed of attaching to it a certain handsome pendant he had seen and admired. So secretly, each scrimped and saved, out of their slender funds. And Christmas sped closer and closer—and neither had enough to buy the cherished gifts. So, on Christmas Eve, he pawned his watch-chain, and bought the wondrous hair-comb. And, that same evening, she had her hair cut off, and sold it, to buy the gleaming pendant. And then they faced each other—she with her shorn head, and he with his chainless watch! At first they were horrified; but then, little by little, it began to dawn on them that each had received the costliest gift that can be given, the gift of a love that sacrifices gladly, without stint, for the beloved one! Those nigh-penniless ones were rich enough for Christmas!

If you are willing to stop, and be thoughtful, and say your prayers, you can find some costly gifts that some one deeply needs of you—a forgiving letter to some one who hurt you sorely long ago, and against whom you hardened your heart; a warm invitation to a lonely little old lady (who may be rather a bother) to share the cheers of your Christmas dinner; the gift of some prized book or picture of your own that some one admired once and you said to yourself, "I can't part with *that.*"; a knitted scarf for some one who will have few presents, or making those shelves for your wife which you have been postponing so long. You make your own list—and, in the Name of Christ, dare to get a bit reckless in your love!

Are you rich enough for Christmas? Tonight pray deeply to the Father of the Bethlehem Babe—and ask Him to cleanse your heart of clogging selfishness, and to fill it with the abundance of His love! Let Him into your Christmas preparations now—and then, my friends, you *will* be rich enough for Christmas!

Closing Prayer:

May the Spirit, O Lord, Who proceedeth from Thee, illuminate our minds, and as Thy Son hath promised, lead us into all truth and loving-kindness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.; adapted)

THE MOTHERS' MEETING is holding their Annual Bazaar on December 6, 1951. Luncheon will be served from 11: 00 A. M. to 6: 30 P. M.

HEAR—ENGLAND'S GREATEST PREACHER

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CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas Cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Every member and friend of the Church is asked to use the special CHRISTMAS DINNER envelope. We need $300.00. Sixty-two baskets and gifts were made to families and individuals last Christmas.

Have you signed your pledge card for 1952? Here is a picture of American families today: 9 out of 10 own radios, 6 out of 10 own automobiles, 5 out of 10 have telephones. Only 4 out of 10 are Christian. Only through Christian leadership can America help build a Christian world. Please send in your pledge as soon as you can. We have made a good beginning, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal.

Mr. David L. German, Secretary of the Vestry, attended the Training School conducted by the Promotion Department of the National Council of the Episcopal Church in September, and during the past month gave an effective, half-hour address on succeeding Sundays to the congregations of The Good Shepherd Church, Kensington; St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough; and All Saints' Church, of Rhawnhurst. At St. Stephen's Church we were inspired by ten-minute addresses given by Mr. Wilson Leithead, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Mr. Edwin S. Heins and Mr. Charles K. Hay during October and November.

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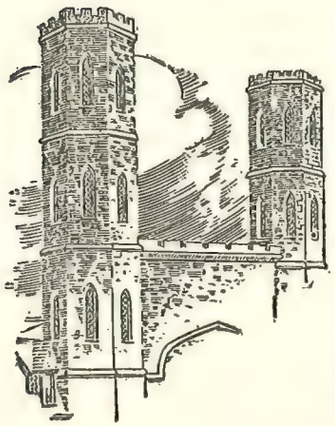
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"What Goes On Behind These Grey Towers?"
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ST. STEPHEN'S IS MY PARISH

Its value to me and the world is determined by myself. "Thy Kingdom Come". I pray for it; I must pay for it and push it.

Pledge Sunday, Loyalty Sunday, Canvass Sunday! What does it all mean? Actually they are secular names for the Sunday Next before Advent—Stir-Up Sunday—(see Collect for November 25th). If the Prayer Book's historic name gripped our imaginations, such terms as Pledge Sunday, Loyalty Sunday, Canvass Sunday would not be necessary. Practically, they mean that for Sunday, November 25th, opportunity will be given to everyone who will so co-operate, to pledge toward the Church's 1952 budget, in church. For the past five weeks members of the Vestry have presented to the Sunday morning congregations in ten-minute addresses the hopes and plans for the parish of St. Stephen's in 1952. The Rector will conclude these addresses with a sermon November 25th on the subject "What Goes On Behind Those Grey Towers?" wherein he hopes to make clear the significance of our church's program. The Chest of Joash will be placed in the usual place in the chancel and everyone present will be invited to sign a card indicating what he is prepared to give in 1952 for the support of that program and place the card in the Chest of Joash.

Not Pressure, But Understanding

The Rector has a few convictions about people's giving to the Church, one of which is that pressure makes many defiant. It increases their resistance, not their generosity. He is like that himself—probably you are. Our goal this past month was to present the church's opportunity. I am convinced that every member of the church, who knows her program will contribute to her treasury. Therefore, our main task in this world of materialistic communism and general social rottenness is education—and knowledge of how the Church can meet our needs and the needs of the world. Given that, we get the money. The Church must be strong. *Only* a world militantly Christian can overcome the fanatical evangelism of Atheistic Communism. This is no time to cut programs. This is a time for all of us to take a thoughtful look at our giving. For many "giving" is done more casually than they realize. Our goal is to make giving not from pressure but from understanding.

Here is our proposed budget for the year 1952:

Diocese and Missionary Quota	$8,191.72
Special Purposes	10,800.00
Music and Choir	6,000.00
Upkeep and Supplies	26,606.28
Salaries, Clergy, Office and Staff	13,402.00
	$65,000.00

Estimated Receipts for 1952

Investment Income	$30,000.00
Plate Collections	10,000.00
Pledges	24,900.00
	$65,000.00

The President of *Editor and Publisher* recently compared two consecutive thirteen year periods in American history: 1920-1932 and 1933-1945, from the point of view of philanthropic contributions to the Church and all other benevolent agencies. Between these two thirteen-year periods we increased our spending for luxuries by 58 billion dollars; beyond that we increased our tax outlay by 51 billion dollars; beyond that we increased our savings 118 billion dollars, all in a time when we increased our national income by 318 billion dollars. While this increase was building up, we decreased our gifts to the Churches and to Christian benevolences. In the 1940's, gifts to Church benevolences were 73 per cent below the 1932 depression level and in the years that have followed, we have recaptured but little of this lost territory. Surely this is a dismal record!

In this generation we do not have the choice as to whether or not we shall give both life and money. Governments ask and take billions of dollars and our lives and the lives of our children that we may insure the protection of our country. Governments ask and take billions of dollars for crime prevention and for the care of delinquents and criminals. Our choice is between making expenditures of money and of life under fear and compulsion in these areas, or of making comparable expenditures for character-building Christian benevolence and the work of the Church. Support freely given for making the wisdom of God known among the nations would provide us with at least the chance to make unnecessary the giving of limitless sums for the possible destruction of war, and as the power of Christ's Word reached out in society because we empowered it by our money, it would alter the character of many a man's life, even as it has made new people of some of us. We have a choice. We can give in one way or another, for one cause or the other, but give we will have to. The question which we Christians must ask ourselves is this: Is our giving an expression of a life that itself has been given in partnership to God's cause and purpose?

Inevitably the question is asked: "What is my share?" So often we say to ourselves, "I do not have enough to give to this or to give to that." Canon Peter Green once said that "enough is always a little more than you now have." Thus none of us ever have enough. A large or small gift has nothing to do with the size of the contribution that is given to support the work of our church.

A large gift that alone represents a partnership is always and only that gift into which some sacrificial strain enters. It may be ten cents a week, it may be $100.00 a week. Only the man and God knows what the partnership cost for him must be. A patron gives as little or as much as he pleases, while in a partnership the need and the demands of the cause determine what the partner does. We worship God Who gave His life for us that we might live. If we believe that without God's way, life ends in futility, if we believe that beyond all else God's way is our salvation, then when the opportunity comes for us to fulfill our partnership in this church by our gifts, let us say and mean "I will not offer unto the Lord my God of that which costeth me nothing."

THE BRYAN GREEN MISSION

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The women of St. Stephen's presented the very generous amount of $315.73 at the Fall Ingathering Service of the *United Thank Offering*. Of this amount, the women of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing gave $25.00. There were 93 contributors. This is a very encouraging offering—one of the largest presented by our women.

The Rector gave an address on Prayer to the personnel of the Germantown Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday last at 9:30 A. M.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Harvest Festival Service with address by the Rector will be held as usual on Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, at 11:00 A. M., when our offering will be given, as for many years past, to the Episcopal Hospital. Our own Board of Managers is again operating the Hospital in collaboration with Temple University.

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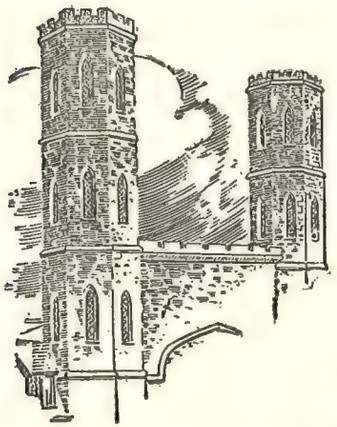
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DEDICATION SERVICE

The customary *pledge card* is enclosed herewith. Please designate how much of your pledge you desire for the program of St. Stephen's and how much for the Diocese and World-Wide Program of the Episcopal Church. Bring this card to church *Sunday, November 25th, for the Chest of Joash Dedication Service,* or mail it to the Rector today. Say *yes* to your faith.

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TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT MONEY

When it comes to spending money, there are two sensible questions that invaribly come up. The first one is, Have I got the money? And the second is, Is it worth it? We are now contemplating spending $65,000.00 during the next year on this church, and you are considering your portion of that expenditure. It is only right that the same two sensible questions should come up: first, have we got the money? Second, Is it worth it?

Take the first question first, Have we got the money? For one thing, we are all sure that we have not as much money as we used to have. The money we have is worth only about a third as much as it used to be. Some few people may be making more money than they did in the past and have larger bank accounts, but most people in this congregation have not as much money as they had a few years ago, and yet the cost of the church is greater than it was, the budget is considerably larger, and each person is asked to give more.

We also know that in spite of the fact that we do not have as much money as we used to have, we still go to the movies occasionally, still go to ball parks, still stay in hotels, travel on trains. Most of us drive automobiles and enjoy to a certain degree the luxuries of life. In other words, we still have money left over after the necessities are paid for. But have we enough to meet the large budget that has been prepared?

When you stop to think about it, the amount of money we need is not so large as it seems at first. We have in this church five hundred and fifty communicants to count on. Our budget for this year is $65,000.00, of which we are asking you for about $35,000.00. The rest of it comes from endowments which our predecessors have given to us. If every one of the five hundred and fifty responded to the situation, it would cost each one of those persons one package of cigarettes a day! One pack of cigarettes from every one of our people every day—that is all we need to raise the budget. We know, of course, that human nature is made of rather stubborn and often disappointing stuff and some people on our list will not respond at all, and some only half-heartedly. Last year two hundred and fifty did respond, but that still leaves three hundred not yet heard from and makes it clear to you that some of you will have to give more than a package of cigarettes every day; some will have to give a carton, and some a carload.

When we consider those figures I think we can safely say that we have the money, and the answer to this whole problem of raising the budget depends not so much upon the first question, Have we got the money? as it does on the second question, Is the church worth $65,000.00, one church among many in a city filled with churches? Is it really worth it?

In estimating the worth of anything one of the first considerations is how much we need it. Do we need the church that much? Sometimes there are circumstances under which a loaf of bread is worth more to us than a diamond tiara simply because we need the loaf of bread more. Do you need the ministry and the witness of the church that much? It is hard, of course, almost impossible, for one person to speak for another, but as I know some of you intimately and others of you casually, and as I try to interpret and articulate your deeper thoughts and feelings, I would say that all of us would say that we need, first of all, a place to pray. Within all of us there is something that reaches out to the infinite, the invisible and the intangible. We cry out in the darkness from time to time to a God Who sometimes does not seem to hear because our cries are drowned out by the din of the world. We need a place where we can draw together with other people crying out in the same darkness and saying the same prayers, a place that speaks of God's Presence, the pressure of which upon us draws out of us the very prayers which we are almost too timid to say. We need a place from which the clamor of the world is shut out. This is such a place. A year ago a confused young man of Jewish ancestry came to St. Stephen's on the advice of a friend who had heard of so many people being helped to soundness of health in the quiet of the sanctuary. He had never been in a church. He happened to come in on the first Sunday of the month when we were celebrating the Holy Communion. At the door he said to the Rector with an intense eagerness upon his face, "You know, I didn't understand much of the service, but I have never felt so close to God since I was a little boy." He had the impulse to pray; he needed a place to pray. This was the place.

More than that, we need a faith to live by. I do not mean a creed. I mean a basic confidence, confidence in the fact that the invisible things are eternal, that God's goodness never fails, that around us are the everlasting arms. We need to come to a place where those things are proclaimed week after week, to stimulate our imaginations, to reassure us when we begin to wonder whether it is true or not, to surround us with other people facing the same perplexities and carrying the same burdens, who are lifted up to reach after the same faith and go out from the church with new strength, to sail the same stormy seas. We need a faith to live by in a world that is dreadful and dark and in this place we find a faith when we need it most.

The worth of a thing depends not only on how much we need it, but also on the effectiveness of it. After all, it is a fair question for people to ask of a church to which so much money is being given, How effective is it? Well, that is not an easy question to answer even for those of us who are most intimately associated with it. You cannot, you know, make a graph of the charity in a man's heart, you cannot measure the power of a man's will, or take his spiritual blood pressure; you cannot draw plans of a man's ability to take the things that come to him in the spirit of the Lord Jesus. You never quite know how far you have gotten with people. But making allowances for those difficulties, we can say that in this church we reach a great many people. One indication of it, as far as figures can be indicated, is the fact that over fifty thousand people last year attended the services of worship. There were many, many others who just came to see this church and to say a prayer.

We know that from January to November we have received 829 letters from troubled people all over the country who have written to us because they had heard of our interest in people's problems. Each letter was answered and help given. Our bulging files bear eloquent testimony to the fact that hundreds of people who attended our various services were blessed by God with health of body, mind and soul. No record has been kept of consultations in the Rector's study with distressed people. On Thursdays alone there is usually a steady stream of appointments from 7: 30 A. M. to 10: 00 P. M.

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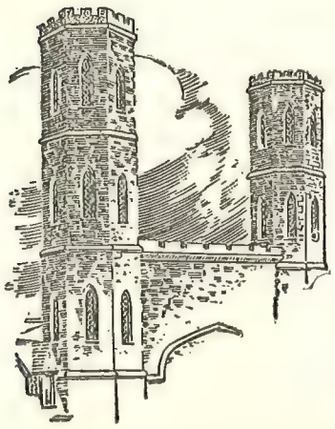
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chapelle des Morts" ..... *Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *Warren*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 56, page 408
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Greater Love Hath No Man" ..... *Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

SERMON—"What Is America's Answer to Communism?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 289 ..... *St. Anne*
MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
AMERICA (3rd verse)
ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
CLOSING PRAYERS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM—"There Is A Land" ..... *Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for every sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun.

There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for every hero battle-worn,
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Chapter 4 and Unit 4 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others).

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, teach us to be still before Thee until our ears have caught Thine accents and our eyes have glimpsed Thy truth. Then, O Lord, open Thou our lips and our mouths shall show forth Thy praise, and bear witness to Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Church Service League Prayers.*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 8: 5-10

The Sermon:

That Roman army officer must have been a rare man. In a day when servants were cheap, he went to a great deal of trouble to seek out the young Master and implore him to heal his servant. Jesus gladly said that He would come and make the servant well, but the centurion protested that he was not worthy of so great an honor—Jesus could just say the word; and that would be enough. We might have expected the officer to say, "Master, I'm also a man who gives orders—I know that you can give them, too." But, instead, with keen understanding he said, "For I also am a man *under* authority..." As if, to say, "When I give orders, they are obeyed because, back of me is the authority of the Roman Emperor. I'm a man under authority; and I know that, back of you, is a powerful Authority. Because of Him Who stands back of you, you can just say the word, and your word will be obeyed."

Down through the long ages, true Christians have been marked as "men under Authority". They have worked under command of God, and, in obeying His Will, they have lived, and worked, with the Infinite Power of God operating in them. No wonder that, again and again, they have changed the world. The weakness of dictators—Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin—is that they have *no* greater power in back of them. In time their limited human power fades, unrenewed by infinite resources. If Christian people of today will humbly put themselves under the Authority of God, they can overcome pagan Communism, and win the world to Christ and peace. But no more of this, "live as I please" behavior! The only reason why the cold-blooded gospel of Communism has made such progress in the world has been because those who profess and call themselves Christians have been slack and soft; have *not* lived under the daily Authority of God's prompting.

Why *should* we take orders from God? Jesus described Himself as the Shepherd —and ourselves as His sheep. Looking sadly at Jerusalem, He wept, saying how gladly He would have gathered men to Him as a hen gathers in her chicks. As Phil Steinmetz has said, "Sheep and chickens run a close race for the prize of stupidity and general incompetence...we cannot be trusted to do what is best...as far as I can see there is not much to be done about our helplessness except to recognize it, and to give thanks to God that we have a Good Shepherd."

Some time ago the President appointed to the United Nations General Assembly, as one of our Alternate Delegates, Mrs. Edith Sampson, a brilliant Negro lawyer. Throughout her remarkable career, before handling any case, she has always said a silent prayer: "God, here I am again. Direct my thinking—put words in my mouth, not that I should win, but that justice should prevail." In looking forward to her task in the United Nations Assembly, she said, "My job will be tough...but God will direct me and tell me how I can make my contribution to peace." I think that the Russian Delegates will be watching that woman. If they are alert, they will feel in her a power greater than the Politboro. They will be baffled, as pagans always have been before the power of God coming through one who lives "under Authority"—the Authority of Almighty God!

Closing Prayer:

Into Thy Hands, O God, we commend ourselves this day. Let Thy Presence be with us to its close. Enable us to feel that in doing our work we are doing Thy Will; and that in serving others we are serving Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Upingham School Prayers.*)

LOYALTY SUNDAY—NOVEMBER 25

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These figures represent men—women—lonely people—bereaved families—broken homes—sick bodies and minds—gasoline—fuel oil—stamps—schools—missionaries and a hundred other needs to be met for the sake of Christ.

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KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM: Soprano Solo—
"These Are They Which Came Out of Great Tribulation" ..... *Gaul*
These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb; therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And they shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and as the stars forever and ever.
SERMON—"Life With A Future" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 126 ..... *Sarum*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 125 ..... *Moultrie*

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Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints in all virtuous and Godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through the same, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 25: 31-40

The Sermon:

Thursday last, we celebrated All Saints' Day, and this Sunday is in the Octave of All Saints. Through all the rest of the Christian year are dotted the name-days of famous saints whose names are written in gold across history's pages. But this one day is set aside in grateful memory of those who had a touch of Christlikeness known only to a few whose lives they lighted. As James Russell Lowell wrote:

"One feast of holy days, the crest,
I, though no churchman, love to keep.
All Saints—the unknown good that rests
In God's still memory folded deep.

The bravely dumb who did their deed,
And scorned to blot it with a name,
Men of the plain heroic breed,
That loved heaven's silence more than fame."

Jesus once said, "Ye are the light of the world. "He intended His followers to be so filled with the warm love of His spirit that it would shine through them in loving deeds day in and day out. This is one of the hallmarks of a genuine Christian —the Master, Christ, is so much a part of their thinking and hoping and planning that He is IN them, dwelling in their hearts and minds and prompting them to care for others with quiet, practical, abiding thoughtfulness. There was a modest little Christian woman in a Tuberculosis Sanitorium I visted, who walked humbly with her God and tried to make life a bit easier for others. She was a very sick woman, and one night, a few weeks before she died, she called the nurse and said, "You know, when I go to sleep, I groan very loudly. Will you please shut my door so that I will not disturb the others'?" Most people when they are on the way to dying want their door left open, for the reassurance of hearing and seeing people nearby, but not that humble saint. She chose to endure loneliness, to spare others the agonizing echo of her groans. Only a few people knew of her shining self-sacrifice. Those few will remember her on All Saints' Day!

How appropriate it is that All Saints' Day should come in the autumn with its ripeness and its richness, its mellow loneliness, when the harvest is gathered in. For the memory of our saints is meant by God to strengthen and sustain us with the rich harvest of their Christ-led lives. If on that hallowed day, we pray faithfully to God to assist us in following their good examples, then the light of a Christlike spirit will shine more clearly through us. As an unknown writer has put it:

"Saints of every day,...
They lived and loved and strove to bless—
The friend, the sister,
The unselfish mother whose aim was holiness.
I muse upon their virutes
And remember their lives of charity and faithfulness.
And once again take courage to go forward
My world to love and bless."

Closing Prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who dost enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of the saints, grant to us, Thy humble servants, that same faith and power of love, that as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit from their example; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

THE BRYAN GREEN MISSION

sponsored by the Diocese of Pennsylvania, will be held from December 2nd through December 11th, with great meetings in Convention Hall every evening at 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Bryan Green, Rector of Birmingham, England, will be the missioner and all parish organizations have been asked to cancel their meetings during the Mission period to make it possible for all church people and their friends to attend the Mission. There will be noon-day services at St. Mark's and St. Stephen's Church, and Bryan Green and other members of the Mission team will speak at schools and colleges, on the radio, etc. Our Parish Representatives are Mrs. Wilson Leithead and Mrs. Walter A. Rogers.

An Attendance Scroll is now being signed with space for sixty-three signatures. Each one who signs agrees to attend one or more meetings and urge others to attend. Each person then receives a small reminder prayer card to take home. We have one scroll already filled. All scrolls with the name of our parish will be presented to Bryan Green in person at the opening service.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"A member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

September 30—Joan Patricia Connelly
October 7—William Edward Bartle
David Bruce Sayres

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

September 15—John F. Melia
Mary F. Bonner
October 14—Robert W. De Azuero
Jeannette McElroy

Burials

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

September 10—Neilson G. Franger
October 3—Helen W. Lux
4—Florence M. Morris
22—Emilie Donehower

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household"

Mr. Robert Taxis
Mr. Charles E. Lewis, Jr.
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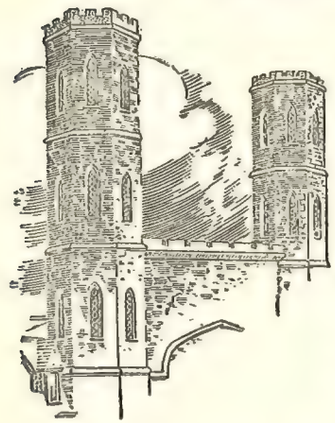
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INVITATION

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11.00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—REFORMATION DAY SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale Prelude".....*J. S. Bach*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 544.....*St. Cecelia*

PSALMS 119: 1-8; page 489

Excerpts from "THE CITY OF GOD", by H. Alexander Matthews. This Cantata, written in commemoration of the Quadricentennial of the Protestant Reformation, 1917, was officially approved by the Joint Lutheran Committee as a feature of the Celebration. It was first performed in the Academy of Music, October 1917.

PART I. FOUNDATION (In place of Te Deum)

Chorus: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion; the city of the great King. Walk about Zion; go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts; God will establish it for ever.

PART II. DECAY (In place of Benedictus)

Soprano Solo and Chorus: Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. For they have perverted Thy way; they have forgotten the Lord their God. Their kings, their princes and their priests have despised His word, and trusted in oppression. The wise among them have gloried in their wisdom; the mighty man has gloried in his might, and the rich man in his riches. Darkness hath covered the earth, and gross darkness the people. If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. *Chorus*: Hear me when I call; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. O God, lift up Thine hand; of whom may we seek for succour but of Thee, O Lord? Our fathers trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them. They cried unto Thee, and were delivered. They trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. Arise, O Lord, and help us: and redeem us for Thy mercy's sake. Let not our enemies triumph over us.

PART III. RESTORATION (Before Sermon, in place of Anthem)

Soprano Solo and Chorus: Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered thy children together, and ye would not! If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most high. Ho! every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; Let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. *Chorus*: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Now have we peace with God, for by grace are we saved through faith; and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God. Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. He hath the words of eternal life, and we believe and are sure that He is Christ, the Saviour of the World.

SERMON—"Our Protestant Heritage".....THE RECTOR

PART IV. THANKSGIVING (After Sermon)

Soprano Solo: Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, He healeth those that are broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, City of God. Thou shalt call thy walls salvation, and thy gates praise. O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength, and abundance in Thy towers. Peace be within Thy walls, and prosperity within Thy palaces. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her.

OFFERTORY HYMN 551 .....*Ein feste Burg*

AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 402 .....*Munich*

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1517—REFORMATION DAY—1951

On October 31, 1517, a young Augustinian monk named Martin Luther posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among the Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon their fundamental Christian conviction. The highlights of Dr. Matthews' Cantata, "The City of God" will be sung by the Choir and the Rector's sermon is "Our Protestant Heritage."

ALL SAINTS DAY, 1951

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on November 1st and November 4th at the Octave of All Saints: George W. Everitt, Howard K. Craig, John Shields, Ada C. Williams, Caroline L. Sloane De Bow, Francis A. Jaunick, Harry Barlow Rumrill, Jane K. Harvey, Pauline E. Leypoldt, Lenora B. McCoy, Evelyn D. Hampton, Lucinda A. MacFarland, Emmet Lee Ellmaker, Anthony Garofalo, Carroll Sarles, Charlotte Thorpe, John E. Zimmerman, Lillian Mumford, Blair A. Fritz, Martha T. Stephens, Neilson G. Franger, Helen W. Lux, Florence M. Morris, Emilie Donehower.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

At the opening meeting October 18th, the following officers were elected for the new year: President, Mrs. Walter Allyn Rogers; Vice-President, Mrs. John C. Funck; Secretary, Mrs. John A. Schrott; Treasurer, Miss Anne R. Daley.

The delegates to the five missionary committees are as follows: Diocesan, Miss Jane S. McEldowney; Domestic, Mrs. Wilson Leithead; Negro, Mrs. John Riehm; Over-Seas, Miss Emma Daley.

All women of our Parish are invited to an All-Day Meeting of THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY at the Church House, on October 31st, 10: 30 A. M. to 3: 00 P. M.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Again has come the time for the gathering of the United Thank Offering. The U.T.O. is a concrete expression of gratitude for our possessions. It is not enough to be grateful only with our lips—for our own sakes; we must make our gratitude tangible—for those who need our sharing. If each one gave a penny a day, would you miss it? I think not. It is our privilege to share, and it is through our U.T.O. boxes we are given the chance.

The contents of the boxes must be in on or before Sunday, November 4. The presentation of the U.T.O. takes place in St. Peter's Church, Third and Pine Streets, on Thursday, November 8th, at 10: 30 A. M. Bishop Hart will be the celebrant at the Holy Communion Service and the Rev Nathaniel B. Groton, D.D. will preach.

The Churchman Magazine carried an article by the Rector in the October 15th issue on "Sane Christian Healing". This was one of a series by various writers on the subject of "The Faith We Live By".

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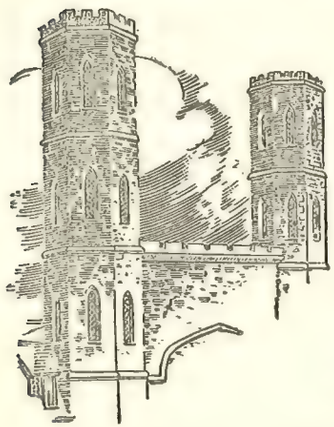
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Elegie" ..... *Jules Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 558 ..... *University College*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 105: 1-20, page 470
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Laus Domine*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Turn Back O Man" ..... *Holst*

1. Turn back O man, foreswear thy foolish ways.
   Old now is earth, and none may count her days.
   Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
   Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim
   "Turn back O Man, foreswear thy foolish ways!"
2. Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise,
   Age after age their tragic empires rise.
   Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep,
   Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep.
3. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one,
   Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done.
   Now, even now, once more from earth to sky
   Peals forth in joy man's old, undaunted cry,
   "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

SERMON—"Life for the Salesman" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 553 ..... *Lancashire*

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Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for Thy Spirit and Thy love, that Thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Girolamo Savonarola, 1481 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 6: 24-34

The Sermon:

Many a person struggles to gain peace of mind. Some try hard to win the love of other people. Still others breathlessly seek happiness. And all of them fail, in the long run, because these treasures are not to be had by trying to get them. It was not a preacher, but a psychiatrist, Karl Menninger, who wrote, "Their cry for peace is a cry for unearned love, in the face of the wisdom of Jesus and Lao Tse who taught that we get love only by giving it... Peace, or something near it, is often achieved by those who do not seek it; who, seeking truth, forget themselves."

Jesus put it even more simply, "Seek ye first His Kingdom, and all these things shall be added unto you." Thus the Master of Men simplified your life down to one great purpose—to please God. You are His creature, and your vocation is to serve Him well, day by day. Your first waking thought is to be a question, "What do you want of me, O God, today?" Your first duty, on the threshold of that new day, is to turn to Him for directions; and your second duty is to carry them out. Your last duty, as the shadows fall, is to thank Him for the opportunities to serve Him that you have accepted, and to ask His forgiveness for the ones you have neglected. It is as simple as that. And, if you pattern your life that way, you *will* find peace. "These things will be added unto you." For they are won only as by-products of a life dedicated to following Jesus Christ.

To many people, this is much too strenuous. Hosts of nice, decent church people have drifted into a mild imitation of religion—just occasional church-going and being conventionally good. When Jesus speaks to them out of the pages of the New Testament, saying, "Seek ye *first* His Kingdom", they bow in polite agreement; and then turn back to their eager search for personal happiness or peace of mind. That is what they really *want*, and they are not bright enough, or consecrated enough, to know that they cannot have these treasures, except by putting God and His Kingdom *first* in their lives.

The salvation of a man is to put himself into the hands of the living God, to be His humble and devoted servant. It means caring about God "with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." God can give His richest joys only to those who passionately desire to serve Him. The story is told that a man came to Gautama Buddha to learn the true way of salvation. As they stood by the river, Buddha suddenly grabbed the man, and held his head under the water. Finally, in a last gasp, the fellow wrenched himself loose. Quietly Buddha asked him, "When you thought you were drowning, what did you desire most?" The man gasped, "Air". Back came Buddha's reply, "When you want salvation as much as you want air, then you can get it." "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God...!"

Closing Prayer:

Take us, we pray Thee, O Lord of our life, into Thy keeping, this night and forever. O Thou Light of lights, keep us from inward darkness; grant us so to sleep in peace, that we may arise to work according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (*Bishop Andrews, 1555 A. D.*)

THE PRAYER BOOK—"YOUR SILENT MISSIONARY"

This year, the year 1951, the Female Prayer Book Society celebrates its 117th anniversary; another milestone in the organization's missionary work of distributing the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal to missions and needy dioceses.

For the past three years our chapter at St. Stephen's has shown such an increase in interest and financial growth that we are encouraged to hope our appeal this year will receive your continued generous support.

Any contributions to this fine work, which carries the Prayer Book to both domestic and foreign fields, will be gratefully received by the undersigned.

(Mrs.) Ruth Leithead, *Representative from St. Stevens Church*

The Rector will be the speaker at a Fellowship Supper in the Lansdowne Methodist Church, Wednesday, October 24th.

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Pfc. John A. Price has finished his Boot training in the Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina, with an expert Rifleman's medal and a certificate for being first man in his platoon. He has returned, after a short leave, to become an instructor on the Rifle Range.

David MacEachern has been made a Sergeant in the Marine Corps and is now on his way overseas.

Bill Smith, after serving in the Intelligence Corps in Japan and Korea in the Reserve Corps, has been discharged and has taken up important work in the business life of the city.

Charles Reed is in the Navy attached to a Repair Ship on the West Coast.

James E. Price is still attached to the Radar Division of the Navy and stationed at the Willow Grove Air Base.

Charles E. Stein is on the *U.S.S. F. T. Berry* sailing the high seas. He had a short leave recently and attended the October 7th service in St. Stephen's.

George MacGoldrick has been transferred from the *U.S.S. Grand Canyon* to a Destroyer, and has been on fleet maneuvers. He had an interesting visit in Lisbon, Portugal, and has written the Rector from Aqusta, Sicily.

Reformation Sunday will be celebrated October 28th. The Choir will sing Dr. Matthews' Cantata "The City of God", which was first sung in the Academy of Music in 1917 at the 400th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Along with this official Anthem of the Reformation Celebration, the Rector will preach on the subject "Our Protestant Heritage".

The Rector will speak to the Junior Class of the Philadelphia Divinity School on Tuesday, October 23, at 9: 00 A. M.

Many thanks to those who have been bringing their pledges up to date during the past few Sundays.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to the following *Church Bulletin* subscribers: Miss B. Irene Mathews, Mr. Francis H. Spratt, Mrs. Walter Christy, Miss Marion Headman, Miss Mary Millham, Mrs. Lida Trautner, Mrs. Ella Gardiner, and Miss Margaret L. Gill.

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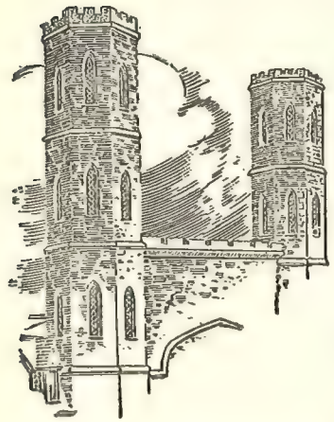
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BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"In Faith I Quiet Wait" ..... *J. S. Bach*

1. In faith I quiet wait,
And love Thee, O my God.
Though often-times oppressed,
By trouble, pain and want.
In God I have enough,
And patiently endure;
God is my guard and shield,
For me and for my house.

2. Therefore I thank my God,
And joy to do His will,
I know what e'er befall
His love doth lead me still.
So like a little child,
Who clasps his father's hand,
Serene I take my way,
In faith untroubled stand.

SERMON—"The Good Which Evil Can Do" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 310 ..... *London New*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
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TEN RULES FOR A HAPPY HOME

Do you want more peace, harmony, and happiness in your home? If you really want it, go to work to get it. Stop complaining and expecting some other member of the family to do it for you. Here are ten rules:

(1) Make peace with God. That's the first step. God intends for you to live in a happy home, and expects you to do your part to make it so. You may have to do more than your part, but its worth every bit of the effort you put into it.

(2) The home is a place of sacrifice. Father, Mother, and children must sacrifice to make a peaceful, happy home. Sacrifice brings happiness while selfishness brings discord. Sacrifice first your life to your Lord, then be willing to share that peace which He has given to you, by sacrificing for others in the home.

(3) Pray for the other members of your family, instead of criticizing them. Do that daily and watch what happens. Never talk at one another, addressing remarks about one member of the family to another member in their presence. A good husband or wife will never rebuke his mate before others.

(4) Don't go back over past quarrels and mistakes, raking over the ashes of old, dead fires. Don't look back at the past. Don't throw up to other members of the family, "What might have been" if you had married another. Things might have been better, but they might have been much worse.

(5) Be the first to yield or to apologize. This is the first step of forgiveness. If we won't forgive our loved ones and friends, we can't expect God to forgive us. He plainly said that He wouldn't. Wrongful acts bring their own punishment. "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."

(6) Live within your means and your income. Don't try to keep up with the Joneses. True wealth is not determined by the clothes you wear or the automobile in which you ride, but by character and personality.

(7) Search for the good things in your home, and express appreciation for them instead of digging at the bad things. Like begets like. Criticism begets criticism. Appreciation begets appreciation.

(8) Show affection, courtesy and respect for other members of the family. They are the ones who will be the first to help you when you really get in a jam. Do not let those outside the home become more important than the loved ones in the home.

(9) If there is a problem in the home, pray about it and those who make the problem. You may be one. Ask for guidance to do your part. Don't give up. Pray and work.

(10) Be happy about it. If you don't feel happy, then act happy until you feel happy.

Archimedes, the Greek scientist, said that if he had a fulcrum with a lever long enough, he could move the earth. The Bible teaches that with a long prayer lever, and the fulcrum of a surrendered life, the seemingly inpossible can be accomplished. "With God all things are possible."

The Rev. Mr. Meckling gave an inspired presentation of the subject of the minisitry to the Hard of Hearing at the Rector's Class on "The City Church" at the Philadelphia Divinity School, October 2nd.

From Diocesan Headquarters we have the following report of receipts from our Parish, as of September 20, 1951:

Accepted quota ($1,540.00 over 1950)	$6,890.00
Received on account	2,308.79
Due before December 31, 1951	$4,581.21

In order that we may be able to pay the balance of $4,581.21 on our missionary obligation, we need to have the generous co-operation of every member of St. Stephen's Church.

THE CHURCH WOMAN

Officers and board members of St. Stephen's women's organizations are beginning their work. Phones are beginning to ring. Conversations are taking place concerning activities which should occur under the Woman's Auxiliary, The Altar Guild, the Mothers' Club, the Girls' Friendly Society, the Benevolent Society, and the King's Daughters.

All the women of the Parish are automatically members of the Woman's Auxiliary and notice is hereby given of the opening meeting on Thursday, October 18th, at 11:00 o'clock in the Community House.

The Girls' Friendly Society had their opening meeting on Monday, October 1st. The Mothers' Meeting opened October 11th, and the King's Daughters October 2nd.

Dr. Glenn Harding will be the speaker at the Camp Farthest Out meeting on Thursday, October 18th at 8:00 P. M. in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear this outstanding speaker.

The Rector is to participate in a series of discussions for the family under the general title of "Christianity and the Problems of Health" to be held in the Haddonfield Methodist Church four Wednesday evenings beginning October 3rd. Dr. Harold K. Kenyon, Chief of Medicine of the West Jersey Hospital will speak on "Modern Medicine and the Christian Faith". Dr. A. Victor Hansen, Clinical Director of the Temple University Hospital Psychiatric Department, will speak on October 10th. The Rector will speak on October 17th on "Spiritual Aids to Health." Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, will speak October 24th on "Ministering to the Whole Man". A Fellowship Supper is served at 6:15 o'clock with classes beginning at 7:45 o'clock.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

Our every member canvass is just about six weeks from now, and it behooves all of us to begin planning, both by praying and calculating just how *much* and not how *little* we will give to Our Lord through His Holy Church during the year 1952. Place in one column all you spend, in another column all that you now give Our Lord. Is the amount given Jesus even a fair proportion for Him, Who gives you all you have? Keep looking at the figures. Are you proud of them? Ask God daily to lead you definitely to the amount He and you both know you *can* and *should* give. Then sign your pledge card feeling truly happy in knowing that you have not let Jesus down through your wallet.

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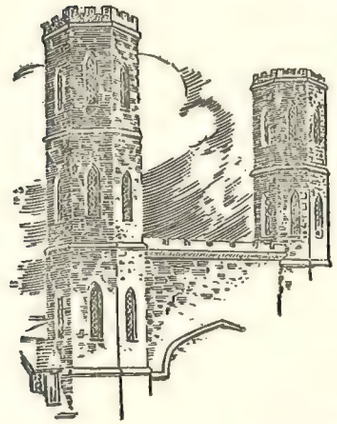
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Larghetto from Violin Sonata" ..... *Handel*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*

KYRIE ..... *Stanford*

ANTHEM—"The Twilight Shadows Fall" ..... *David D. Wood*

The twilight shadows fall, but do not fear, At evening comes the call, "Be of good cheer". Though dark the clouds above, Trusting our Father's love, the sun sets clear. The twilight shadows fall, with Thee, the world and all, our faith increase. Truth, hope and love abide. Lord Thou has satisfied. Vain troubling cease. The twilight shadows fall, Life's goal is nigh; We soon may hear Thee call "Come up on high". Then fades the night away; Greet we the perfect day, God's cloudless sky.

SERMON—"Light At Evening Time" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 430 ..... *Lux Benigna*

SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*

COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

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WHOLENESS OF LIFE

Far too many people fail to go below the surface activities of life. Religion's center of interest has always been and still is the souls of men. In spite of the efforts to bring about a decent order of society through preachiing the social gospel, men and women still seek the counsel of a clergyman for help in personal problems, and this writer has found by long experience that above every need of mankind is the search for a fundamental essential conception without which they could not achieve success. This conception, I would call the "wholeness of life".

Some time ago, I heard a report by medical men who had found that symptoms of disease were multiplied by anxiety on the part of the patient.

I walked away from that meeting aware with a vividness that I had never had before that I was not a body with a mind, nor a mind with a body, but that I was something in very truth that I must express with a hyphen—a unity that, because of poverty of language, I must call body-mind. How many of us think of health in such terms? How many physicians treat their patients after such fashion? To the latter question I would reply—only the successful ones! Plato in his "Republic" says, "A good soul by its excellence makes the body as good as it can be.

This wholeness of the self is nothing novel to those familiar with the field of education. Modern pedagogies recognize that body and mind must be considered, developed, educated together as a unity and that when our minds and spirits are in bad condition, it is partly because our bodies are in bad condition and when our bodies are unhealthy, it is partly because our minds and spirits are unhealthy.

We create rifts between the selves that we are—at work, at home, at play—and the selves that we are as citizens. Nothing is more tragic than these rifts—from the liveried bellhop who has forgotten that he is a boy, to the uniformed parson who has forgotten that he is a man. The New Testament ideal of the true attitude toward the ultimate, or God, is the ideal for our attitude toward any portion of our experience. We must give to it all our heart and soul and mind and strength.

It is an unhappy fact that beneath the outer activities of the spirit there is often so little wholeness and harmony. Some authorities claim that nervous breakdowns are the result of over-work, but in reality over-work causes only fatigue, not disease. Nervous disorders are the fruit of inner strains, a self at war within itself. Jesus, Whose primary concern was for the welfare of the soul, said, "Nothing from without defileth the man, but that which proceedeth from within, out of the heart." And the genius of the insight stands today. The first care of any man as he approaches life must be his own personal wholeness. Problems are nothing in the presence of a healthy spirit and insoluble in the presence of an unhealthy spirit.

It is true that the home is the nearest region of oneness in each other, but beyond the home our healthiness or unhealthiness determines the character and quality of our togetherness to the uttermost limits of the earth.

The ultimate reality is the souls of men. If these souls be healthy then is the whole world full of health. When you have observed how the sick soul suffers within and spreads sickness through his relations without and how the whole soul delights in an effective life and spreads harmony in ever-increasing circles, then indeed do you cry to young men and women for whom the future is as yet undetermined, "Your first care is that you may be in yourselves—whole, sound, ordered, as that strange unity, body, mind and spirit that we call a man. And then the kingdom that you have found within yourselves will add all good things unto you."

The way of life is full of wonderful adventures, but far more wonderful is the traveler along the way who has power to determine those adventures.

WELCOME

To young people coming to Philadelphia for school or college, to families moving into the city from other places, to residents of hotels who expect to be here only a brief time, the Parish, its Vestry and Ministers extend a cordial welcome. The services on Sundays at convenient hours and of varied character, the open pews in a church which is always open, are all at your service.

On week-days, there are not only noon-day services with helpful messages, but there are many groups with many purposes meeting in our modern Community House. There is a place for YOU in one or more of them, whether you are young or old, man or woman, boy or girl, professional person or home-maker.

In the pews you will find a card which signed and sent or left in the pew will bring to you some one with full information.

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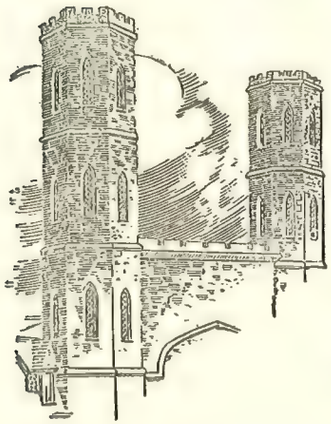
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 215-17

11.00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Pastorale" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 592 ..... *All Hallows*
VENITE, page 19 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 146, page 522
TE DEUM, page 10 ..... *Willan*
JUBILATE, page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" ..... *Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.
O blest are they that dwell within Thy house,
They praise Thy Name evermore.

SERMON—"The Promised Land" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 464 ..... *St. Catherine*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Horace Guillou, in memory of her husband.

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TURN BACKWARD, O TIME!

Midnight, September 29th, marks the end of Daylight Saving Time for the year 1951—Remember to set YOUR clock back One Hour.

THE CITY CHURCH

The Rector is giving a course on "The City Church" at the Philadelphia Divinity School Tuesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. beginning September 25th and continuing to January 22nd.

THANK YOU

The Medical Director of Jefferson Hospital has written to our Benevolent Society a very kind letter referring to the fact that 3,417 articles have been contributed this past year from St. Stephen's Sewing Society.

Special envelopes have been sent to all on our mailing list for contributions toward the budget of the Benevolent Society. Gifts large or small will be gratefully received for ths worthwhile work.

BURD SCHOOL

The Rector officially opened the Burd School for the new year with the celebration of the Holy Communion at 7:30 A. M. September 17th.

Three new girls have been matriculated making the total of thirty-five girls in residence. We welcome Betty and Helen Marin and Ilona Keiser to the happy Burd School family.

Mrs. Ethel Van Winkle has joined our Staff and will be in charge of our Second Dormitory girls.

The Woman's Committee of the Burd School under the able leadership of Mrs. Edwin S. Heins realized $1,063.00 at the JUNE FETE.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CONTENTMENT

1. *Surrender your life to God,* as your Shepherd, Guide, Counselor. If you expect to give Him your problems, you must first give Him yourself. Sin is a non-conductor. Accept Christ as your Saviour from sin, then the power of God can come *in* you and through *you.*

2. *Start where you are.* Accept life where and as you find it. Go to work at home. Christ told the healed maniac to go show his family and friends that he was a changed man. The best way to reform the world is to start at home with yourself.

3. *Don't look down; look up.* You'll never see the stars looking at the mud. Don't look back except to view God's blessings to you in the past; look forward. Remember Lot's wife. Don't whine and complain or put on a long face. The other fellow has troubles too. Don't nag; and lecture. That's the poorest way to get what you want.

4. *Don't nurse and cultivate trouble* (bad thinking); it will grow upon you (jealousy and bitterness). Learn to forgive and forget. You can't even get through the Lord's Prayer if you don't. "We can't keep the sparrows from flying overhead, but we can keep them from building nests in our hair." "Agree with your adversary (unkind and unforgiving thoughts, bad acts) quickly while you are in the way with him...lest the adversary deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison (embittered life and chains of habit)...thou shalt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing." (Matt. 5:25-26).

5. *Have faith in God.* If He can control and operate the Universe, He can certainly take care of your problem, if you will give Him a chance... "With God all things are possible...according to your faith be it unto you."

6. *Don't worry, it's un-Christian.* It never helped anyone to solve anything. Cultivated, it paralyzes. Trust God and let Him do the worrying according to Psalm 37. Seek peace according to Philippians 4.

7. *Seek the guidance and counsel of God.* You can have it if you'll pay the price.

8. *As you get your directions, follow them and go to work.* Don't expect them all at once. "One step at a time" is the Divine Rule. Sleep must be taken one night at a time; food one meal at a time. You'll get your directions the same way.

9. *Don't measure your conduct by any other man's.* You will be judged by the Almighty's standards, not by the Jones'. Treat others as you would like to be treated, whether on foot or in an automobile, whether at home or outside.

10. *Confess your Lord before men.* "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." He established His Church to help men lead holy and happy lives. If you expect to enjoy the benefits of the Church in society, support it. If you are a Christian *Act Like It, Look Like It, Talk Like It.* Remember what you do makes more noise than what you say. "By this shall all men KNOW that ye are My disciples, if ye have LOVE one to another... Them that honor Me, I will honor", saith the Lord.

NOW IS THE TIME!

NOW IS THE TIME to make your reservation and send your $1 remittance to the undersigned for St. Stephen's Church Men's Dinner, Tuesday evening, October 9th, at 6:30 o'clock in the Community House (rear of Church).

THIS IS ALSO THE TIME to prepare for a most unusual experience! After the dinner, which we know you will declare is really good, we have arranged for Mr. Loring Dam, Promotion Chairman of the Bryan Green Mission Committee, to speak to you and then conduct a period of "Questions and Answers"; an event you just can not afford to miss, because of the unusual ability of this inspired layman.

Please remember, we can not accept reservations after October 1st, so will you kindly communicate with me promptly?

Wilson Leithead
Chairman Men's Educational Program
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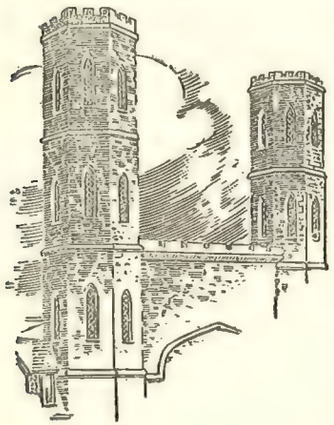
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chanson" ..... *Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*
ANTHEM—"Fierce Was The Wild Billow" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
SERMON—"Little Anchors" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 565 ..... *Fortitude*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 563 ..... *St. Dunstan*

The Flowers on the Altar today are in memory of Miss Anna Eisenbrey.

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others).

Opening Prayer:

Grant, we beseech Thee, O merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Galesian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 10: 16-31

The Sermon:

We are living in a world of warring ideals, cold war one day, a shooting war the next, peace talks one day and flying missions and hand-to-hand combat in Korea the next day. Uncertainty disturbs the routine of daily living, as people ask themselves, "What lies ahead?"

In times like these one must find something steady, some unshakable foundation. The glory of the Christian faith is that is gives this solid, quiet confidence. In the most perilous days, a Christian can pray, "O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee"; and then go about his daily business usefully. The person who trusts God cannot look into a crystal ball, and know what is going to take place. But he can look into the unknown future, and traveling with God, can march confidently. For Jesus taught us that each of us is precious to God, and that we can be sure of His wide and loving guidance through all storms. God keeps track of the least sparrow in the world—and surely we are worth more than a barn-yard sparrow!

Remember, He can protect *only* those who are willing to be guided by Him. Remember, His "protection" does not mean having all bruises and wounds warded off—for He bade His own Son to go straight to a Cross on Calvary. It does mean that all who are surrendered to His guiding, pass through all Calvarys to the final victory.

These God-guided people, seeking first of all to please God, also find deep peace in the midst of life's struggle. The novelist, A. J. Cronin, tells of a district nurse he knew when he began practice as a young doctor. "She was a plain, middle-aged woman of about fifty, with a solid figure and a lined face...When a difficult case cropped up, my inexperience found reassurance in her presence...For nearly twenty years she had nursed single-handed, in this district. The work was dreadfully hard, a ten-mile round, a never-ending day. Often I marveled at her fortitude and patience, her calmness and cheerfulness...She was never too busy to speak a word of sympathy, nor too tired at night to rise for an urgent call...Of course, though much beloved by the people, her salary was most inadequate, and late one night, after a particularly trying case, I ventured to protest to her as we drank a cup of tea together, 'Nurse,' I said, 'Why don't you make them pay you more?'...She raised her eyebrows slightly, but she smiled, 'I have enough to get along.' 'No,' I persisted, 'You ought to have an extra pound a week at least. God knows you're worth it.' There was a pause. Her smile remained, but her gaze held an intensity that startled me. 'Doctor,' she said, 'If God knows I'm worth it, that's all that matters to me.' I realized that her whole existence, in its service and self-sacrifice was a dedication, a perpetual testimony to her belief in God." People like that can live triumphantly in any day, through sunshine or storm, with God as their Protector!

Closing Prayer:

O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without Whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)

DIOCESAN ADVANCEMENT FUND

The Rector has received a letter from Mr. Daniel A. Newhall, Chairman of the Diocesan Advancement Fund, advising him of the progress of the Fund to date. A little over $300,000.00 has been received to date toward the goal of $400,000.00. One hundred and nine Parishes have reported out of a total of one hundred and ninety-two.

Mr. Newhall congratulates St. Stephen's Church for the leading role it played in the campaign. "Your church is one of the eight Parishes which to date have contributed more than their quota. This is an outstanding job and should be an inspiration to the rest of the one hundred and ninety-two Parishes in the Diocese."

USED CLOTHING

St. Stephen's Church is asking her members to bring to the Parish House good, used clothing for war-torn Korea's stark need. This will be sent October 8th to the collection agency, Windsor, Maryland, where it will go direct to Korea.

TWO-STORY RELIGION

The Rev. Dr. Theodore Wedel, Warden of the College of Preachers, in an eloquent, but thoroughly practical article entitled "The Church's Teachings", decries the prevalence of Christian illiteracy in our Church and warns against the infiltration of a "one-story religion", a modern deifying of man with the corresponding exclusion of Almighty God.

It is no secret that many educated members know little or nothing of the "faith and practice" of the Episcopal Church, and to give our Men's Educational Group, not only an informative talk, but what is equally important, a challenging spiritual experience, we have secured Mr. Loring Dam, outstanding lay speaker, to talk after the Men's Dinner to be held on Tuesday evening, October 9th, at 6:30 o'clock in our Community House (rear of Church).

There will be a charge of $1.00 for the dinner and you are requested to send your reservation, together with your remittance, by October 1st, to the undersigned

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MAKE IT MR. MECKLING'S LUCKY NUMBER!

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"STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES"

We intend the church here to be a friendly church and not permit strangers to remain so for long, so please make yourselves known to your church neighbors after church service. It would help the Rector be efficient if new folk would hand him their name and address written on the card found in the pews so you may receive parish information and be properly welcomed.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

With this issue of the *Bulletin* comes the annual appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year, the Benevolent Society sent two thousand pieces of sewing to Jefferson, Presbyterian, Women's and Germantown hospitals. The material for these garments are supplied by the hospitals and the Benevolent Society pays women to sew these articles in their homes. These needy women were paid $356.87 for this vast amount of sewing this past year.

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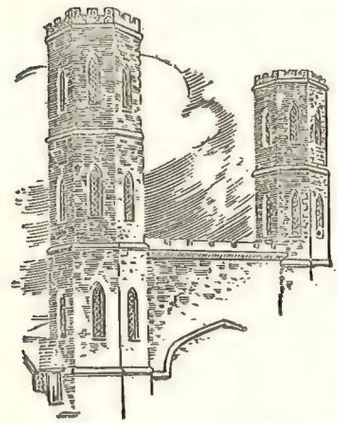
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" ..... *Webbe*
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
SERMON—"Mountain-Top Glory" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 119 ..... *Wareham*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 352 ..... *Diadem ata*

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OUR MISTAKE!

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others).

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Whose glory the heavens are telling, the earth His power, and the sea His might, and Whose greatness all feeling and thinking creatures everywhere herald; to Thee belong glory, honor, might, greatness, and magnificence, now and forever, to the ages of ages, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Liturgy of St. James, Second Century*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 22: 47-54

The Sermon:

Jesus would have us all be "Lambs among wolves." Being gentle in a world of violence is certainly a difficult course to follow. Jesus did not find it easy, Himself. There is also "one last objection"...that *it is not practical* for us to behave in that way. We admit that the ideal of Christianity is a good ideal, and we wish it could be practiced, but we know in the world as it is, the ideal will never be practiced... we say that it will never work. And when people say that, they are usually people who have not worked very hard on the ideal...what they really mean is, I think, is "I'm not willing to work on this ideal very hard, to pay it's price..." and as we look at the world today it is a question as to how well another way works. We have been following another way for a long time, and we have been left in a world that is now plundered of its soul.

We might think of it in this way. Imagine a safe that no one can open. One man comes; he is a proud man, he knows his power; he sees that the safe has not been opened. He says, "I will open the safe." He produces a stick of dynamite and he blows it open. In the process he destroys the safe. Another man comes, and he says quietly, "There seems to be some trouble in opening this safe. If we find the right combination and have patience enough to work it out, it will open of its own accord." He kneels down, so to speak, and as he turns the knobs round and round, patiently co-operating with the laws of God (not to blow the safe open, but to *let* it open); as he turns those knobs, gently, kneeling like a child before the facts of life, he finally comes to the point where the tumblers fall and the safe opens. The lamb in that case did what no wolf could ever do.

We have been trying to blow the world open...It has not worked. Perhaps the other way might work, the patient co-operation with the laws of God which are the laws of Love...So I send you out with the sobering thought that you are sent out into the world...to be a lamb among wolves. You are asked to be gentle even when people are brutal to you; to be forgiving even when people refuse to forgive you; to be generous even when people are stingy and small; to be loving, even when all the hatred of the world seems to descend upon you. Start at your own dinner table today.

There can be a new world if Christian people decide to take Jesus Christ seriously, daring to believe that He alone knows the laws of God, that only His way is practical. I believe that if you will follow Him yourself with a fresh, complete trust, believing that He *knows*, your own world will take on a new glory. Try it eagerly for a few months—then let me know what happened!

Closing Prayer:

O Lord, Whose way is perfect, help us, we pray Thee, always to trust in Thy goodness; that, walking with Thee and following Thee in all simplicity, we may possess quiet and contented minds and may cast all our care on Thee, for Thou carest for us. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christina G. Rossetti, 1830 A. D.)

OUTSTANDING LAYMAN TO SPEAK TO MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group of St. Stephen's Church, as part of our regular educational program, has arranged a Fall Dinner to be held in the Community House (rear of Church) on Tuesday evening, October 9th, at 6:30 o'clock.

For the evening's entertainment we have been fost fortunate in securing as a speaker Mr. Loring Dam, one of the Diocese's outstanding laymen, who currently holds the Promotion Chairmanship of the Bryan Green Mission Committee, and who is literally on fire with the spirit of this mighty evangelical project that is coming to Philadelphia in December.

Here is an opporunity for you men of our parish to enjoy a really good meal and in addition, to profit from the spiritual inspiration of this dynamic lay speaker, who has agreed to conduct a "Question and Answer" period after his talk.

There will be a charge of $1.00 for the dinner and you are requested to send your reservation, together with your remittance, by October 1st, to the undersigned.

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PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

The forty members of our Prayer Fellowship will have their Corporate Communion at the 9:00 A. M. Service, September 16th.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL AUTUMN BAZAAR

Circle the date of Thursday, September 27th, on your calendar! It is the Annual Bazaar of the Congregation of the Hard of Hearing. It will be held in the Community House, 924 Ludlow Street from 10:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M.

A Platter Dinner will be served 12:00 Noon to 7:30 P. M. and the cost is $1.00.

Bring the whole family. Cakes and Candies—Aprons—Tot Shop—Novelties—Jams and Jellies—Parcel Post—Handkerchiefs.

Gratefully we acknowledge the following *Church Bulletin* subscriptions: Mrs. Arthur Schmidt, Lenore K. Schmidt, an anonymous subscription, Mr. Walter Steele.

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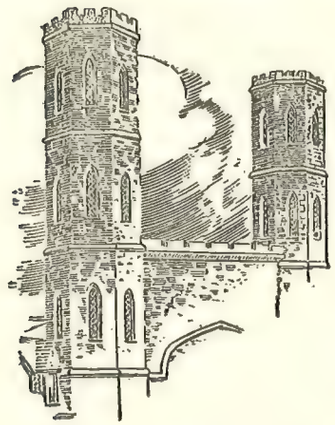
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 .....*Christe-Sanctorium*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
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ANTHEM—"Let All The World In Every Corner Sing".....*Thiman*

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My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing
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The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part. Amen.

SERMON—"The Church and the City".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 .....*Aurelia*
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SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 384 .....*Regent Square*

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Bible Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

The Sermon:

The story of the Tower of Babel sticks in one's memory. It may have been many a century ago, but those people were very modern in spirit. They said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city with a tower whose top shall reach the heavens, thus making a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered over the earth." They started out to build themselves an outstanding city. But their ruling purpose was to make themselves famous. It was as if they said, "Come, let us save ourselves...let us show God that we can get along nicely without Him." They left God out. And they then began to disagree, they broke off into groups and bickered, until no one could understand what the other wanted. "So the Lord scattered them abroad." That is what always happens, sooner or later, if people leave God out.

This must be our supreme concern in these perilous days—*to let God in*: into our thinking, our planning, our dreaming, our struggling. In the long run, if we leave God out, all our sweat and travail will be for nothing. For God reigns, no matter how much noise we make. In the end, God's will is going to be done. Our concern must be to be guided by God; or we may be ruled by tyrants. Our need is to seek God's will, in our homes, and across the world—for only as we go with God, can we go toward ultimate victory.

Never have you seen a home that was truly founded on God that ended in shipwreck. Never have you seen a nation honestly seek to serve God that did not leave a name memorable for its achievements. After all, it is towering men like Abraham Lincoln who made it their habit to get down on their knees most humbly, to ask God the way through the swirling clouds of turmoil and passion. It is only God-guided people who find their way through Calvary to Easter.

A. J. Cronin tells a story of his young days as a physician who had not yet found his faith in God. "Never shall I forget that occasion when, at the colliery, a heavy explosion of black damp gas entombed fourteen miners. For five days the men remained buried, while the village prayed. Then, as rescuers hacked their way underground, they heard faintly, from deep in the collapsed workings, the strains of singing. It was the hymn, "O God our help in ages past." Thus had the entombed men chosen to keep their courage high. And when they were brought out, weak but unharmed, the great crowd gathered in the pit-yard took up the hymn which, sung by a thousand voices, echoed joyfully in the narrow valley, and rose above the encircling hills. As I came to the surface with the liberated men, this great volume of sound caught me like a tidal wave—as a demonstration of human faith, it was moving beyond words...looking back now, I knew it left its mark on me."

Closing Prayer:

Serene Son of God, Whose will subdued the troubled waters and laid to rest the fears of men: Let Thy majesty master us, Thy power of calm control us; that for our fears we may have faith, and for our disquietude perfect trust in Thee; Who dost live and govern all things, world without end. Amen.

(*John Wallace Suter*).

WELCOME

St. Stephen's Church extends a cordial welcome to all who care to make this their church home. It stands for a simple presentation of the Gospel, a reverent type of service and a broad fellowship. While it is an old church, filled with the atmosphere of romance, it is forward-looking—the Church School specializes in the education of children, the services and activities are most diversified and you should find no difficulty in finding your place in the total program.

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For your own convenience and for the guidance of the Clergy and Officials may we urge you to make use of the small cards that will always be found in the pews or on the tables in the vestibule? Fill in your requirements and place the card on the offertory plate. Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR MEAL TIME

A young doctor of Harrisburg who is struggling for the restoration of his own health and who comes to our Thursday services every other week has given us the following two brief prayers for use at meal time. We suggest that you clip these and pin them in your Bible or Prayer Book. Perhaps you will want to write some of your own. Gratitude is one of the real elements in the building of bodily as well as spiritual strength.

1. Kind Heavenly Father, we ask Thee to bless this food for which we thank Thee. Bless all the kind hands that have prepared it for our use. May it give us health and strength that we may live according to Thy Will. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

2. Dear Father, I put my trust in Thee, asking Thee to control every organ and every cell in my body. May they function normally and correctly to digest this food, converting it into Health, Strength, Vitality and Resistance. I thank Thee and ask these in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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"To continue Christ's faithful servant"

June 10 Mary Evelyn Schmidt
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"Those whom God hath joined together"

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"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service in Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

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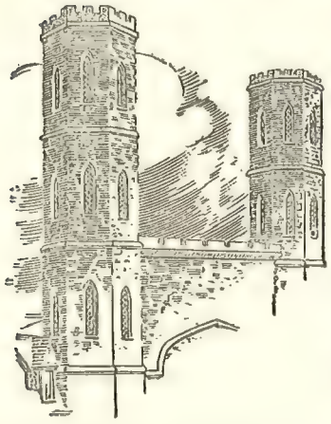
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Lento" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo (From Messiah) "Come Unto Me" ..... *Handel*

Come unto Him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

SERMON—"The Gospel of Work" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 576 ..... *Ora Labora*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Hodges*
HYMN IN PLACE OF GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, 343 ..... *Gerontius*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY
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We welcome into our Communicant Membership Mrs. Helen A. Street, 5819 Thomas Avenue, Philadelphia, who received the Rite of Confirmation, administered in the Bishop's Chapel in the Church House, by the Rt. Rev. William Payne Roberts, D.D., at 4:00 P. M., Monday, June 18, 1951.

We acknowledge with much appreciation the *Church Bulletin* subscriptions of Mrs. Lorraine F. Lloyd, Mrs. Elizabeth N. Holst.

HOME PRAYERS

(*Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others*).
Opening *Prayer*:

O Heavenly Father, we pray Thee to send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the Spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen. (*This Day*)

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy, Chapter 34.

The Sermon:

One of the most puzzling incidents in the Bible is the death of Moses. He was a great leader who dared to take his people out of the safety of Egypt into the perilous, disheartening years in the wilderness. He had dreamed of the Promised Land God has in store for him. But Moses, himself, only got as far as Mount Nebo. A modern prophet points out: "Moses did not reach the Promised Land. Granted. But in reaching for it, the Promised Land reached him...in striving for his goal, he became one of those points in history where life breaks through...the fulfillment of Moses was in the pursuit, not in the settlement of the Promised Land."

God never intended any man or woman to settle down to relaxed living in a comfortable Egypt. Quiet moments of relaxation God does intend for us, as He did for His Son on the still slopes of a mountainside. But those moments of setting aside our loads are intended to strengthen us for the onward march, the unending advance. God never meant any one of us to "retire" from learning new truth, seeing new beauties. Jesus was patiently leading His plodding disciples when He said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." So He promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit that they might go on learning as long as they breathed.

Mr. Smedley, on the other hand, had narrowed down his life to a careful interest in stocks and bonds. A man of considerable talents, he wanted to live along comfortably without any struggle of mind or soul, keeping an eye on investments. One evening when he was alone in his study, he dozed in his chair, but suddenly was awakened by the entrance of an unbidden guest. At first, Mr. Smedley was irritated, but the stranger was so kind and entertaining that Mr. Smedley forgot his irritation. The guest spoke of many things that Mr. Smedley had eagerly thought of as a youth, such as art, and literature, and philosophy, and music. In fact, Mr. Smedley had once dreamed of planning his life into these great channels. As the evening wore on, the guest spoke of Mr. Smedley's famous book which had captured the imagination of the public, and run into many editions. Mr. Smedley protested that he had never written such a book, but after his guest had described it in detail, it seemed familiar to him. Presently his guest seated himself at the piano, and played what he said was one of Mr. Smedley's famous compositions. Again, Mr. Smedley had difficulty in remembering the music, but soon he seemed to recognize it faintly. The guest then spoke of the strikingly beautiful pictures Mr. Smedley had painted, and once more, after puzzled moments, Mr. Smedley seemed to recall them. As the guest rose to leave, Mr. Smedley expressed his delight over a most unusual evening, and then, much embarrassed, asked "But who *are* you?" The guest replied, with a glance that seemed to penetrate Mr. Smedley's soul, "I am the man you might have been."

The fulfillment of every man's destiny is to resist "settling" in some comfortable Egypt and to press on, year after year, toward the Promised Land.

Closing Prayer:

O Christ, our only Saviour, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, the fire of inspiration in our lives; Thy word on our tongues, and Thy love in our hearts. Amen.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES

The first six months of 1951 reveals a fine response to our week-day services. From January to July 955 attended the Tuesday services; 792 attended the Wednesday services; 4,847 attended the Thursday Healing services, and 953 attended the Friday Communion services. This total of 7,547 does not include the Lenten Noon-Day services which totaled 16,728.

The Healing Services show a most encouraging growth. Each year is greater than the previous one. 1951 is within 2,653 of the 7,500 of 1950, with four months to go.

The schedule for the Noon-Day services is enclosed herewith showing the sermon topics for September and October. If you are a shopper or work down-town, it will pay you to join the mid-city business crowd whose lunch-hour by-word is becoming "Meet me at St. Stephen's, 12:30!"

The Rector has been elected to membership in the Welsh Society of Philadelphia, the oldest society in our city.

PREACHING MISSION

The matter of greatest importance to us as a Diocese is the preaching Mission planned for December 2nd to 11th. It will be held in Convention Hall, and it is confidently expected that 12,000 persons will be present each night. The Reverend Bryan Green, a Priest of the Church of England, will be the missioner.

Similar missions have been held in Boston, New York, and Washington. Each was very successful. Nominal Christians were inspired to zealous discipleship. Indifferent persons were won to the Church; all who attended were moved to deeper consecration.

The Mission will be conducted in a manner that you as Episcopalians would expect of your Church. A noted Lutheran clergyman having attended the services in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City remarked that in his opinion only the Episcopal Church should hold such affairs. There was nothing sensational, no attempt to do anything to violate one's sense of dignity, every statement and appeal was just, and conformable to the teachings of Our Lord.

The responsibility for the success of the mission is yours and mine. We must pray for it, and for the missioner. We must plan to attend. What is more important we must plan to take someone with us: a member of our family, a friend, anyone who knows not a saving faith in Our Lord.

Let us begin now. Consider the person or persons you are going to invite. Pray for them. God will open a way for you to be his emissary in this work of winning His children back to Him.

Incidentally, we are asking all organizations to cancel their meetings during that period. We intend that the members of the organizations will use the night to attend the mission.

PRAY DAILY FOR THE MISSION

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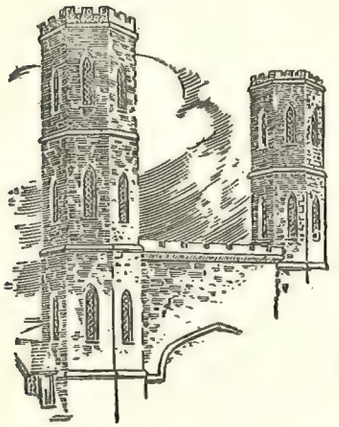
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153 ..... *Ratisbon*

VENTE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

BENEDICTUS es Domine, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*

ANTHEM—"Bless the Lord, O My Soul" ..... *Ivanof*
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits; Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness; He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

SERMON—"Midsummer Magic" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 542 ..... *Duke Street*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

RECESSIONAL HYMN 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*

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LAST ISSUE

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Your kind interest in the paper is deeply appreciated. However high or low its literary quality and its value may appear to be, the paper does serve to unite those who are interested in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, and the things for which it stands. Naturally the time available for its writing and editing by a busy parish minister is extremely limited. Yet many of you have from time to time been gracious enough to say that it meets a real need. Because of your kind acceptance the paper continues from year to year. We say good-bye for the present and will be with you again on the first Sunday in September.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

During July and August there will be three services in St. Stephen's Church, every Sunday at 9:00 A. M., 11:00 A. M., and 7:30 P. M. The Rector will preach Sunday mornings during July. The Rev. Dr. Percy R. Stockman, Superintendent of the Seamen's Church Institute will preach Sunday mornings in August.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315 ..... *Kremser*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 86, page 447
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Matthews*
SERMON—"What It Boils Down To!" ..... THE RECTOR
ANTHEM—"Hide Me Under The Shadow Of Thy Wings" ..... *J. E. West*

Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings,
O Lord, and give Thine angels charge concerning me;
That I may lie down in peace and take my rest,
For it is Thou Lord that makest me to dwell in safety.

OFFERTORY HYMN 309 ..... *Creation*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
RECESSIONAL HYMN 270 ..... *St. Athanasius*

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Our hearty congratulations to David L. German, Jr., who was graduated with high honors from Johns Hopkins University on June 12th. David's name appeared in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1951." He is a member of the National Honorary Fraternity ODK based on his high standards in character, leadership and academic accomplishments. David was a former Crucifer of St. Stephen's Church.

DIOCESAN ADVANCEMENT FUND

Once again our Parish has proven its willingness to respond eagerly and generously to worthy causes outside the Parish, and three very important diocesan projects will be helped by our response; a fund for establishing new places of worship in the Diocese; a dormitory and class rooms for the Philadelphia Divinity School; and a Diocesan Conference Center.

Yes, we have reached the very high quota assigned to St. Stephen's Church, namely $6,000.00. In fact we have gone over that sum by seventy dollars. Hearty congratulations to everyone who has a share in this important project. We are gratified to the Congregation of the Hard of Hearing for their generous gift of $140.00.

The Rector celebrated his 25th Class Reunion at the University of Pennsylvania on June 16th.

The *Pathfinder* News Magazine of June 13th carries a featured article under the Department of Religion about St. Stephen's Church.

We acknowledge with much appreciation the *Church Bulletin* subscriptions of Miss Mary L. Kellum, and Mr. Wayne R. Henry.

The Annual Commencement or "Burd Day" will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at 2:30 P. M. The Burd School is at 4226 Baltimore Avenue. Members of the congregation and their friends are cordially invited.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others)

Opening Prayer:

O Thou Who makest the stars and turnest the shadow of death into the morning, we render Thee, the tribute of our praise for this new day, the everlasting hopes that rise within the human heart, and for the Gospel which has brought life and immortality to light. Amen. (*The Grey Book*).

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 26:38-46; St. Luke 22:39-46.

The Sermon:

People ask, in painful anxiety, "Why doesn't God answer my prayer?" You sit by a sick-bed where a great-grandmother, nearing ninety, is desperately ill. She looks up eagerly and prays to God that He will take her home to Him. She has lived her life, and is heavy with years and wants to move on out of this world. Then, to her sharp disappointment, she recovers, to live a while with limited strength and limited enjoyment. You cannot blame her if she feels that God has not answered her prayer.

God always answers every prayer—in one of four ways—"Yes", "No", "Wait", or "Here is something better." I believe that God's answer to the great-grandmother was "Wait". It was not the answer she wanted, and I do not pretend to know why God answered in that way so unsatisfactory to her. I think that we can only accept His answer, trusting that there is a wiser purpose in it than our dim human wits can grasp.

After all, God said "No" to His own Son in the Garden of Gesthemane. Jesus there besought His Father to postpone Calvary, to let Him have a little more time with the earnest, slow-learning disciples. And God said "No!" Even after this refusal Jesus pleaded again that the bitter cup might be set aside for a time, but God said "No" once more. A third time, in such an agony of spirit that the sweat poured from His forehead, He prayed passionately for more time, and God still said, "No!" Jesus accepted that unwelcome "No" and turned to meet His betrayer.

Looking back over the centuries we now can clearly see God's purpose in refusing His Son's request. The lonely Cross was the dark and necessary way-station on the road to the glorious light of Easter Day. Only on Calvary could Love show itself stronger than hate, could the love of God for man be shown in its fullness. God says "No" sometimes because only the bitter cup leads us into His triumphant way. He says "Wait" sometimes, because He needs us for His plans, right where we are a bit longer. Do not forget how often He says "Yes"!—as often as we pray for what fits into His wise purposes.

When God answers "Wait" to your prayers there is a very good reason to this kindly answer. So many of us are like children who want a stick of candy even though a meal is spread out before us.

Columbus set out to find a shorter route to India. No doubht he prayed that he might find that route. God did not answer that prayer, but He did answer it with something bigger and better. He put the name of Columbus among the immortals, for Columbus discovered America instead of the trade route.

What Pasteur, the great French scientist, started out to find was to help the cattle growers of his district cure disease among their cattle. What he *did* discover was the cure for that dread dog-madness disease—rabies!

So many times, men have prayed for one thing only to be given a far, far greater thing by an All-Wise Father. That is why you should not be disappointed that God does not always give you the exact thing you ask for. So often it is because your wishes were for so much smaller and poorer things than God has in store for you.

The praying Christian who is willing to accept "Yes" or "No", or "Wait", or "Here is something better." from God is a person with deep, unshakable peace of heart. His may be a small life, perhaps, but one through which God's purposes are fulfilled. A life which can say with quiet content, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything; but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

Closing Prayer:

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon us, and upon all our work and worship done in His Name. May He give us light to guide us, courage to support us, and love to unite us, now and forevermore. Amen. (*The American Grey Book*)

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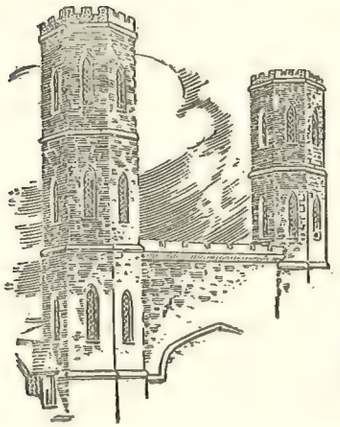
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 394 ..... *St. Asaph*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 50, page 401
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Ward*
ANTHEM—"Let All The World In Every Corner Sing" ..... *Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part. Amen.

SERMON—"Why People Go To Church" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 568 ..... *Hermas*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by the Mothers' Meeting in memory of the members who died during the past year.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS

Mrs. Fred Schmid, Sr., President of the King's Daughters, has received a lovely plaque commemorating the fact that St. Stephen's Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters has had fifty-three years of continuous service.

St. Stephen's Circle has four of the original or charter members still active—Miss Bertha Walsh, Mrs. George Townsley, Mrs. Lottie Guenther and Miss Nellie Miller.

Hearty congratulations to this splendid organization!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

The Annual Picnic will be held June 16th at MENLO PARK, Perkasie. Buses will leave the Church and the Burd School at 9:00 A. M. Adults $1.00. Children free. Notify the church office if you plan to go.

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THURSDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Many years ago when we moved east from Colorado and took up our abode in a Philadelphia suburb, I was initiated into that unique custom known only to Philadelphians, namely, "meet me at The Eagle." Since I had never heard of The Eagle nor been inside of the Wanamaker emporium, I was a bit mystified when my new friend said ever so casually, "we'll meet at The Eagle." I walked up and down and around outside studying the various gargoyles and wondering how I would ever connect up with my friend. It was quite by accident that I learned about The Eagle safely inside with its more than five thousand feathers. Since then, the spot has become hallowed for more reasons than one. Many friends I have met there, and loved ones, and nice strangers. I have worshipped with the organ, the carols and beneath the great Muncascy Canvasses and watched breathless as a women knelt in prayer on the floor of the great Concourse, beneath the Crucifixion scene.

Years later I was to find another singular meeting-place, three blocks distant. Hundreds of times I have travelled the space between the two great monuments; two great dreams founded in Christian faith and have found the place in Tenth Street to be a continuation or a stepping up of consciousness of all things fundamentally good and true and sound. "Meet me at The Eagle" has its spiritual counterpart in St. Stephen's; but particularly on Thursdays.

A lady stopped by to tell me the following incident. "I was at lunch one day when the lady across my table finally got up courage to ask me why she felt that she knew me, for 'your face is so familiar... where could I have met you?' Perhaps it would be Horn and Hardart's, for I eat there frequently. 'No it doesn't seem to me to be H and H. Tell me, do you by any chance ever go to St. Stephen's church?' Oh, yes, I *do* go there! They were friends at once, needing no further introduction."

The same lady stood on the island waiting for her trolley and overheard a really glowing conversation taking place between two strangers. It was all about "Old St. Stephen's and the privilege of worship there; the far reaching impact of the Healing Mission..." and although my lady did not join in, she gloried in the good talk until her trolley bore her away. Said she, "everywhere I go in the city, it reaches me, this mention of St. Stephen's and the magnificent work being done during the week.

There is never a Thursday but that the vestibule is dotted with folks waiting for friends or loved ones who have been told to "meet me at St. Stephen's"; and one lady said, "I arrange all of my shopping around the services in St. Stephen's." Messages or instructions are left at the book-tables.

The Book Lady is here at all hours of a day or evening and knows that many have heard a silent invitation to "meet Me; at St. Stephen's." Hundreds of people are accepting, in an unending stream of worship. There is one who enters with a firm, light tread and sings her way to the Altar where she kneels in prayer. And always in the dim background are one or two of the lonely—very-old, who doze off in the security they feel in the pervading Peace. Perhaps the Valley of the Shadow seems more kindly here...or perhaps further away. But however they come, young and old; strong and weak; expressive or silent they form an unending procession. It is not by accident but by design, that they come all through the week to weave a pattern of creative Devotion into the necessity of mundane living.

Mayhap *you* have an appointment soon, say on a Thursday morning to meet a friend "at The Eagle" May we entreat you to adventure a bit and walk three blocks to a Rendezvous in Tenth Street? Keep a spiritual Tryst of the most vibrant sort; a revitalizing friendship with Jesus. Come along and "meet Him at St. Stephen's," particularly on Thursdays.

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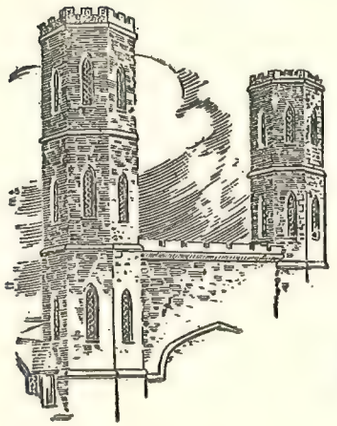
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

KYRIE ..... *Willan*

ANTHEM—"Blessed are the pure in heart" ..... *Keble*

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

He to the lowly soul
Doth still himself impart;
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King:

Lord, we thy presence seek:
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee. Amen.

SERMON—"Lead Kindly Light!" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 430 ..... *Lux Benigna*

SANCTUS ..... *Willan*

COMMUNION HYMN 208 ..... *Penitentia*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Willan*
(page 643 of hymn book)

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 587 ..... *Regent Square*

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OF INTEREST TO THE PARISH

The other day I went over the list of people confirmed during the nine years I have been Rector of St. Stephen's Church. A number of things came from this which should be of interest to all members of our Parish.

In the nine Confirmation Classes there has been a total of 177 individuals. Of this number 119 are still associated with the Parish. In other words in nine years 58 have left for other churches, mainly because of marriage or removal from the city. This is a high percentage of the total—thirty-three and one-third—of all those confirmed. It illustrates the mobility of the population, the lack of permanent roots by many people, and shows that for a church to grow through newly confirmed persons is a process with a high degree of loss.

The second fact to be seen is that of the 550 communicant members of St. Stephen's Church approximately 32% have been confirmed within the past nine years. When to this number is added the group received by Letter of Transfer from other churches, we have re-inforced the point previously made, and it further indicates why parish loyalty, church financial support, and the religious habits of people are just developing—considering the time they have been affiliated with the church, they are in the pre-adolescent stage, if one uses the analogy of the time for human development.

One must not wonder, therefore, at the immature Christian faith many people possess. The church expects of a member that he worship God every Sunday in the church, that he work and pray and give for the spread of His Kingdom. How many of these 119 recently confirmed persons are doing this? How many are growing in their spiritual life? How many are conscientiously trying to keep the vows made at Confirmation? It is no wonder that a clergyman is deeply concerned for all these committed to his care, and is troubled by the implications that come from a "stock-taking" of Confirmation Classes. He is also encouraged as he sees those for whom it has been a new life within the Christian fellowship.

Bishop Hart has written to the Rector and asked him to "Please congratulate the Vestry and congregation of St. Stephen's Church on their magnificent work for the DIOCESAN ADVANCEMENT FUND. I am very happy over the spirit of your whole congregation."

A former Burd School girl now married and living in Long Island has written to the Rector: "I have just finished reading the article in *The Witness* about St. Stephen's—and to think I was a Burd School girl raised at St. Stephen's Church and did not begin to know most of the things that appeared in that artistic place."

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's faithful servant"

April 8—Andrew Herbert
Alice Louise Herbert
James Calvert DeHart
Judith Ann DeHart
15—Walter Baxter Walker
22—Linda Reine Lake

Burials

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service in Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

May 10—Anthony Garofalo
May 19—Carroll Sarles

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household"

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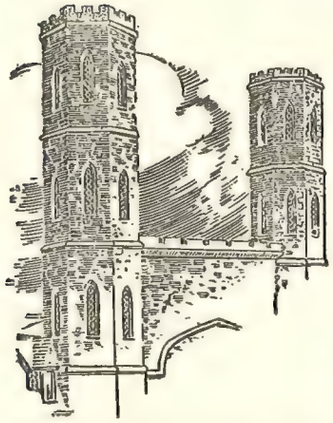
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Choral Prelude on St. Anne".....*Hyde*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143.....*National Hymn*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
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PRAYERS AND LITANY FOR OUR TIMES
ANTHEM—"Souls of the Righteous" .....THE RECTOR

Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God
Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh,
O holy hope of immortality,
Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God.

Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God.
To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die;
They are at peace, O fairest liberty,
Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God.

On earth as children chasten'd by Love's load,
As gold in furnace tried, so now on high
They shine like stars, a golden galaxy,
Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God.

SERMON—"Linked Lives" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 289 .....*St. Anne*
MASSING OF THE COLORS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM—"Rest In Peace" (kneeling).....*Schubert*

1. Rest in peace, O Souls Immortal,
   Who have passed on through Death's portal,
   Out of this world's care and strife,
   Into heaven's all glorious life.
   Sleep with God, O faithful hearted,
   Rest in peace, O Souls departed.
2. All earth's strivings now are stilled,
   All earth's longings now fulfilled
   In His heaven's prepared place,
   Ye who see Him face to face
   In the Father's love approved,
   Rest in peace, O souls beloved.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 .....*St. Gertrude*

We extend a hearty welcome to the Veterans' Organizations that are present this morning: The Gold Star Mothers, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.

The Rector will participate in the Annual Memorial Service of the All Marine Post of the American Legion on the Parkway, May 30th, at 11:00 o'clock.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Gladys Given in memory of her brother, Mr. Raymond Given; by Mrs. Lorraine Lloyd in memory of her mother, Mrs. Julia Fort Hughes, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ida May Lloyd; by Mr. and Mrs. George Rixtine in memory of their son, George; and by Mrs. J. C. Funk in memory of her husband and parents; and by Philadelphia Chapter and Unit No. 4 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, by Mrs. Reba Fryer in memory of her son, Pfc. William J. Fryer; and by the West Philadelphia Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers.

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A LITANY FOR OUR TIMES

Let us ask God to forgive us for the many ways in which we have abused His gifts, forgetting that they were entrusted to us to be used in His Name and for our fellowmen.

O God, make clean our hearts.
And renew a right spirit within us.

Our share in the sins that have brought the curse of war upon thy children.
Good Lord, forgive.

Our greed, our selfishness, our indifference to the welfare of others.
Good Lord, forgive.

Our pride of class, or nation, or race.
Good Lord, forgive.

Our ruthless competition, our readiness to exploit our fellows.
Good Lord, forgive.

Remember not O Lord the offences of thy people; deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our wickedness.
Spare us, Father of mercies.

From blindness of heart, from love of ease, from contentment with present conditions, from presumptuous sins, from pride of possession, from vainglorious boastings, from national hypocrisies.
Save thy people, Lord.

From the covetousness which is idolatry, from hard bargaining, and ruthless competition, from all service of mammon and the worship of wealth.
Save thy people, Lord.

From class warfare and class hatred, from racial antagonisms, from the spirit of party, from the seeking of sectional advantage and forgetfulness of the general good.
Save thy people, Lord.

From these and all causes which tend to breed war and weaken the witness for peace.
Save thy people, Lord.

From failure to take account of the needs of other nations, from living unto ourselves alone, and from putting our trust in our own strength when our trust should be in thee.
Save thy people, Lord.

Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place;
And when thou hearest, forgive.

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to give to all nations equal justice under law.
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That the leaders of all peoples, wise and incorruptible, fearing only thee, may at last face one another with candor, as fellow-citizens of thy world, and by thy grace build an earthwide order acknowledging thee as Lord.
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people and nations new understanding and wisdom to discern the true issues of the present conflict.
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That it may please thee to grant unto our President, Cabinet and Congress such a high regard for their duty to thee and their fellow men that they may lay aside all selfishness, political ambitions, and discord and serve our nation in singleness of heart with unswerving devotion.
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That it may please thee to guide all those to whom thou hast committed leadership in the counsels and decisions of the United Nations. May each member be conscious of his responsibility for building a new world in which justice shall be assured for all and in which peace shall be enduring.
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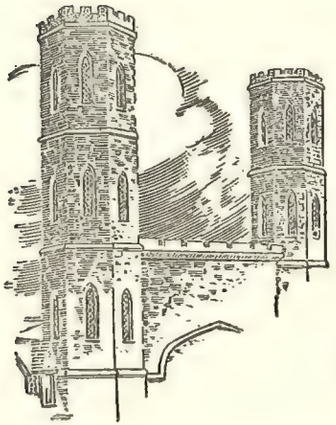
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 269 ..... *Moultrie*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy" ..... *Caesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us,
Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts,
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy; show us Thy favor;
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON—"The Whereabouts of God" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 266 ..... *Nicaea*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Regent Square*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others)

Opening Prayer:

Almighty and Everlasting God, be Thou present in our worship, and grant the protection of Thy Presence to all who dwell within this house; that Thou mayest be known to be the Defender of Thy family, and the Inhabitant of this dwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Galasian Sacramentary*)

Bible Reading: St. James V:7-11

The Sermon:

It takes patience to learn something of what God is like. It took long centuries for men to work out the great Christian Doctrine of the Trinity—that we small human beings discover God as the Father, the Maker, in the world of nature that He created; that we discover His character in the life of His Son, Jesus Christ, the down-to-earth God, clothed in human flesh, that we further discover His power as Holy Spirit, God working within each of our lives, in our hearts, our consciences, our best selves. Each has to find out this Truth for himself, by long and enduring patience.

"Be patient, then, brothers, until the arrival of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious crop of the land, biding his time patiently until he gets the autumn and spring rain; having patience yourselves, strengthen your hearts..." So a modern translator gives us that seventh verse of the fifth chapter of St. James. Everyone who has lived on a farm or raised vegetables in war-time, will understand those words. We are patient for a very practical reason—because it is worthwhile! Only through real patience, and careful tending, can we hope for a good yield. It is worthwhile to be patient.

The same is true of the art of living. Only by enduring patience can we make a difference in the lives of others. Only by enduring patience can we lead our children into the kind of life that is worth living forever. The father of John Wesley once said to Mrs. Wesley, "How could you have the patience to tell that block-head the same thing twenty times over?" "If I have told him nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor," was the quiet reply. Had John Wesley been left in the hands of his impatient father, we might have had no powerful ambassador of Christ. But, because he had a patient mother, he learned God's secrets at last; and his whole life lay under the command of His Master, Who used it with contagious power. It is worthwhile to be patient.

We sometimes wonder how God can be so patient with his perverse and thick-headed children. Robert Ingersoll, the cocky lecturer of the last century, once took out his watch, laid it on the lecture desk, saying "I'll give God five minutes to strike me dead for the things I've said." In dramatic silence, he waited until the watch ticked off the five minutes, while his audience sat in terrified suspense. The newspapers gave the incident big headlines. But one thoughtful citizen commented, rather dryly, "Did he think he could exhaust the patience of God in five minutes?" God is long-suffering with each of us, and with His whole family. And God is All-Wise—*He would not be patient unless patience were the way of wisdom.* God leads the way in showing us that it is everlastingly worthwhile to be patient, as we live, and learn of Him.

Closing Prayer:

The things we pray for, good Lord, give us grace and patience to labor for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Church Service League Prayers*)

"PLAY THE GAME"

Dr. Matthews in a new role! Philadelphia Premiere Performance of "Play The Game"—an operetta by Philip Warren Cooke and H. Alexander Matthews—to be presented Wednesday, May 23rd, at 7:00 P. M. in Wanamaker Store Auditorium under the sponsorship of The Philadelphia Music Club. Tickets $1.30 including tax. Reservations may be made through the church office.

MOTHERS' MEETING STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

and Entertainment, Thursday, May 24th, at 8:00 P. M. Circle the Date!

DIOCESAN ADVANCEMENT FUND

We are over-joyed at the prompt and generous response on the part of our membership to the Advancement Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. St. Stephen's goal of six thousand dollars is now within reach. The total of pledges and gifts to date is $5,100.00. It is our hope that everyone in the parish will have a share in this project. It is not too late to send in your gift.

OPEN HOUSE

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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11: 00 A. M.—SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. REMINGTON, D.D.

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Aria" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*
CREED AND PRAYERS
HYMN BEFORE CONFIRMATION 375 (verses 1, 2) ..... *Nova Vita*
THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION—page 296 in the Prayer Book
HYMN AFTER CONFIRMATION 375 (verses 3 and 4) ..... *Nova Vita*
ANTHEM—"God Be In My Head" ..... *Walford Davies*
God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be in mine end and at my departing.
SERMON ..... The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 409 ..... *Woodsworth*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

Please Note: There will be NO BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY.

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held in the Community House directly following the Confirmation Service. The election to the Vestry will be held. A buffet luncheon will be served and a reception to the members of the Confirmation Class and to Bishop and Mrs. Remington will follow. Plan to attend.

COMMUNICANTS' PACKET

The members of the Confirmation Class of 1951 have received a packet containing the following:

1. A copy of the Diocesan News.
2. A copy of our national missionary magazine "Forth."
3. Forward Movement Bible Readings.
4. Book of Common Prayer.
5. Confirmation Certificate.
6. "Instructions in the Life of Prayer"—The Forward Movement.
7. "Self-Examination"—The Rev. Lewis Sasse, II.
8. "The Ideal Layman"—The Rev. William Galpin.
9. "Some Common Sense Reasons Why"—The Rev. William Galpin.
10. "The Episcopal Church"—Forward Movement.
11. "The Church And Our Dead"—The Rev. Allen Brown.
12. "Why I Prefer the Episcopal Church" by a Former Methodist.
13. "The American Church of Apostolic Origin"—The Rev. William Galpin.
14. "My Own Steps Forward"—Forward Movement.
15. "The Charm of the Prayer Book"—Parish Printery.
16. "The Holy Communion"—The Rev. William Galpin.
17. "The Episcopal Church"—The Presiding Bishop's Committee.
18. "Why I Love The American Episcopal Church"—
The Rev. Francis C. Capozzi, A.M.
19. "Our Home"—Forward Movement.
20. "Why Export Christianity?"—Forward Movement.
21. "Prayer Is Power"—Alexis Carrel.
22. "Hope and Courage"—Forward Movement.
23. "After Confirmation, What?"—Bishop Thomas F. Davies.
24. "Life In The Church"—Du Bose Murphy.
25. "Before Lunch"—Richardson Wright.
26. "Before The Ending Of The Day"—Richardson Wright.
27. "The Episcopal Church"—Forward Movement.
28. "Confirmation"—Forward Movement.
29. "I Chose the Episcopal Church"—Chad Walsh.
30. "The Split between Roman Catholicism and Christ"—The Lutheran Press.
31. History of St. Stephen's Church.
32. Handbook of Activities of St. Stephen's Church.
33. Duplex Envelopes.

"MY BOUNDEN DUTY"

The annual visit of the Bishop for Confirmation is an excellent time for every confirmed member of St. Shephen's Church to renew joyfully and thankfully, the solemn promise and vow that you made, or was made in your name by your sponsors, at Holy Baptism.

I again re-affirm what I promised as my bounden duty as a Confirmed Member of the Church:

To follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour;
To pray daily;
To worship God every Sunday in His Church;
To receive regularly, with due preparation, Holy Communion;
To work and give for the spread of His Kingdom.

Sign and Place in Alms Basin at time of Offering.

CONFIRMATION
The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D.
May 6, 1951

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come unto you."

Fay, Elizabeth Rapp	Meogrossi, Carmen John
Fisher, Carolyn Ann	Orrs, Virginia Rae
Fisher, George Daniel	Redden, Eugene Edward
Groot, Margaret Ann	Riehm, John
Iacampo, Camille Patricia	Riley, Patricia May
Keller, Robert David	Silberman, Lena Augusta
Kutzer, Mary Christine	Smith, Doris Mary Catherine
Macklem, Donald Robert	Walker, Josephine Magdalene
Marion, Francis Logan	Walker, Walter Baxter

We congratulate this splendid group and welcome it wholeheartedly to the duties and privileges of our corporate life together.

We extend a warm welcome to Bishop Remington as we present to him the 1951 Confirmation Class.

We of St. Stephen's assure the Bishop of our heartfelt good wishes and God-speed as he concludes his period of great service to this Diocese and retires from his official duties to taks up residence in California. Bishop Remington is now the senior Bishop of the American Church. He has had a rich and rewarding experience as one of the Church's great missionary figures.

We express to Bishop and Mrs. Remington our utter gratitude for all they have meant to us here in St. Stephen's and to the Burd School. May God grant them both many, many more years of fruitful service.

DIOCESAN ADVANCE FUND

St. Stephen's Church is endeavoring to have a generous share in the camptign to raise $400,000.00 for three specific purposes *i.e.,* missionary work in the Diocese, the Philadelphia Divinity School and a Conference Centre.

We are proud to have Mr. I. Smith Raspin as one of the Vice-Chairmen of this great campaign and Mr. David L. German, the Chairman of the Convocation of North Philadelphia, and Mr. Wilson as our Parish Chairman.

The campaign terminates Whitsunday. St. Stephen's share is $6,000.00. We can accomplish this extremely worthwhile effort, if everyone will make a generous gift.

The Rector will speak to the students of the Episcopal Academy, Wednesday morning, May 9th.

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Holy Communion

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David L. German, Esq., Clerk of Vestry
Edward Shippen Morris, Esq., Treasurer of the Burd School
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Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
ROGATION SUNDAY
APRIL 29, 1951

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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Kyrie" ..... *Max Reger*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 139, page 514

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Ward*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"The King's Highway" ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*

1. I know not where the road will lead,
   I follow day by day;
   Or where it ends. I only know
   I walk the King's Highway.

2. I know not if the way is long,
   And no one else can say,
   But rough or smooth, uphill or down,
   I walk the King's Highway.

3. And some I love have reached the end,
   But some with me may stay,
   Their faith and hope still guiding me,
   I walk the King's Highway.

4. The way is truth, the way is Love
   For light and strength I pray,
   And through the years of life to God
   I walk the King's Highway.

5. The countless hosts lead on before
   I must not fear nor stray;
   With them, the pilgrims of all creeds,
   I walk the King's Highway.

6. Through light and dark the road leads on
   Till dawns the endless day.
   When I shall know why in this life
   I walk the King's Highway.

SERMON—"Bread To The Dogs" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 416 ..... *Beatitudo*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 433 ..... *Langran*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY
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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Almighty God, grant, we beseech Thee, that we whose trust is under the shadow of Thy wings, may, through the help of Thy power, overcome all evils which rise up against us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. John XVI: 23-28

The Sermon:

This is "Asking Sunday" (Rogation Sunday), on which, from ancient times, men have asked God's blessing on the fruits of the field. The Bible reading for that day is the one in which Jesus promises, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give you." Our prayer will be answered if we ask in Jesus' spirit, being willing first to do our part, and asking only what God can wisely give us. It would be silly, of course, to pray to God, "Oh God, you know how I hate to work—please give me a bumper crop just the same!"

The former president of the Kansas Agricultural College once was invited to speak to a gathering of Missouri farmers on soil fertility. Visiting around the community before the meeting, he made soil tests of two adjoining fields. One had been "clean-cultivated" for a generation while the other had been carefully "cover-cropped" with a green-cover crop plowed back. About one-third of the necessary richness of the first field had been exhausted. He used this field as an illustration in his talk. A sour old farmer spoke up, "I know that's my field you were talking about. You say I've used up one-third of its fertility. Well, it has lasted all my lifetime. My son can use up the second third in the next thirty years. Whoever has it after him can look out for himself." To which the speaker replied sternly, "The third that you have used up is the third that builds and maintains the homes, schools, churches, and roads of the community. The third that you say your son will use up is the third that barely sustains life. No man living knows enough to extract the last third out of the soil and stay alive in the process." Most of the farmers present could see that this man's selfishness was farming-suicide, and for the generations to come.

That farmer had missed the main point of farming—that is, if a person believes in God. For God entrusts a precious piece of land to a man, for him to tend for his lifetime; and then to hand on to others as rich or richer than he found it. He may own the land in the eyes of the law; but, before God, he is only the steward of it. He holds it in trust with the God Who made it, and for the unborn generations to come. When the farmer asks for God's blessing on the fruits of his land, he must ask it in the Name of his Master, Who taught us our simple duty of stewardship. He must ask it in the spirit that plants the cover-crop each year, and plows it back into the good earth, and fertilizes and weeds and cares for God's land. If he prays and *works* in that spirit, God will bless his land over the long years, an hundredfold.

Whether you dwell in city streets, or out in a winding country road, it is the same. Ask God for what you need. Ask it as His intelligent, obedient servant, willing to do your full share. And, as the years slip by, He will bless you unfailingly!

Closing Prayer:

O God, most merciful Father, Thou speakest through Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, saying, "Ask and it shall be given you." Give us now Thy Holy Spirit, that our hearts may be strengthened for the work of this week; through Jesus Christ. Amen. (*Father John of the Russian Church*)

CHANGE OF TIME

DAYLIGHT SAVING begins 2: 00 A. M. Sunday, April 29th. Pay back the borrowed time on Sunday, September 30th.

All members of the parish are invited to be present at the Diocesan Convention Service, Monday, April 30, in Holy Trinity Church at 8: 00 P. M., at which the speaker will be the Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, D.D., Rector of Calvary Church, New York City. The Convention begins at 4: 30 P. M. on April 30th and continues through Tuesday. The Deputies from our parish are Messrs. I. Smith Raspin, Charles K. Hay and David L. German. The Alternate Deputies are Messrs. Edward S. Morris and Wilson C. Leithead.

St. Stephen's UNITED THANK OFFERING will be presented on Sunday, April 29th at 11: 00 A. M.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Remington will visit our parish on Sunday morning, May 6th, at 11: 00 A. M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday morning at 10: 00 o'clock. At this eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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Our "Thank You" to Miss Frances Jackson for her *Church Bulletin* subscription.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361 ..... *St. James*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 107: 1-16

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 14..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

ANTHEM—"The Heavens are Telling"..... *Haydn*

The Heavens are telling the glory of God
The wonder of His work displays the firmament
To day that is coming speaks it the day,
That night that is gone to following night.

SERMON—
"Our Present Relation to Those Who Have Passed to the Life After Death"
THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 228 ..... *Hanover*

AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 301..... *Welsh Melody*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Evelyn Blackburn, and by St. Stephen's Troop No. 2 of the Boy Scouts of America, in memory of Mr. George Hoover Streaker.

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A PICTURE OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH is hanging all this week in Gimbel's Store Auditorium as part of Philadelphia Hearing Week. Under the leadership of the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling our congregation of the Hard of Hearing is taking an active part in the daily program.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Heavenly Father, we pray to send into our hearts and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. *(This Day)*

Bible Reading: St. Luke X: 1-11

The Sermon:

When Jesus sent His disciples out on first great missionary venture He said to them, "Go, then; and remember, I am sending you out to be as lambs among wolves." Today there is a great increase of violence and it is one of the most alarming features of our world today. We see it in the rising crime wave and in the preparation for war on every side. Against that background we set the words of Jesus, and He was saying to us plainly, "In a world of violence you are to be gentle: ...you are to rely on love." Jesus Himself refused to be the warlike Messiah which the people so wanted on Palm Sunday. He wants us, also, not to rely on force, but on the power of love.

But, we say, *"It is not natural* for us to behave that way!" We say "Why, we are belligerant by nature! One of the first things we learned as a child was to give back as good as we got, and it is our natural, instinctive impulse to do it... Why, you might as well expect water to run up hill!" The answer is that water does run up hill, under certain circumstances! Otherwise, the people in the top of the PSFS building would die of thirst. Do you realize that you do things every day that are unnatural? If you drive home today and stop at every traffic light as the light turns red, you are being just as unnatural as anybody could be, for your natural desire is to go where you want to go, when you want to go; and it is only when you have trained and disciplined those natural desires to obey the laws of the land that you stop at a red light. When you sit down at your dinner table and pick up a knife and fork, you are being just as unnatural as any human being could be, because the natural thing would be for you to eat with your hands...and if you go home to live with one husband or one wife, you are being altogether unnatural. Monogamy is not natural to man; polygamy is natural to him."

In other words, when we are wide awake, and sober, and thoughtful, we are not content to be "natural." We discipline ourselves to many ways of living that are better than our natural impulses. Any parent will recall that the first real struggle with each child was training them to get their natural impulses under control. Had a four-months' old baby been able to protest, "This isn't natural for me to learn such self-control," we would have smiled!

Jesus, likewise, bids you to discipline yourself in His way of mature living. He bids you to be gentle in a world of violence. That may require you to make changes in your own personal life. It may necessitate you learning a new patience and unbreakable good will which do not come naturally to you. But it is not the preacher, but the Master, Who asks you to walk through your world as "lambs among wolves."

Closing Prayer:

Almighty God, pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all who are trying to work for Thee. Take our minds and think through them; take our lips and speak through them; take our hearts and set them on fire with love for Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

of the United Thank Offering is being observed this year. From a modest start in 1889 which provided the expenses of one missionary to Japan and a small chapel in Alaska, the U.T.O. today is counted upon to support medical, educational and evangelical work throughout the United States and abroad. The U.T.O. trains young women for Church work. It sends young women to all parts of the United States and over-seas as missionaries. It provides equipment for the Church's women missionaries. It builds new buildings. It gives emergency aid to mission projects. It shares in supporting inter-denominational projects. Two million dollars was presented at the last General Convention in San Francisco. The semi-annual ingathering services of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held in Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, Thursday, May 17th, at 8: 00 P. M. with Bishop Conklin of Chicago as the Speaker.

During the year the women of St. Stephen's have put aside money at times of particular thankfulness in small blue boxes. Twice a year the contents of the boxes are removed and placed in a special blue envelope with name and address and placed in the offering plates at the morning service. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience. Please place the contribution on the plate Sunday, April 29th, or send to the church office in care of Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, our Parish U.T.O. Custodian.

The Rector will preach at the Leamy Home on Sunday, April 22nd, at 5: 00 P. M.

The Rector addressed the Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary at St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland, Penna., Monday evening, April 16th.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND CENTER

The Episcopalians are endeavoring to raise $5,000. to provide an electronic organ for the new Chapel to be erected at 10th and Spring Garden Street. The Campaign to raise $150,000. for this new Church and Center for our Chinese neighbors has been in progress for several months and approximately $85,000. is now in hand, with plans for breaking ground this spring.

St. Stephen's Girls' Friendly Society has contributed $25.00 toward this campaign and St. Stephen's Mothers' Meeting has contributed $50.00.

Here is a missionary opportunity right at our own door. The door is closed to China itself. Funds can no longer be sent to our Christian friends there. The Rector bespeaks the encouragement and co-operation of everyone that our goal of $5,000. may be reached. To date $3,200. in cash and pledges have been received. Your contribution—large or small—will be greatly appreciated.

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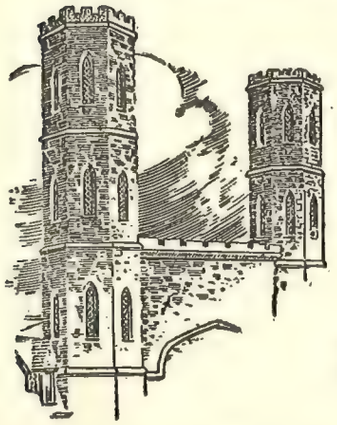
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Bergerette ..... *Mulet*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367..... *Laudes Domini*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 75, Page 431

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Ward*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"The Omnipotence" ..... *Schubert*

Great is Jehovah, The Lord, for heaven and earth testify to His great power! 'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, In the torrent's loud thundering roar; Great is Jehovah, the Lord, Mighty is His power! 'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest, seen in the waving of golden fields, In the loveliest flowers' gaudy array, 'Tis seen in myriad stars of heaven. Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll, And flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash. Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah's power, the Lord God Almighty. Look thou praying to heaven, and hope for grace and for mercy.

SERMON—"The Nature of Life After Death"..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 291..... *Mendon*

AMERICA, Presentation of the Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 599 ..... *Vigeles et Sancti*

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
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Opening Prayer:

Visit O Lord, this household with Thy mercy, and remove far from it all the snares of the enemy; let Thy Holy Presence dwell in it to preserve us in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*The Gray Book*, adapted)

Bible Reading: St. John 3: 1-16

The Sermon:

Once more the baseball season has begun. The warm sunlight pours down. Crowds cheer at the crack of the bat and groan as some famous slugger strikes out. Soon you will be reading in your daily paper a familiar story. There is a young boy, Billy X, very sick in the hospital. His friends have tried to cheer him up. Doctors and nurses have tried their best to get him on the road to recovery. But Billy lies there, listless, a very sick boy. But one day he looks up, and, right there by his bedside stands his hero, the tall baseball giant who slammed the ball over the fence while thousands cheered. Billy blinks in amazement, and comes to life. Hours later he lies there with a happy smile, clenching the autographed baseball, on the way now to health and strength. If "a great guy" like that cares enough about him to come and see him in the hospital, then that makes life look different!

A lot of people are like that sick boy, they get sunk by the struggles of life, by their own failures and sins, when the "breaks" seem to go against them, when someone dies, or illness puts them deep in debt. Is there any use in struggling, after all? Then there comes to them the great strength-giving Word that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that all that believe in Him should not perish but should have Everlasting Life." This is a down-to-earth Christ Who comes and stands by the bedside of every sick soul and offers His Infinite Power to make us new and vigorous.

What He requires of us is that we put our lives in His hands, and trust Him for the outcome. Florence Nightingale, "Angel of the Crimea", and mother of modern army nursing, on being asked to tell the secret of her success replied, "If I could tell you all you would see how God has done all, and I, nothing. I have worked hard, very hard; and I have never refused God anything." The answer God gives to all surrendered wills is the power to see it through the hard way. He saw His own Son through Calvary to Easter. He sees every one of the "blessed company of all faithful people" through the pitch-dark night into light. He is the God of our darkest hour.

Does that sound to some one like a very faint hope, pitted against our darkest hour? People have found, in real life, that God never lets a faithful disciple down—never! This faith guides through the blackest night. A minister once went from a town into the back-woods to preach; and found it necessary to return at night when it was very dark. A back-woodsman provided him with a torch of pitch-pine wood. The minister, who had never seen anything like it exclaimed, "It will soon burn out!" "It will light you home", came the confident answer. "The wind may blow it out", said the preacher. "It will light you home" again came the answer. "But what if it should rain?" "It will light you home!" And it did. The man who had walked by that light himself knew that you could depend on it. So can you count on the down-to-earth God to light your way through, and guide you home.

Closing Prayer:

Protect us, O Lord, in all changes of this mortal life, that we, surely trusting Thy never-failing Fatherly Love, may accept the issues of life in the glad service of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Gray Book*)

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

The Confirmation Instruction Class meets in the Rector's Study Sundays at 10: 00 A. M. We are always glad to welcome inquirers and those who wish to review the teachings of our Faith.

Bishop Remington will visit the Parish on Sunday morning, May 6th, at 11: 00 A. M.

THE VESTRY

The Annual Parish Meeting for the election of Vestrymen will follow the Confirmation Service on Sunday, May 6th in the Community House. The following is quoted from the Rector's Annual Report which will appear with the parish reports in the annual directory now being printed:

"Space will not permit the adequate recital of the magnificent work done by members of the Vestry in their several fields of responsibility. Remarkable progress has been made in the Burd School by the untiring efforts and inspired leadership of Mr. Edward S. Morris. The Community House program is a source of great pride due to the efficient management and leadership of Mr. Charles K. Hay. (Over fifty thousand attended the various activities in 1950). The Sunday School under the leadership of Mr. Edwin S. Heins continues to prosper. The exacting responsibilities incident to financing the total program of the Church and Burd School and caring for our trust funds is in the efficient and devoted hands of Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Thus we are able to work without anxiety, fear, or fretting. Dr. Old and Mr. Armstrong have given helpful leadership to the problem of acquiring a new organ. Mr. Lyman's interest in young people has kept alive and active one of the city's oldest Scout Troops. Mr. Hauger and his committee have kept our property in excellent condition. Mr. David L. German's report of the activities of the Vestry is worth your careful study. In Mr. Wilson C. Leithead we have a very able Chairman of Adult Education. There is no other Vestry charged with such heavy responsibilities and doing such effective service as the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church.

The flowers on the altar today are given by Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr.,—in memory of his mother, Hattie A. Lovelock.

The Rector will address the Methodist Clergy of the Philadelphia area on the subject of Spiritual Healing at the Robert Morris Hotel on April 16th.

The James Carrigan Memorial Fund has now reached the sum of $774.50. The Rector is anxious to have one thousand dollars before the fund is closed. Have you sent your gift?

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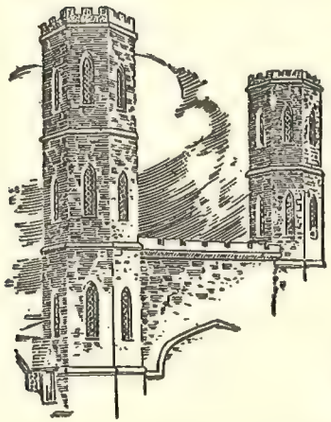
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante from Symphony C" ..... *Mozart*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Stuttgart*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Through the Dark the Dreamers Came" ..... *Mabel Daniels*

Through the dark the dreamers came, Melchoir, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame Of a star, Via, via, De profundis via.
But the way did not seem Shadowing or long It was brightened by a dream And a song. "Gloria in excelsis gloria."
It was worth the journeying To the weary end For they found their dream a King and a friend Maxima, Gloria Dei maxima!

SERMON—"Life Surrounded by God" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 46 ..... *Morning Star*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 208 ..... *Penitentis*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 49 ..... *Valour*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling in memory of his father, and by Mr. Edward J. Van Dyke in memory of his father.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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David L. German has been listed among twenty-two Johns Hopkins University students who have been selected to appear in the 1951 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Selections are based on the student's scholarship, his leadership and co-operation in educational and extracurricular activities, general citizenship and his promise of future usefulness. Hearty congratulations!

Charles Stein, our Crucifer, has enlisted in the Navy. We shall miss him greatly, and our heartfelt good wishes go with him.

On Sunday, January 28th, at 11:00 A. M., the Rector has invited the Episcopal Chaplain of the Philadelphia General Hospital to speak to the congregation on the work he is doing in this great city hospital. Chaplain Ward is doing a fine work among the Episcopal patients. The rector will provide a clothes basket and place it at the door of the Church for this service, and members of the congregation are asked to bring cigarettes, candy, tobacco, canned goods and any edible commodities to be placed in the basket. The Chaplain will then be able to give the patients a little gift as he makes his daily rounds.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, January 7, there will be a special service of Holy Communion at 11:00 o'clock to which we invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the year at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

HOME PRAYERS

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Opening Prayer:

O Thou Who art ever the same, grant us to pass through the coming year with faithful hearts that we may be able in all things to please Thy loving eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Mozarabic Liturgy before 700 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: Revelation 21:1-7

The Sermon:

"Janus" in Latin means "a door", so January is the "Month of the door" that opens into a new year. But someone grumbles "What's new about it?" When a person goes through a door, it's the same old person that looks around on the other side. I'll be taking myself with me into 1951—so what will be *new* about it?" That's plain common sense. If you take your same old self into 1951, you'll live in the same old grooves. But here is a young man who was living in a house, preparing it for his bride. Each day he crossed the threshold often. Then one day returning from his marriage, he carried his wife across the threshold and that changed everything. He took something new and glorious and beautiful and humbling into that familiar place. His bride shared his interests, enriched his thoughts enlarged his heart, lifted his ideals. With someone new in his heart that young man found life as fresh and sparkling as a meadow at sunrise.

A thoughtful honest Christian never becomes imprisoned in old, dull ways. For, whenever life begins to lose its shine, he knows that there is an empty room within him; that he has forgotten to invite the Unseen Master into the choicest guest chamber. So he stops and asks God's forgiveness and opens that door again. And the gracious Christ comes again into his thoughts and plans, and hopes, and makes them sparkle with freshness. That gracious Christ quietly points to some hopes and some habits that are unworthy; and gives the man a new vision that desires a more kindly tongue, more understanding thoughts, a humbled heart. That gracious Lord points to crying needs, right close by, that calls for someone to give new comfort and courage. That gracious Master says, "I need you to help me in My world"; and when a man knows that the great God has need of him, the prospect looks very different. Take Christ in your heart across the threshold of the New Year—"Behold, I make all things new!"

"No, they were never quite the same again,
Those shepherds of that dim Judean field;
Old restlessness, old frailties, old pain
From hungers of the soul were homehow healed.
For always, watching, they would see a light,
And always, listening, would hear a song;
And evermore from night to dismal night
The way was never dark, nor watching long.

"The thing that happened on that starry morn
Sustained them down the distances of years;
The Christ-Child, innocent though mortal-born,
Lay in their hearts, a solace for all tears;
All ways of life were evermore to them
A narrow path that led to Bethlehem."

Closing Prayer:

If we have found favor in thy sight, O Lord, show us now thy ways, that we may know Thee; but if thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence. O Lord Jehovah show thy servants thy greatness and thy strong hand. Amen.
(Exodus 23; Deuteronomy 3.)

Don't Forget—The Annual Booklet *Our Parish in Action* containing the reports of our parish organizations and a directory of our people is going to press on February 1st. Do we have your telephone number?

The Mothers' Meeting has sent to the Church Treasurer $100.00 for the James Carrigan Memorial Fund, $100.00 for the Organ Fund and $25.00 to the local Chinese Church building program. The Woman's Auxiliary has given $75.00 to the Organ Fund and the Girls' Friendly Society has given $25.00 to the Chinese Church Fund. Many, many thanks!

Almost forty books of the Rector's recommended required reading have been sold and are being read by the members of St. Stephen's congregation. The books are "Holy Scriptures" and "Chapters in Church History." A person who read one of them said, "For the first time I've been able to understand Church History." These books will help ground one's faith in knowledge of the Bible and in history. The cost is $1.50 each. We have two or three available at the present time.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation the *Bulletin* subscriptions from the following: Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Catherine Cossart, Edward J. VanDyke, Mrs. F. Schmidt, Sr., and Charles E. Holmes.

Agnes Sanford, author of the *Healing Light*, will give another of her inimitable messages on Thursday, January 11th, at 8:00 P. M. in St. Stephen's Church. Plan to attend!

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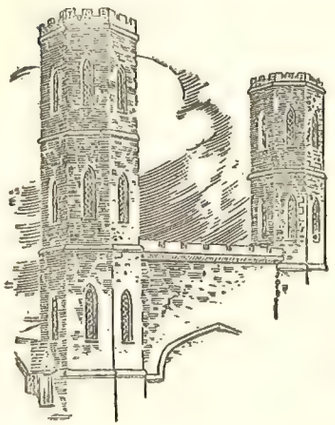
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from Violin Sonata".....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 52 .....*Dix*
VENITE, page 9
PSALM 72, page 426 .....*Chant*
TE DEUM, page 10 .....*Stanford*
JUBILATE, page 15 .....*Stanford*
ANTHEM—"In The Beginning Was The Word".....*David D. Wood*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not—but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe in His name. Arise! Arise! Shine; for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Arise! Arise! Arise! Shine!

SERMON—"The Epiphany Spectrum" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 329 .....*Frankfort*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 153 .....*Ratisbum*

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Almighty and everlasting God, the brightness of faithful souls, fill, we beseech Thee, the world with Thy glory, and show Thyself by the radiance of Thy light unto all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Gregorian Sacramentary, 590 A. D., adapted)

The Sermon:

And the Wise Men "departed into their own country *another way*". They had come, following the Star, to find a King. And a King, to them, was one who dwelt in a palace, with many servants moving swiftly with silent steps, with lords and ladies in rich garb, and armoured guards, and all the latest comforts known to man. They looked for a King lifted high above the everyday throng, living a very different life than theirs, not knowing their daily anxieties and struggle and pain.

And they found a baby in a stable, with the young mother anxious about the drafts that chilled the stable, and a young husband troubled over the poor housing of his wife and baby. Somehow the Wise Men understood that this was a new kind of King, dwelling among his subjects, suffering as they did, wishing to be close to them to teach them how to overcome their many difficulties. Here was a King Who clothed Himself in the flesh of His people, and taught them how daily life might be lighted with divine glory. Here was a strange King, coming to minister rather than be ministered to; to be the Servant in the House, rather than demanding service for His own comfort. Here was a King Whose eye was not focused on the proud power-mass, but Whose heart was with the hosts of little people throughout His world. As Lincoln put it, "God must have loved the common people; He made so many of them."

They had come, their thoughts moving in old channels; and they went off "another way", the way of God's Christ. In just such fashion can you and I come and go, at this Epiphany season, the time of the shining-out of the great Star of God's love. We had such silly ideas of where to find God—in mysterious places, like a startling dream; in some imposing gathering where an important man will speak; in some expensive book which we read in lonely laziness. And, all the time, God's Star leads us, not to a palace, but to a country barn, where farmers and shepherds come and go, and people earn their living. A writer once remarked that the really converted Christian is one who goes into a room full of people, and asks himself, "What of God can I find in this person, and this one?..." Lift up your eyes, my friend, to the Star that leads you to the place where God is found!

"The parish priest of Austerlitz climbed up in a high church steeple,
To be nearer God, so that he might hand His word down to his people.
And in the sermon script he daily wrote what he thought was sent from heaven;
And he dropped this down on the people's heads two times, one day in seven.
In his age, God said, 'Come down and die'; and he cried out from the steeple,
'Where art Thou, Lord?' and His Lord replied, 'Down here, among the people.'"

Closing Prayer:

O Blessed Jesus, Who by the shining of a Star didst manifest Thyself to them that sought Thee, show Thy heavenly Light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find Thee; rejoicing to present to Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, for Thy service forever more; for Thine honour and glory. Amen.

(E. Hawkins, 1789 A. D.; adapted)

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The Rector is conducting a healing mission Sunday evenings, 7:30 P. M., in January in St. Luke's Church, Kensington.

INSTITUTE OF PRAYER

is being held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 16, 17 and 18. The afternoon sessions will be held at 2:30 P. M. and the evening sessions at 8:00 P. M. Dr. Glenn Clark, writer, teacher, founder of the Camps Farthest Out, will speak at each session and so also will Mrs. Louise Eggleston of Norfolk, Virginia, Chairman of the Spiritual Life Committee of the Methodist Conference in Virginia.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

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EPIPHANY SHOWER

Chaplain Lascelles-Ward of The Philadelphia General Hospital will make his annual visit to St. Stephen's on Sunday morning, January 28th. Gifts of candy, tobacco, canned goods and any edible commodities will be gratefully received for the use of the Chaplain in his bedside work. These articles may be sent to the Church any time before this service or be placed in the receptacle in the vestibule on January 28th.

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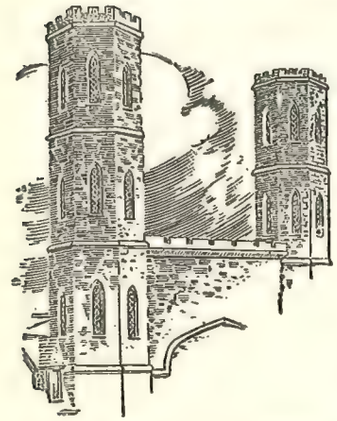
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 558 .....*University College*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 105: 1-20, page 470
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE .....*Hyde*
BENEDICTUS .....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"From Thy Love As A Father" .....*Charles Gounod*
From Thy love as a Father, O Lord, teach us to gather That Life will conquer Death. They who seek things eternal Shall rsie to light supernal On wings of lowly faith.
THE SERMON—"The Life Of Order In A Disordered World".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 555 .....*Heath*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
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Bible Reading:—Romans 15: 4-13

The Sermon:

Christians were the most hopeful people in the ancient world. In a society that was drifting into chaos and despair, Christians stood out like lighthouses in a dark and stormy night. Pagans were curious to know what made it possible for Christians to say, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope..." Christians have been the most hopeful people in all the nineteen centuries since. No matter how black the night, a Christian can see a Star, and follow it.

Do not think that Christians are just naturally optimists. Christianity has gathered into its ranks hosts of pessimists, whose natural inclination is to notice the dark sky first. But even they can see the Star of hope. Nor must you think Christians are hopeful because they have had the luck on their side. Thousands of the early Christians were slaves, with a grim, hard life—yet they were hopeful people. All sorts of people, in all kinds of circumstances, "abound in hope" because they follow Christ.

The true Christian is always hopeful, because he is *never* helpless. He has learned that his chief business in life is to find what God wants of him, and then to set about doing it. He finds that what God wants is always possible, because God never asks the impossible, because He helps us to carry out His will. Sometimes He has to be very patient, for God's chores often take time and courage. But he can always inch ahead toward the goal. There is always reason for hope. On the other hand, pagan people who decide to get their own way drift into helplessness, for they are constantly failing, butting their heads against the stone wall of impossibility. They are hopeless because they are helpless. God does not help selfish people to get what they want.

Often there comes a strange and beautiful miracle to those who surrender themselves to God's will. A gallant Christian abandons some cherished dream in order to follow God's leading. Then a day dawns when he finds that God has given him, not only success in carrying out God's will, but also the cherished dream, or something better! An old friend of mine, up against hard circumstances, sick and weary, was utterly perplexed about the months ahead. She wrote me, "A week or so ago I had almost worn God out with my supplications for guidance. One night as I knelt praying, it seemed to me that He spoke to me directly, 'Get up off your knees, go to bed, relax and have a good night's sleep.' The next day the complete solution was suggested to me." So it is with those who commit themselves to God's leading—life becomes so good that they "abound in hope."

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BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful servant"
January 14—Helen Lisaveta De Azuero

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together"
December 31—Frances A. Brennan
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BURIALS

"The sun is sinking in the West;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia."

November 16—George W. Everritt
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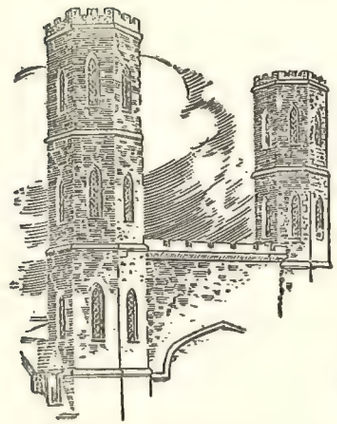
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Meditation" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 394 ..... *St. Asaph*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 132, page 508
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM ..... *J. Batiste Calkin*

Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him? Give alms of thy goods, and never turn thy face from any poor; then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

THE SERMON ..... The Rev. Neville Lascelles-Ward
Chaplain, Philadelphia General Hospital
OFFERTORY HYMN 435 ..... *Rest*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*

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O God, give us a pure heart, a clear mind, and a steadfast will, that all our work may be to the honor of Him Who hath honored us with His love and fellowship, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Henry Sylvester Nash.*)

Bible Reading: Matt. 2: 1-12.

The Sermon:

A great evangelist once said that there are three chief points in becoming a Christian—fact, faith, and feeling. The Wise Men had these.

In the first place, the Wise Men followed a fact, the great White Star that led them to the manger. Their long trek was no affair of foolish fancy; they were guided by a shining fact. So a resolute Christian must be guided by the facts of Christ's life and teachings, by His wondrous birth and death, and his still more wondrous living; by His clear words of truth which show the way to the simplest human who is willing to be shown. Faithful disciples are forever going back to their New Testaments for a fuller knowledge of the facts of the Master's life, for a deeper understanding of what He would have them learn. Their footing is firmly in facts.

In the second place, the Wise Men had faith—for though the Star shone bright, it took faith to believe that it would lead them to the manger. It takes faith to set out on any arduous journey with confidence, for cynics sneer about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—which no one has ever dug up. It takes faith to start your day tomorrow, expecting that by nightfall you will have done what God wanted of you, and found peace of mind before you sleep. But Christian men and women, through glad experience, have always found their faith justified. Trusting God always works out in the long run. Under the Star is always the manger—God come among men to guide them.

Finally, the Wise Men "went back another way". Kneeling before God's Infant Son, their hearts went out to him in love and loyalty—they were moved to *do something* about that loyalty. Instead of betraying Him to Herod, they by-passed the jealous monarch, and sped homeward to tell their people about the King they had found at Bethlehem. That is the last and most necessary step in becoming a Christian. It is *not* Christian to go to church and get all stirred up with noble feelings, and then go home and do nothing about it. It is Christian only when our feelings, our love of God, is so strong and so sincere that we put it to work, like steam under a boiler. As James wisely pointed out, "Faith without works is dead."

Towering over the wrecks of time is the Cross. It is the sign of One Who walked ahead of us, our Elder Brother, teaching us a faith that rests in facts, trusts God like a child, and believes in action. It is the sign of One Who, confronted by men's indifference to God, *did something* they could not forget—died for them to draw them home to God!

Closing Prayer:

Watch Thou, dear Lord, with those who wait, or watch, or weep tonight, give Thine angels, charge over those who sleep. Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Christ: rest Thy weary ones; bless Thy dying ones. Soothe Thy suffering ones; shield Thy joyous ones; and all for Thy love's sake. Amen. (*St. Augustine*)

THE ARMED FORCES

The number of our boys in the Armed Forces is increasing and our thoughts and prayers are with them. We present the Service Cross and Prayer Book to each one. They are widely scattered and their locations change constantly, but our prayers go out for them wherever they are.

The Rector has appointed Mr. James Otis Lyman, Vestryman, as Chairman of our Armed Services Committee. Those who would like to serve on this Committee should speak to the Rector. Our plan is to have the members of the congregation write to these boys.

IS YOUR FACE RED?

"Dear Dr. Price:

I'm very grateful to you for sending me the Parish Bulletin, which I receive every Thursday regularly. I look forward to it and I read every word and I want you to know that over a period of several years that I've been getting it, it has been very impressive and both my wife and myself enjoy it very much.

However, my face was 'red' when I got it today with the subscription envelope, so I'm sending my money before the 'income tax time' comes around.

To read your weekly bulletin is like being an active member of St. Stephen's. You have certainly done and are doing a splendid job. Sorry, I've missed so many Tuesday Services but work makes it that way. I'm up at St. Andrew's-in-the-Fields, Somerton, Pa., which is a Chapel of St. Luke's, Bustleton, Pa., and we are working along very well in spite of limited quarters. I'll see you soon, and many thanks for the Parish Bulletin.

Sincerely,
Chris Wyld"

WELCOME TO CHAPLAIN WARD

We extend a hearty welcome to our guest speaker, the Rev. Neville Lascelles-Ward, Chaplain of the Philadelphia General Hospital. Chaplain Ward will speak to us at the 11: 00 o'clock service on January 28th on his work in this great city hospital. The Rector has placed a receptacle in the vestibule of the church where gifts to his work may be placed. Cigarettes, candy, tobacco, canned goods and any edible commodities will be gratefully received.

YOUR PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

This year our Chapter of the Female Prayer Book Society has delayed its annual request for contributions because of other money-raising programs, but now we earnestly request your generous support.

Your Society not only has a worthy cause but it accomplishes a lot with the money you contribute. The last annual report discloses a total of 3,860 Prayer Books and Hymnals were sent to 26 Dioceses, Missionary Districts and our American Armed Forces.

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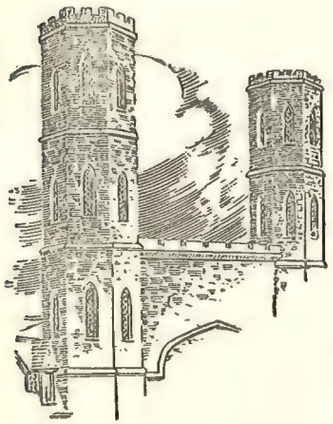
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*
KYRIE ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Seek Ye The Lord" ..... *Roberts*

Seek the the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto the Lord and He will have mercy, and abundantly pardon.

SERMON—"Boomerangs" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 405 ..... *Artavia*
SANCTUS ..... *Cyril Scott*
COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*

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O God, for as much as our strength is in Thee, mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things rule and direct our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Galatian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 3: 1-17

The Sermon:

How strange it is that as soon as Lent is mentioned, church people start to think of the sinful things they should stop doing. Hosts of people consider Lent the season in which they should battle their sins. Yet men have learned, through bitter failure, that to dwell on the sin is to put yourself in its power. Lent begins on Wednesday, so we'd best straighten out this matter.

Picture in your mind fiery John the Baptist, preaching to great crowds on the banks of the Jordan. He hit out straight from the shoulder against the hurtful sins of those people. He blasted them. But he did not *fix* their minds on those sins. He made the people face the sins honestly; then he turned their thoughts *away* from the sins, to the eternal God and His judgment, so that they cried out, "What shall we do then?", and he told them simply and practically what they should do—share their clothing with the shivering, give a square deal to taxpayers, be gentle and uncomplaining. Those people went away from the fire of John's spirit to learn the ways of honesty and compassion.

Forget about sorry brooding over your sins. Forget about that trifling self-denial you had chosen for your Lenten discipline. Stop and think what the rest of your household would choose for *your* Lenten "self-improvement." Would they not wish that you would be easier to live with? In place of a prickly temper, to learn patience; instead of demanding your way, to concern yourselves with their needs. Think of your Lent as a half-starved refugee in Germany might want it to be—would he not wish that you would cut out some of your needless spendings on little luxuries, so that you could use the money to feed his hungry body or a gift to CARE?

Discard the silly old, "What shall I stop doing?" and take out the mature, Christian purpose, "What shall I do?" Make up your mind, "I will feed the hungry with the money I save from cutting out desserts"; or "I will learn good temper at breakfast by a habit of three minutes of sincere prayer before joining the family at the breakfast table;" or "I will build up my faith by reading one deeply religious book, in place of trash." You make your own list—of what you are going to do in *Lent,* led by the spirit of your Master.

Robert Louis Stevenson put it this way, "It is certain that all think too much of sin. We are not damned for doing wrong, but for not doing right. Christ would never think of negative morality; Thou *shalt* was ever His word...To be honest, to be kind—here is a task for all a man has of fortitude and delicacy...and the Kingdom of Heaven is of the childlike, of those who are easy to please; who love, and who give pleasure." Now, on the threshold of Lent, get your mind on loving ways which will start you off on a more Christian life. Ask yourself, "What shall I do?" and, when God tells you, get on with your building of His heaven around you!

Closing Prayer:

O God, keep our hearts sound, our lives pure, our thinking straight, and our spirits humble, that we may be true messengers of Thy Life to our fellowmen; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. (*Church Service League Prayers.*)

LENT 1951

Lent comes as an opportunity for the quickening and deepening of our spiritual lives. We can make good use of it in several ways. It is possible to enlighten our minds by reading some book which will clarify our thinking about religion. We can give a little more time to prayer and meditation, both in church and in our own closets. There are also special tasks of service which can be profitably undertaken and carried through between Ash Wednesday and Easter.

For the furtherance of all these purposes there will be special services in St. Stephen's. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 7th, every day at 12:30 P. M. to 12:55 P. M. a message will be given by some distinguished guest speaker. On Thursdays at one o'clock the Rector will conduct a service of Spiritual Healing and again at 5:30 P. M. At the latter service he will give an address on healing as well as conduct the Laying-on-of-Hands. The Tuesday lunches for business men will continue during Lent. The Rev. Mr. Meckling will preach at the Sunday Evening Services. Dr. John Gayner Banks of California will conduct a Healing Mission during the week of February 18-23.

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JAMES CARRIGAN MEMORIAL

The Girls' Friendly Society has contributed fifty dollars to the James Carrigan Memorial Fund. This money comes from the Estate of Mrs. Ada Martin, a member who knew Mr. Carrigan well and laundered the Altar linens for the Church for many years. The gift is given with love for both Mrs. Martin and Mr. Carrigan.

The Memorial for Mr. Carrigan will consist of a suitable plaque to be affixed to the wall of the Church and the balance to be placed in the Endowment Fund and the interest used to provide Altar Flowers in memory of our beloved Verger for various Sundays in the Church Year. The Fund now is close to $700.00 It is not too late for additional contributions. We would like to have at least one thousand dollars.

Additional *Church Bulletin* "returns" for 1951 are hereby acknowledged with a great deal of appreciation: Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Miss Annadel Abadie, Mrs. Irene Beitz, Miss E. Hawley, Mr. E. D. Newkirk, Jr., Mrs. Marguerite Ingraham, Miss Jane S. McEldowney, Mrs. Carrie K. Abel, Mrs. Stella M. Weber, Mr. Henry G. Mitchell, Mrs. Florence Schuh, Mrs. Margaret James, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Miss Mary E. Shoemaker, Mrs. G. Aeugle, The Misses Daley, Mrs. J. W. Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Morris, Mrs. Jay Knox, Mr. Walter Knox, Mrs. L. E. Trent, Jr., Miss Frances Hatcher, Mrs. Robert W. Staton, Mr. George W. Hicks, Mrs. B. H. and Miss Katharine Kennedy, Mr. Chris Wyld.

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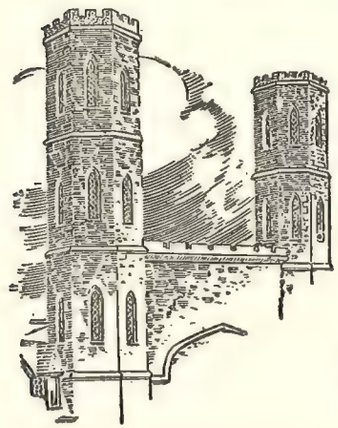
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O God, without Whom our wisdom is folly, and our far-seeking, blindness—we beseech Thee that from the glory that is Thine, the power of Love may beat upon all our doors and break in, to overcome our evil. O Thou Who art Lord of every land and tongue, grant that it may be given to us to see Thy Kingdom nigh at hand. We ask it through Him that is Thy Love made manifest, Christ Jesus, Lord. Amen. (*Toc H Prayers*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 9:27-38

The Sermon:

"When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them." That is the way Jesus felt when He looked out over the troubled, leaderless crowds of His day. The greatness of His heart went out to them in loving concern. That is how the living Christ must feel today, as He looks out across the earth's multitudes once more without true leadership, uncertain, anxious, confused.

Tomorrow is Lincoln's Birthday. That towering man found the guiding light of his life by careful, thoughtful reading of the New Testament which he quoted in his speeches, again and again. Like a beacon light, the spirit of the Master showed forth in Lincoln's living, especially in his compassion for the multitudes. Few Christians of all the ages have had Lincoln's Christlike compassion for the numberless "little people" of the world. Perhaps it was because Lincoln (like his Master) grew up as one of the "little people" in humble circumstances. You remember his quotation "God must have loved the common people—He made so many of them." Lincoln had learned from his Master a compassion which gathered into his caring all sorts and conditions of men. He cared for the humble people, grief-stricken Mrs. Bixley of Boston who had lost five sons on the field of battle; and an unfortunate young sentry who, exhausted, had gone to sleep on duty. He cared for the "great ones" as well, a willful Union General, like McClellan, a gallant Southern gentleman like Lee, a stubborn member of his Cabinet, or the Mayor of Washington, D. C. Behind each human face, each human story, he saw a person like himself, suffering, rejoicing, fearful, courageous, loaded down by life. In his quiet way, Lincoln wanted to put his shoulder under each load, because he saw and felt the weariness or sorrow of that other person.

Anyone of us, by patient reading of the New Testament, and devoted attention to the needs of others, can better learn that Christlike compassion. Scoldings only bruise and cut, but compassion heals. Anger only adds to the other's load—but compassion lightens it miraculously.

Mrs. Pickett, wife of the Southern General, tells of her first meeting with Lincoln. "I was in Richmond when my husband fought the awful battle of Five Forks. Richmond surrendered; fire swept the city; there was a report that my husband had been killed. The day after the fire, there was a sharp rap at the door. The servants had all run away, and the city was filled with Northern troops. I opened the door cautiously, and looked up at a tall, gaunt, sad-faced man in ill-fitting clothes, who inquired, "Is this General Pickett's place?" "Yes, Sir," I answered, "But he is not here." "I know, Madame," he replied, "But I thought I'd just come around and see the place, and find out if you were all right. I am Abraham Lincoln." "The President?" I gasped. "No, Madame; no Madame. Just Abraham Lincoln, George's old friend."

Closing Prayer:

O Almighty God, Who willest to be glorified in Thy saints, and didst raise up Thy servant, Abraham Lincoln, to shine as a light in the world; Shine, we pray Thee, in our hearts, that we also, in our generation, may show forth Thy praises, Who has called us out of darkness into Thy marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*South African Prayer Book*)

One of the very popular speakers of our Lenten season is Dean Gifford of the Philadelphia Divinity School, who will preach at 12:30 P. M. Monday through Friday of this week.

Dr. S. Tagart Steele, Rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, will be the guest preacher Saturday, February 17th. Dr. Steele is the Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

A Mission for the healing of body and spirit will be conducted by Doctor John Gayner Banks beginning Sunday, February 18th and continuing each week-day at 12:30 P. M., 3:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M., Monday through Thursday.

The Mission is for ALL—*not just for the sick*. The message will be couched in simple language. There will be periods of silence and meditation, as well as instruction and preaching. At each week-night service (except Sunday) there will be an opportunity for seekers to go to the Altar for prayer and direct personal ministry. There will also be opportunity for "Questions" and facilities for the offering of Intercessions.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Church is making a special effort this year to enlist better support for theological education. Partly this is an outgrowth of a dozen years of co-operative effort on the part of the seminaries to obtain an annual contribution. Partly it is an expression of growing concern for the Church and its ministry, and partly, it is the result of a definite need.

All the Theological Schools of the Church are filled to capacity, increased costs all along the line, students' G. I. are now running out, still a serious shortage of clergy, but still only about *one-third* of the parishes of the Church offering any support to the seminaries.

The custom throughout the country is to take an annual offering and send it to the seminary from which their rector was graduated. Here at St. Stephen's Church we divide the offering between the Cambridge Theological School and the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Our parish offering will be received on Sunday, February 11th and is your chance to have a share in the great work which our Theological Schools are doing. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

Dean Frank Gifford will be our guest preacher Sunday, February 11th and will speak on the important work he is doing in the Philadelphia Divinity School.

The Rector dedicated a beautiful Book of Common Prayer and Church Hymnal last Sunday for the use of the clergy of the church in the conduct of public worship. These lovely memorials were given by Mrs. Jane Harvey, in memory of her sisters, Martha and Margaret Kilpatrick. For many years the Kilpatrick sisters were valued teachers in our Sunday School. We thank God for all that was pure and true, beautiful and good, in the lives commemorated by these memorial books; and for the hope we have, through Christ, that they have entered into life eternal.

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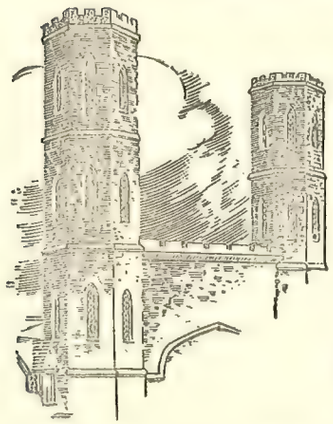
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INVITATION

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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude "O Sacred Head".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 .....*Melcombe*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"At Thy Feet We Humbly Kneel".....*J. S. Bach*

At Thy feet we humbly kneel; Lord, be near us. May we now Thy presence feel; Lord, be near us. Fill our hearts with love of Thee; Lord, be near us. In Thy mercy hear us.

Keep us free from all alarms; Lord, be near us. In Thine everlasting arms, heal and cheer us. Bind our souls with bands of faith; Lord, be near us. In Thy mercy hear us.

SERMON—"Take A Little Honey!".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 304.....*Beecher*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 208.....*Penitentia*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356.....*Evelyns*

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Opening Prayer:

O God of hope, the true Light of faithful souls, Who art verily the Light of the World, grant that our hearts may render Thee a worthy prayer, and always glorify Thee with the offering of praises; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 5: 13-16.

The Sermon:

There are various ways of getting out of ruts. Some ways really bring freedom. Some do not.

Take Mr. Frog, for instance. He got into a rut that was deep and hard and stony, and when his frog friends came and urged him to get out of there, he sat and moped, and angrily told them to go away. One evening, after special prodding and urging from them, he dismissed them. He was through with life. The next morning they came sadly back expecting to find his corpse down in the rut, and were amazed to find him hopping briskly along the bank of his rut. "What happened?" they cried. "We thought you were going to lie down and die in the rut." "Well," he replied "I was going to, when a big truck came thundering right down my rut, and I *had* to get out." Life had scared him into action, and made him jump. But Mr. Frog was still the same sulky, moping frog, liking to be sorry for himself. It was not long before he was back in the rut again, for he liked his rut better than he liked a free and vigorous life of usefulness.

The Master had the secret of transforming people into new people who got out of their ruts and *stayed* out, because he changed their ways. He turned their eyes away from themselves—"Ye are the salt of the earth"—your job is to bring the flavor back into stale lives. "Ye are the light of the world"—your task is to drive the shadows out of other lives. He was forever showing them how much people needed their love and understanding. He got them to thinking of the headaches and backaches of the people around them. And He promised that God would enable them to salt the insipid lives lighten the darkened hearts. They not only got out of their old ruts of self-centeredness—they *outgrew* self-interest, so they never dug themselves into the old ruts again. No matter where you are, or how hard a man your husband seems, or how many pains you have, or how handicapped you are—if you are interested in your grandchildren who come to see you, or even in giving some happiness to that "impossible" man, you will begin to feel a change within you. If you are sincerely asking God to help you to help others, that change will be like the coming of the spring. You may find that you have a lot less aches and pains, too; but the main point is, that you will be out of the old moping rut; and you will begin to *live*, and *change*.

A friend of mine, across the world, is giving his life to spread the good news of Christ under a pagan rule, hostile to Christianity. Obstacles are constantly thrown in the way. There is always the shadow of the Enemy across his path. But he gets in no rut. He is free from moping, for he loves the people about him, lives for them, and forever keeps at God's work, sustained by God's strength. He wrote me recently, "This is a test for real Christian teachers, to show what they are by doing their work from day to day as true Christians who *live what they teach.*" There is a glory in his life that keeps him away from all ruts, for he spends his days in the Master's service, salting and lighting those about him. Try it—it's glorious!

Closing Prayer:

Into the faithful hands of our God we commit ourselves now and always. O Lord, let us be Thine and remain Thine forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Weimarischer Gesangbuch, 1873 A. D.*)

One of the very popular speakers of our Lenten Season is Dean High Moor of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, who will preach Monday through Friday of this week. Don't fail to hear his series of sermons!

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. P. C. Loane, Rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park, who will give the Lenten address on Saturday, March 10.

The Rector will be the noon-day speaker in Trinity Cathedral, Newark, New Jersey, March 5-9. He will lead a Forum Monday evening in the Cathedral and preach in Christ Church, Glen Ridge, New Jersey, on Wednesday evening and preach in Grace Church, Orange, New Jersey, on Thursday evening.

The ANNUAL REPORTS of the Parish Organizations are now ready for the printer. We print the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all who are on our mailing list. Do we have *YOUR* corrected address and telephone number? Send this information without delay to Miss Evelyn Blackburn, Parish Secretary.

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The Rector's Confirmation Instruction Class will begin next Sunday, March 11, at 10: 00 A. M., in his Study.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful servant"
January 21—Margaret Evelyn King
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MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together"
February 24—Richard I. Carty
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—Ernest D. Williams, Jr.
Helen de Azuero

BURIALS

"The sun is sinking in the West;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
Sweet is the peace of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia."
January 26—Harry Barlow Rumrill
February 3—Jane K. Harvey
7—Pauline Elisa Leypoldt
24—Lenora B. McCoy

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59 .....*St. Flavian*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 56, page 408
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour Of The World".....*H. Alexander Matthews*
O Saviour of the world,
Who by Thy Cross and Passion hath redeemed us;
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.
SERMON—"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 339.....*St. Christopher*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 337 .....*Rockingham*

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Almighty God, we invoke Thee, the fountain of everlasting Light; and entreat Thee to send forth Thy Truth into our hearts, and to pour upon us the glory of Thy brightness, through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Sarum Breviary, 1085 A. D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 15: 11-32

The Sermon:

Time was running out. Day after day Jesus had denounced the blind leaders who stood between the people and God, and kept folk from seeing what God wanted. As His flaming words scorched their reputations, their hate deepened. Their spies brought back word of the terrible words that made them tremble. So they began to plot, in earnest, how they might get rid of them. He knew His time was short. There were some precious truths He must tell while He still had the chance. So, one day He told the story of a young man who liked to have his way. He thought of his father as the one who should give him what he wanted; so he asked the "old man" for his share in the family estate and got it. Then off he went to a "far country" to enjoy himself. Like any spoiled child, he figured that the world owed him a good time. For a while he painted the town red, grabbing for pleasure greedily. Then there came one grey dawn when he found himself stony-broke, friendless, and still in that "far country," weary miles from the warmth and cheer of his father's house. The world seemed to think that it owed him nothing. In fact, the world did not seem specially interested in him. It seldom does take much interest in a spoiled child, except to knock him about a bit.

Then he was "stung with the splendor of a sudden thought." He would go back to his father, but not for a hand-out. He knew now that his father owed him nothing. He had "come to himself," had waked up to his sorry, spoiled, child ways. Once he had prayed his father *"Give me..."* Now he would plead *"Make me* as one of thy hired servants." So the young man returned, and put himself in the hands of his father, to make something useful out of him—a serving, enriching life.

That is the story of countless people. They start out in life thinking they want something. I remember a man like that who came to me in deep trouble saying, "I've been praying to God for an hour every night, asking him to ....." He was a spoiled child, thinking of his father only as one who could give him what he desired. He wanted to choose his own path, with God supporting him. But wise men found that choosing their own path leads into a "far country" where they get lost and have to turn homeward to their Father. They put their lives back into His hands that He may make something of them; people who serve usefully and gladly under the wise guidance of their Father.

Someone may be thinking, "There isn't much God can do with my life." How dare you! Who are you, my friend, to put any limits on what God can do? For, as a great violinist can take a battered violin, patch it up a bit, then draw glorious music from it; so He can take your life, and laid in His hands, bring from it love and strength to gladden the world.

Closing Prayer:

Bless me, O Lord, with the love of Thee, and of my neighbor. Give me peace of conscience, the command of my affections; and, for the rest, Thy Will be done! O King of Peace, keep us in love and charity. Amen. (*Thomas Wilson, 1700 A. D.*)

A YEAR OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

We have a great deal to be thankful for in St. Stephen's Parish. This past year has broken all records in attendance and in good works, provided by the generous contributions of our people. Mrs. Hauger, Treasurer, reports the largest amount to come through the envelope system and special envelopes $32,083.73. Our total including income from Endowments amounted to $63,938.46.

We met our increased Missionary Quota of $5,300.00. We raised $1,365.35 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund. We contributed $534.61 to the United Thank Offering. We gave $472.29 to the Episcopal Hospital, $1,280.14 to the support of the Episcopacy, $249.50 to Theological Education. The total for the Diocese and General Church Purposes was $9,300.44.

Over $2,400.00 was contributed for our various parish benevolences such as Christmas Dinners, Benevolent Society and charities. The additions to the Organ Fund have brought the total to date of $11,000.00.

In spite of the record breaking attendance of 1949, the year 1950 has been one of unusual expansion materially and spiritually. The total attendance at the worship services was 50,854, which was 2,486 over the previous year. There were 468 worship services during the year. The Rector conducted 400 services, preached 205 sermons in St. Stephen's. He baptized 18 persons, married 8, buried 20 and presented 29 adults and one child for confirmation (largest class since 1912). The attendance at the various services was as follows:

SUNDAY SERVICES
9: 00 A. M.—1,162; 11: 00 A. M.—11,373; 7: 30 P. M.—3,481
WEEK-DAY SERVICES
Tuesday—1,637; Wednesday—1,779; Thursday—7,455; Friday—1,700
LENTEN NOON-DAY SERVICES—18,117
SPECIAL SERVICES—4,150

It will be readily seen from the above figures that the week-day services are double in number over the Sunday services. Of the total attendance two-thirds come to the week-day services. That surely justifies our ministry in this part of the city. We have no record of the many hundreds of people who come in to pray and meditate between the hours of 8: 00 A. M. and 5: 00 P. M.

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The instruction class meets in the Rector's Study beginning Sunday, March 11th, at 10: 00 A. M. and will continue until Bishop Remington's visit on Sunday, May the 6th.

"ORGAN FUND"
Have You Given????
Receipts to Date: $11,203.00
"IT CAN BE DONE IN '51"

Have you visited the HOLY LAND ANIMATED PANORAMA at WANAMAKER'S?

Our hearty congratulations to Mrs. John E. Campbell of our Choir, who has become Worthy Matron of her Chapter of THE EASTERN STAR.

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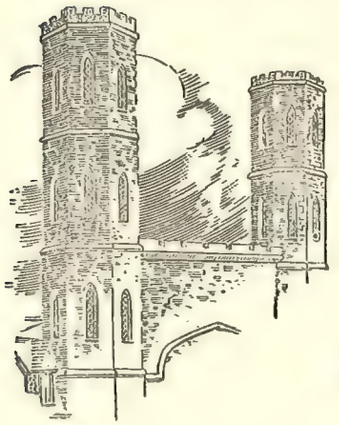
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Christ lay in the bonds of death".....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 .....*St. Theodulph*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 90, page 453
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM—"Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord".....*Gounod*
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
SERMON—"Behold the Lamb of God!".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 65 .....*Horsky*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 64 .....*St. Drostane*

The Palms on the Altar today are given by the Mothers' Meeting, and by Mrs. Helen LeDent in memory of her husband, by Mr. Eugene Glaser in memory of his parents, and by Mrs. John Mohn in memory of her husband. The Flowers on the Altar Maundy Thursday are given by Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her husband, Dr. George Sinnamon.

4: 00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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Colonel Paul Rusch, Executive Vice-President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Japan will speak in Holy Trinity Church, 19th and Walnut Streets on Palm Sunday, March 18th, at 8:00 P. M. You are invited to hear Colonel Rusch's stirring call to spiritual arms.

Why Worry When You Can Pray?

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others.)

Opening Prayer:

O Christ, at Whose Word the wind and waves were stilled, rebuke, we pray Thee, the violence of men, and usher in the day of brotherhood, that we may truly serve Thee; Who, with the Father and Holy Spirit liveth and worketh for us unceasingly, now and forever. Amen. (*The American Grey Book*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 21: 1-11 and St. Matthew 4: 1-11.

The Sermon:

It was the palm branches that alarmed the enemies of Jesus. For, to greet a hero with palm branches meant homage to supreme authority. If His enemies had not been so jumpy, they might have noticed another clear sign. As a scholar has put it, Jesus entered Jerusalem, "not driving chariots like the rest of kings, not demanding tributes, not thrusting men off, not leading about the guards, but displaying His meekness by riding upon a lowly donkey." Clearly He came as King of Peace.

Jesus was daring mankind to build a new kind of kingdom. At the time of His temptation He had turned His back on the old ways of brief power, towards the new and eternal Kingdom of God. Ordinary politicians and rulers win the support of the crowd by boundless promises of prosperity and bread; but Jesus declared, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Demagogues draw the multitude after them by a show of irrisistible power, but Jesus would not jump from the temple tower to show His infinite power. Kings and tyrants gain support by piling conquest on conquest, but Jesus was not tempted by the lure of armed power. He turned His back on these old, brass-knuckled ways, and called men to found His new kingdom of loving-kindness, for all time and eternity.

Rameseshan, a native of India, tells how, as a boy, he was ring-leader of a gang who used to stone a preaching party of Christians that came regularly to his village, lying eagerly in wait for them with piled-up stones. "One night, after we had thrown our stones," he tells,"I failed to run fast enough or soon enough, and was caught by one of the preaching party. I looked into the eyes of the man who held me. The affectionate sympathy and abounding love that I saw in his face completely changed my sense of values. This man, instead of cuffing me, treated me kindly, and spoke to me lovingly." Soon afterward he began reading the Gospels. "Something I could not understand gripped me. Although I could not comprehend all their meaning, I read them always with this man's loving face before me." What was it that conquered the stubborn heart of this proud young Brahman of India—it was "the love that shone in the face of the first Christian who spoke to me." Christ had ridden into the gates of his life—the Christ Who is irresistible, once you *see* Him.

This peace-making spirit of the King of kings rides today into every town and city of the world, every home, every person. Do you want the old, hard-fisted way; or do you want Him, and His powerful, peace-making love? You will have to choose by Good Friday. Which will it be for you?

Closing Prayer:

May all peoples, from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, cry aloud in praise to Thee in joyful voice, and say, Glory be to Thee, O God, the Saviour of all, for ever and ever. Amen. (*American Grey Book*)

An estimated 500,000 children of the Episcopal Church make as their foremost Lenten project, the earning and saving of money for what is known as the Lenten Offering. Since this Offering was started in St. John's Church, Cynwyd in 1877, Episcopal Church children have given as their Lenten Offering for the Church's Missionary Work, $11,608,808.10, which is one of the largest special offerings received in the Episcopal Church. Last year the children gave $509,395.48.

The money earned or saved is put into a little cardboard box, called a "mite" box. Mr. Heins, our Sunday School Superintendent, will be glad to furnish any adult in the parish with a box to help our School give a truly generous gift this Easter.

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together 181 persons who have been confirmed here over the past 9 years.

The Rector preached in St. Mary's Church, Haddon Heights, March 15, at 8:00 P. M.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

(The North Aisle of the Church will be reserved for men on Good Friday)

Monday through Thursday, 12:30 P. M.—
The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, D.D.,
Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. Y.

Maundy Thursday—
Holy Communion at 1:00, 5:15 and 8:00 P. M. Music and sermon by the Rector at the evening service. Healing Services, 1:15 and 5:30 P. M.

Good Friday—
10:30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by the Rector
12:30 P. M.—The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, D.D.
1:00 P. M.—Stainer's "Crucifixion" under the direction of Dr. Matthews.
Soloists
LLOYD M. OOSTENBRUG, *Tenor* ROBERT KILLOUGH, JR., *Bass*
2:00 to 3:00 P. M.—Bishop Remington

Saturday—
12:30 P. M.—The Rector will preach

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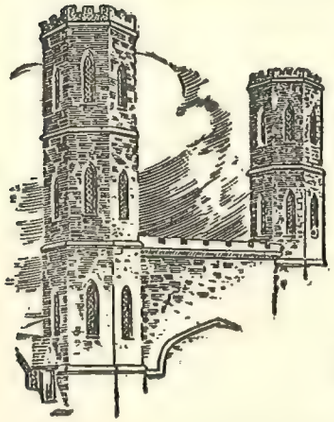
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ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude "Lyra Davidica"....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94 .....*St. Kevin*
KYRIE .....*Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM—"By Early Morning Light".....*Traditional*
(arranged by Clarence Dickinson)

1.

By early morning light,
Ere yet the day was bright,
Three women came to seek their Lord;
But what their joy to hear
The angel's message clear. Fear not,
For Christ the Lord is risen!

2.

They saw upon the tomb
Dispelling all its gloom,
An angel fair in raiment white.
To them the angel said:
Mourn not your Lord as dead, Fear not,
For Christ the Lord is risen!

3.

Shine forth, Oh glorious ray,
O'er all the world today!
The Lord is risen! He lives on high!
Joy bring to those that mourn,
Hope to the sorrow-worn; Fear not,
For Christ the Lord is risen!

SERMON—"The Fact of Life After Death".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 91 .....*Victory*
SANCTUS .....*Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 189 .....*Unde et Memores*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 92 .....*Lux Eoi*

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Lillian Barlow in memory of her husband, Mr. John Barlow; by Mr. James Brady in memory of Major McFetridge, Chaplain 108th F. A. (St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,—buried in Arlington Cemetery) and by Miss Yeakle's Bible Class and the Hard of Hearing Woman's Auxiliary in memory of Miss Pauline E. Leypoldt.

During the month of April at the Sunday, 11:00 A. M. Services, the Rector will give a series of sermons on the subject of "Life After Death."

The 24th Annual Educational Week for the Blind will be held in Gimbel's Auditorium April 2-6. Monday is Episcopalian day.

We had a wonderful Lent in St. Stephen's Church. In spite of the epidemic, bad weather and early Lent, 16,738 attended the daily noon-day services. Six thousand attended the Good Friday services and on Easter Day we had the largest attendance in the Rector's nine years of service. Why not keep up the habit during the next three months?

A bronze plaque is being prepared for Mr. James Carrigan. Some seven hundred dollars has been received to date which will be placed in an Endowment Fund, the interest from which will be used to supply memorial flowers at various times during the year. It is not too late to send your contribution to this fund. Mr. Carrigan began his Vergership exactly forty-four years ago, April 1, 1907. The following will be inscribed on the plaque:

IN MEMORIAM

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FORTY-FOUR YEARS VERGER AND FAITHFUL
CUSTODIAN OF THIS CHURCH
RESPECTED, HONORED AND BELOVED BY ALL

"I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness." Psalm 84:11.

The Annual Corporate Communion and Breakfast of the Women of the Diocese will be held Monday, April 2nd, at 8:00 A. M., Christ Church, in Philadelphia, Second Street above Market. Tickets for the Breakfast—90 cents—may be obtained in advance at the Woman's Auxiliary Office, Church House.

VESTRY ELECTION

According to the By-Laws of St. Stephen's Church, the annual election for Vestrymen is held on Easter Monday. As this is never a convenient time, the election this year is postponed to Sunday, May 6th, when we shall have our Parish Meeting. This meeting will be held in the Community House following the Confirmation Service. A buffet luncheon will be served. A reception will be held for Bishop and Mrs. Remington at that time.

Bishop Remington will visit our parish on Sunday morning, May 6th, at 11:00 A. M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number are preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A. M. Plan to attend.

RUMMAGE SALE

Come and have fun "rummaging" around at the Mothers' Meeting Sale Thursday, April 5th, from 11:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M. You are sure to discover some treasure you can't live without! Lunch and Supper at the Snack Bar.

"The Blood of the Martyrs" was the caption of one of the weekly letters of Simeon Stylites in *The Christian Century*. He tells of a church bulletin which he had received in which the pastor expressed joy and pride in the members of his congregation who had "braved the rain" to attend the service on Christmas morning. He was so deeply moved that he supplemented this note with his own Hebrews 11, in which he praised "those earnest Christians who, on the high festal day of their faith, nobly dared the rain-drops, some no doubt lifting their umbrellas, and resolutely walked to the garage, climbed into a car, and came to church. Such valor merits a Te Deum. Truly this martyrdom calls to mind earlier martyrs who 'conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, stopped the mouths of lions, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war.'

"There is Polycarp Brown, who came to the morning service once every three months on fine Sundays, and stayed all through to the benediction. Hell's foundations tremble when shaken by such devotion. There is St. Theresa Robinson, who, it is true, did not stop the mouths of lions, but did stop the mouths of patrons of the Ladies' Aid suppers, having made pies four times in one year.

"There is Pierpont Morton, who increased his subscription from $2. to $3. a Sunday, and was fittingly rewarded by another deduction in his income tax. There is Barnabas Cox, who attended the Easter service every year, and two Men's Club dinners, and who even played End Man in the Minstrel Show. There is Mrs. Boanerges, who drove her two children seven blocks to Sunday School every Sunday, and called for them at eleven to drive them home again. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Such martyrdoms as these promise a great harvest for the church of tomorrow. 'They climbed the steep ascent of heaven through peril, toil, and pain.'"

WHY WORRY WHEN YOU CAN PRAY?

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PRAYER BOOKS ON DESKS: EXPERIMENT TRIED BY BUSINESS MEN

Dallas, Tex.—Members of the vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation agreed to keep a copy of the Book of Common Prayer on their office desks for six weeks, just to see what might happen. It develops that some of the men in spare moments read from the Book at random. Others read the appointed Collects, Epistles, and Gospels, as well as the Psalms. Many discovered prayers, formerly unknown to them.

Visitors to the offices would notice the Prayer Book and mention it. That would lead to a discussion of the Church, and invitations were given to attend church. The Dallas vestrymen testify that the experiment helped them personally, and gave them opportunities for personal evangelism.

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11:00 A. M.—Sunday School
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Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion Third Sunday Evening

NOON-DAY SERVICES—12:30-12:55

Tuesday Noon Club for Business Men
Luncheon served before and after service

Wednesdays
Noonday Service with Address
Holy Communion on the Last Wednesday in the Month

Thursdays
Healing Service and Address 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.
Mrs. Nelle Cook In Charge of Literature Table—Foyer of Church—Thursdays

Fridays—12: 30-12:55 P. M.
Holy Communion

THE VESTRY

Meets Second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 P. M.

Dr. Herbert Old, Rector's Warden
I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden
David L. German, Esq., Clerk of Vestry
Edward Shippen Morris, Esq., Treasurer of the Burd School
Edwin S. Heins, Esq. Mr. J. B. Mearns
Mr. Harry J. Hauger Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong Mr. Charles K. Hay
Mr. James Otis Lyman Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

THE CHOIR

Sopranos—June Hrinko, Soloist, Marion Baker, Janice Bushnell, Dorothy Campbell, Phyllis Matthews, Christine Mosler, Catherine Cross.
Altos—Dorothy Charles, Winifred Douglass, Mae Nichols, Elmina Finck.
Tenors—Albert E. Clark, Fil Oakford, Jr., Carl R. Myers.
Basses—Harley G. Charles, Thomas J. Maher, Cyril Bowman.

Organist—Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, Telephone, RI 6-0810
Presser Building
Assistant Organist, Mrs. Samuel N. Hughes
Organist and Choirmaster for the Hard of Hearing, Joseph Stokes Leeds
Librarian, Miss May Falkingham

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone number, WA 2-3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6 p.m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 p.m.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting Third Thursday at 11:00 a.m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p.m.
Prayer Fellowship: Fourth Thursday at 7:45 p. m.
The Camp Farthest Out: Third Thursday, 8 p.m.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Directress—Miss Charlotte U. Day. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years. Educated at public schools and professionally equipped according to ability.

St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church

Tenth Street above Chestnut, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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This Church is a member of:

The Protestant Episcopal Church in America;
The Philadelphia Council of Churches;
The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America;
The World Council of Churches.

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M. and at 5:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear, anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
APRIL 8, 1951

Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D.
Rector

The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, B.D.
Minister to the Hard of Hearing

H. Alexander Matthews, Mus.D.
Organist and Choirmaster

Mrs. Madeline Keller
Parish Visitor. Tel. WA 2-3807

Miss Evelyn Blackburn
Parish Secretary

Donald Macklen
Charles E. Lewis, Jr. } Flag Bearers

Thomas Keller
Crucifer

Miss H. E. Yeakle, Teacher of the Bible Class
Church Telephone: WAlnut 2-3807

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The order of service is to be found on page 67
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11:00 A. M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 347 ..... *Alleluia*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 39, page 389
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Morn of Beauty" ..... *Sibelius*
SERMON—"The Preparation for the Life After Death" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 286 ..... *Leoni*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 88 ..... *St. Albinus*

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

The Rector addressed the Women of St. John's Church, Lansdowne, at their luncheon meeting, April 2nd. He will speak to the Methodist Clergy and their wives at a district meeting on Thursday, 10:30 A. M., April 12, in the Lansdowne Methodist Church.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others)

Opening Prayer:

O God, lead us day by day deeper into the mystery of life, and make us interpreters of life to our fellows, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(*Henry Sylvester Nash*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 11:25-30

The Sermon:

The Resurrection glory of Easter lifts us up like a spring day to stirrings of hope and confidence, to new caring and consecration, new trust in the power of God to lead us through everything. Make sure that this is not what we call in this part of the country a "January thaw,"—one of those days when for a moment it feels like spring, and then slumps back into the deadness of winter!

One of the great "comfort" (strength-giving) words of Jesus was "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you." The people He invites to be close to Him are those who are willing to take heavy loads on their backs, for other people, and for God. And, in the Kingdom of God, no one gets too old or too sick to work—God never puts anyone on the shelf. There is always, at any age, something God needs you to do. He is "the God of the burden-bearers," the people who carry others on their hearts. "Come unto Me," He says—put yourself in His hands as you trust yourself to an able doctor. When you go to the best doctor you know, if you would remain his patient, you must carry out his directions faithfully. It is the same when you turn to the Great Physician. If you "come" to Him, you must be ready to listen carefully, and do just what he bids you. He will undoubtedly tell you to throw aside some of your old loads—foolish worry about tomorrow, senseless brooding over yesterday, stuffy resentments over long-past "wrongs". He will tell you to throw these away for keeps! He will also teach you how to carry the God-given loads now on your back, with the certainty that God would not have given them to you unless He had known you could manage them. He will surely give you new loads, waking you up to undreamed-of opportunities for kindness right in your home and neighborhood; and with these new loads, He will provide the necessary strength.

It is as simple as that, if you are willing to trust Him; if you will believe His promise, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I *will* refresh you." Take fifteen minutes alone today, when you can be quiet, and let Him give you directions for that life that is everlastingly worthwhile. You can find, for life, that serenity of which an unknown poet wrote:

"If I were told that I must die tomorrow...
All the fight fought, and all the journey through;
What would I do?"

"God grant that I would neither shrink nor falter,
But just go on doing my work;
Nor change, nor seek to alter aught that is gone;
But rise, and move, and smile, and work, and pray for one more day."

"And lying down for a last sleeping,
Say in that Ear which harkens ever,
Lord, within Thy keeping, how should I fear!"

Closing Prayer:

O God, Maker and Master of men, give us or take away whatever else Thou wilt, but give us a will like Thine own, knowing neither weariness nor waste, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Henry Sylvester Nash*)

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's faithful servant"
March 18—Doris Mary Catherine Smith
April 1—Richard Oddy

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together"
March 19—James C. Palmer
Jacqueline R. Hickman

BURIALS

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service in Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
March 1—Evelyn D. Hampton
5—Lucinda A. MacFarland
30—Emmet Lee Ellmaker

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household"
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sensor

ORGAN FUND

Have You Given????
Receipts to date $11,370.50
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WHY WORRY WHEN YOU CAN PRAY?

Bishop Remington will visit our parish on Sunday morning, May 6th, to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. It is not too late to join the Rector's instruction class which meets in his study Sunday mornings at 10:00 A. M.

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. William Dickhart and Miss Edna H. Meyers.

Our thank you to Mrs. Cazimera Petroski, Mrs. Jean Z. Becker and Mrs. Eugene Z. Becker for their *Church Bulletin* subscriptions.

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Easter

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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10:45 A. M.—PERSONAL PRAYER AND MEDITATION

11: 00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR:

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Alleluia Pascha Nostra" ..... *Titcomb*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87 ..... *Sullivan*

ANTHEM—"Christ Our Passover is Sacrificed For Us" ..... *Tours*

KYRIE ..... *Stanford*

ANTHEM—"Light's Glittering Morn" ..... *John E. West*

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky,
Heaven thunders forth its victor cry,
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply,
While He, the King, the mighty King,
Despoiling death of all its sting,
And trampling down the powers of night,
Brings forth His ransomed Saints to light

Jesu, the King of gentleness.
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess,
That we may give Thee all our days,
The tribute of our grateful praise.

All praise be Thine O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored
All praise to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

(*Translated from the Latin by the Rev. J. M. Neale*)

SERMON—"When He Saw the Wagon" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*

COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *French Melody*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Stanford*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 96 ..... *Martin*

The Easter Flowers are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose.

4:00 P. M.—MISS YEAKLE'S BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND EASTER EVEN SERVICE
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

EASTER EVENING SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Russian Easter" ..... *Rimsky-Korsakof*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

KYRIE ..... *Willan*

SEQUENCE ANTHEM—"On Wings of Living Light" ..... *Wilson*

SERMON HYMN 91 ..... *Victory*

SERMON ..... THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM—"Easter Morning" ..... *Nicholson*

SANCTUS AND AGNUS DEI ..... *Willan*

FOR THE GLORIA; ANTHEM—"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" ..... *Rasley*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

POSTLUDE—"Alleluia!" ..... *Mozart*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My beloved People of St. Stephen's:

If the precise nature of the eternal life could be revealed to us so that we might know as much about it as this present life, then the deepest springs of our religious experience would vanish and be no more. There would be no room for faith, life's highest and holiest incentive. It has been truly declared that "aspiration hemmed in by certainty would lose all power to soar."

Men who think seriously and love sincerely cannot long be satisfied with the thought of extinction. "God hath set eternity in our hearts," and men cannot long deny it. Tennyson expresses the conviction that clings to the consciences of the greatest men of the centuries:

Thou wilt not leave us in the dust;
Thou madest man, he knows not why,
He thinks he was not made to die;
And thou hast made him; thou art just.

It is the witness of the Resurrection, "that God gives unto us eternal life," that influences life and character at the fountain spring. It reveals to us the dignity and nobility of this present life, because it is an integral part of the future life. We are thus made to feel that the humble duties of life, the little as well as the larger cares, the common tasks have a meaning and a mighty purpose; that the little thoughts, the little prayers, the little deeds are all of eternal value; that each life is part of God's eternal plan.

At the foot of the white marble cross which his wife placed upon the grave of Charles Kingsley, one of England's first and greatest social preachers, are graven these three Latin words, "Amavimus; Amamus; Amabimus." We have loved; we love; we shall love. It is the risen Christ, that makes that epitaph the sublimest truth of Eastertide. It is love that never faileth, love that moved God to give us eternal life, love that transforms character, love that conquers death and makes the communion of saints a precious and a present truth.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,
ALFRED W. PRICE.

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose use the enclosed envelope.

Christmas Services

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Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24, 1952

7:30 P. M.

Holy Communion, Carols and Sermon

Mr. Meckling will preach

Mr. J. Stokes Leeds will direct the Christmas Music

10:45 P. M.

Holy Communion with Christmas Carols

The Choir, under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews,

Will Sing the Christmas Carols

The Rector will preach

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 1952

9:00 A. M.

Holy Communion

11:00 A. M.

Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector

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A CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out GOD? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "Christmas Offering." Will you use it for a gift for Him?

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St. Stephen's Church

Christmas

1952

Wednesday, December 24, 1952

Christmas Eve

7:30 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION, CAROLS AND SERMON—MR. MECKLING WILL PREACH

CHRISTMAS MUSIC UNDER THE DRIECTION OF MR. J. STOKES LEEDS

ANTHEM: "While Shepherds Watched" ..... *Best*
Incidental Tenor Solo: Lester Henninger
Soprano Solo: "Gesu Bambino" ..... *Yon*
Mary Millham
ANTHEM: "Joy To The World" ..... *Wilson*
ANTHEM: "The Christmas Story" ..... *Lorenz*

Christmas Eve

10:45 P. M.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE and HOLY COMMUNION

The Choir, under the directon of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, will sing the Christmas Carols

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fidelis*
KYRIE ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
Carol: "Sleep little dove" ..... *Old Alsatian Carol*
SERMON: "Night Over Bethlehem" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY CAROL 19 ..... *Carol*
SANCTUS ..... *T. Tertius Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 20 ..... Divinum Mysterium
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
PRAYERS
CAROL 33 ..... *Holy Night*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25, 1952

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Christmas Music under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fidelis*
KYRIE ..... *Wilan*
SOPRANO SOLO: "Lovely voices of the sky" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
(From the Story of Christmas)
SERMON: "Keeping Christmas in the Heart" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY CAROL 21 ..... *St. Louis*
SANCTUS ..... *Wilan*
COMMUNION HYMN 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Regent Square*

Christmas 1952

Many people are sad these days because of the conditions around them and the things they hear. They are weary and burdened, ill and infirm, in distress and pain. But why are they saddened by the things they hear? They hear only the wail of despair—nothing more can be done. They are like the multitudes who gathered around our Lord in Galilee of old.

"Oh, in what divers pains they met;
Oh, with what joy they went away."

Sadness was changed into gladness. Can the same transformation happen now? The answer will be found in the Bethlehem Stable—a child is born, and the Child is the MESSIAH of prophecy. In the days of prophecy men were conscious of the need, and they had the faith to believe that GOD would answer the need—PERFECT LOVE never leaves any need unanswered.

The need is sadness and love is gladness. Love changes sadness into gladness. How is this transformation made? Love does not really change sadness into gladness: Love changes people: Love changes sad people into glad people: it takes away a life of sadness and gives them a life of gladness.

The problem is a personal quest. Who has the love that can change people? GOD has the miracle—working love, for a change of such magnitude is what we call a miracle. Let us speed to the Bethlehem Stable.

"Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love came down at Christmas,
Stars and angels gave the sign."

The Holy Babe, LOVE INCARNATE! As we kneel at the Manger Throne there is a prayer and a pleading in our hearts: "Come to my heart Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for Thee." Then shall Love be incarnate in us. Lo, a miracle is born. We arise from our knees to a life of gladness. Love is born in us: we are sad no longer: Love is our life, our music, our health, our gladness, our all—"My Lord, my GOD, my all."

Love does the things of love: it is its nature: it cannot help doing what it is its nature to do: Love raises the dead, those who are dead in their sins; Love does what it does for Love's sake, not seeking any reward; Love forgives, until seventy times seven; Love heals every sickness and every disease: the prayer of Love shall heal the sick: *LOVE IS ALL.*

"O Come Let Us Adore Him . . . Christ the Lord."

May the Love of GOD abide in you, His Peace enfold you, His Grace sustain you and His Light guide you this HOLY CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

Sincerely, your Rector,
Alfred W. Price.

The Church Staff—the Rector, Mr. Meckling, the Parish Visitor, the Secretary, the Book Lady, the Clerk, the Sexton and our Handy-man—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their VERY BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES.

divisions are not always an advantage because the purpose has been to secure uniformity of length rather than natural division of subject. In the Revised Versions the divisions are eliminated.

It is very difficult to bring Christians to see what every honest scholar knows, that there is a wide difference in the character of the sacred writings of the Bible. There is history, poetry, drama, wise precepts and eternal principles. Therefore, there must be different degrees of inspiration in the various books, and they must appeal to us with different authority. The Revised Versions print poetry as poetry, and prose as prose. Then there are about six thousand obsolete and ambiguous words in the Authorized Version. One of the outstanding and unfortunate errors of the Authorized Version Committee was made in translating two different Greek words, GHENNA and HADES by the same English word, HELL. The horrible doctrine of a physical hell was based on this mis-translation. In the Revised Versions, the Greek word HADES, meaning the intermediate state, is translated as HADES. If the Revised Version, just by this one correction, will give Christians a higher conception of what punishment for sin involves, it will have been worth all the trouble and expense. The doctrine of total depravity was doubtless based largely on St. Paul's words as mistranslated in the Authorized Version, "who shall change our vile body." This sentence is correctly translated in the STANDARD REVISED VERSION as "who will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body . . .". Then, again, contrast the older and newer Version as to the Apostle's attitude towards the citizens of Athens. In the former he seems to encourage religious bigotry, "I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious", but in the Standard Revised Version he encourages religious tolerance, seeing the best in another's religion, "I perceive that in every way you are very religious". And so we might go on citing instances where the Revised Versions unquestionably lead us away from the letter that killeth and lead us on to the spirit of GOD'S word that quickeneth and transformeth the lives of men. We must not be less rational, but more rational because we are religious. We must be sensible as well as sincere in our religion. The revised Version will help us to know the truth about GOD'S truths, and it is the truth that shall make us free.

LET US PRAY:

Our Heavenly Father, we pray with all our hearts that Thou wilt inspire us to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the Holy Scriptures, and especially the Gospels, so that the Divine Light within us may never go out, that our faith in things divine may never grow dim, that our highest impulses and our most sacred promptings may never be stifled, that the ETERNAL VOICE which speaks in our flesh may never be shut out. Keep our souls sensitive to Thy Call through the faithful reading of Thy Word. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE ENGLISH BIBLE

by

THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D.

(Preached in St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, on Universal Bible Sunday, December 7, 1952)

I have frequently ventured the statement that the Episcopal Church is the Bible Church of Christendom. I believe that this statement is substantially true. The glory of progressive Christianity is the open Bible translated in the language of the people. The origin and history of the English Bible is almost entirely associated with our Church. The Episcopal Church gave the world the first English Bible. The most popular version of the English Bible today, which is known as the King James or Authorized Version, was the exclusive work of our Church. The Bible has been translated into every known language, and our Church has had no small share in this splendid achievement. We are probably safe in saying that more scripture is read and said and sung in the language of our people, at our public services than in any other church.

This record, however, is not something about which to boast, but a responsibility of leadership to be humbly recognized and devoutly maintained. The virtue of the Holy Scriptures, as the Collect this day reminds us, depends upon the spirit and the understanding with which we read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.

The Christian is ignorant of fundamental facts concerning his Bible, who does not know that it is a library of books, written or compiled by many men at remotely different times in the world's history. We are not always certain of the names of the writers, or of the precise time when the different books were written, or of the exact language in which they were written. Speaking generally, the Old Testament was written in Hebrew, and the New Testament in Greek, and in its original form there were no divisions into chapters and verses. We know the errors that creep into our printing in spite of the most careful proofreading, and we ought to know how impossible it was to prevent errors from creeping into the translations of the Bible since all the copies of the Bible were written by hand. The earliest copies were written in capital letters without any space between each word and without punctuation, the writing not always distinct, and the papyrus paper on which the scriptures were written was often almost worn through by erasures. It is remarkable and it is clear evidence of GOD'S guidance, that the numerous hand-written copies of the Bible, discovered at different times and in different parts of the world, so closely agree that we are well nigh certain that we have the original words of the various authors of the books of the Bible.

Revised versions of the Bible have been made at different periods of the Christian era, and their purpose has been to give the people a more accurate translation of the Bible, or at least a translation that could be better

understood. The people have generally resented the new versions of the Bible, especially if the old translation had been in use a long time. They have always seemed possessed with the impression that the translation was as sacred as the original word. Christianity of the 4th century was exceedingly angry with Jerome, the Monk of Bethlehem, when he gave the first revised version in the Latin language, and yet his translation known as the VULGATE became the standard of all translations for many centuries. It is the original of the present ROMAN CATHOLIC BIBLE and its influence on our Authorized Version is quite perceptible. Wycliffe's Revised Version in the English language, published in the 14th century, Tyndale's and Coverdale's Revised Versions of the 16th century, and the Authorized Version of the 17th century had to win their way through much bitter criticism and determined opposition on the part of those Christians whom the New Translation was meant to help. Broughon, the greatest Hebrew scholar of his day, wrote to King James that he would rather be torn asunder by wild horses than give up the "GREAT BIBLE"; i.e. Cranmer, 1540, for the Authorized Version which we love so well. So intense was the feeling against the Authorized Version that the translation from the GREAT BIBLE was retained in our Prayer Book for the Psalms and the Comfortable Words in the Communion Service. It may surprise you that we have two different translations of the Bible at every Sunday service!

We have, as you may know, permission granted by GENERAL CONVENTION, to use The Standard Revised Version in the reading of the Lessons at our public services. There is no doubt that the Standard Revised Version is far superior to the Authorized King James Version. It affords a fresher translation without any violation of the beautiful rolling cadences of the King James Version. To my mind, the greatest hindrance to the better understanding of the Bible and to the extension of its influence, and the primary cause of the decreasing interest in the Bible, have been due to those prejudiced and unprogressive Christians who have regarded the Bible as infallible not only in the truths it teaches, but also in the form in which it is written. They have denied any human element in its composition. They have asserted that all the books were equally inspired, that the drama of Job and the poetry of the Psalmists come to us with the same authority as the Gospel of St. John. Many of them ignorantly imagine that every sentence of the Bible came directly from heaven in the English language. They make no allowance for the great changes in the meaning of words, for the great progress in Biblical language and learning, some even going so far as to assert that the Bible is outside the realm of criticism and brand every critic, devout scholar though he be, as a heretic and an apostate. I once heard a distinguished lawyer in a DIOCESAN CONVENTION argue against the introduction of the American Revised Version, declaring in pathetic tones that the Version that he learned at his mother's knee was good enough for him as a man. It was very touching, but it was a lawyer's method of taking our minds off the real issue. It is generally recognized that when a lawyer rests his case upon sentiment that he has a very poor case. It is an argument that no intelligent person would think of using in connection with any law book or treatise, or with any other book. The Revised Edition is always assumed to be superior, and the assumption is usually correct. The Authorized Version as English literature is probably the most perfect translation that will ever be produced. In it the English tongue reached the full stature of manhood. But the style of the language is not everything. It is not the first thing. The first and essential thing is that the language shall convey the nearest approach to the meaning of the original words. The best version must best tell the truth about GOD'S truths. The most competent scholars agree that the revised versions do best tell the truth about GOD'S truths, and therefore they should be esteemed by all intelligent Christians as the Best Versions. Though the English language is seen in all its splendid maturity in the Authorized Version, it represents the infancy of Biblical research and scholarship. Since the year 1611, when the Authorized Version was published, the Vatican Sinaiticus, and Alexandrian manuscripts have been discovered. These copies of the original scriptures are centuries older than any MSS in the possession of the "Authorized Version" Committee. The knowledge of the Ancient Languages has wonderfully advanced since 1611. Modern scholars are familiar with all the fine distinctions of phraseology and inflection in the Hebrew and Greek languages, which were entirely lost on the contributors of the old versions. The Standard Revised Version represents the best of American Biblical scholarship. The Standard Revised Version includes all the changes which the more conservative English Committee declined to endorse in the English Revised Version of 1870. It ought to supersede the King James Version at least for this reason, that it changes most of those sentences that sound indelicate and vulgar to modern ears.

I would briefly point out some of the changes in the Revised Versions that advance the cause of theological progress and religious liberty. The Revised Versions remove Archbishop Usher's dates from the margin of the Bible, because they are discredited by modern science. The heading of the Old Testament chapters often misrepresent the ancient Jews, for when the prophets speak of sin the headings always infer that it is the sin of the Jews, but when of glory and holiness, it is the glory and holiness of the Church. The Standard Revised Version does not state the authorship of the various books that may reasonably be disputed.

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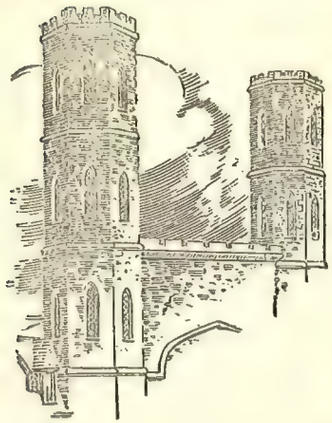
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11: 00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Adagio from Violin Sonata" ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49 ..... *Valour*
KYRIE ..... *Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—"In The Beginning" ..... *David D. Wood*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shined in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not—but as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe in His Name. Arise! Arise! Shine; for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Arise! Arise! Arise! Shine!

SERMON—"Another Way" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 46 ..... *Morning Star*
SANCTUS ..... *Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 48 ..... *Stuttgart*

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Opening Prayer—Renew my will from day to day,
Blend it with Thine, and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
Thy will be done. (*C. Elliott, 1850*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 2: 1-15

The Sermon:

"The human race
To you means such a child or such a man
You saw one morning, waiting in the cold
Beside that gate...

Does one of you
Stand still from dancing, stop from stringing pearls
And pine and anguish because of the great sum
Of universal anguish?...You cannot count
That you should weep on this account; not you.
You weep for what you know. A red-haired child,
Sick in a fever, if you touch him once,
Though but so little as with a single tip,
Will set you weeping; but for a million sick,
You could as soon weep for the rule of three,

Or compond fractions."

So Elizabeth Barrett Browning puts the deep human problem—how can we truly feel the suffering of the whole world of people? It is so big, and there are so many of them! We read about the death of starvation of thousands in India; and then, with a brief sigh, move on to the latest cooking recipe, or yesterday's sports events. How are we going to master this problem, so that we shall not live callously, unmoved by the anguish of the world?

Our Bible reading gives the same answer as Mrs. Browning's poem. The Gospel writer might have given us an earnest sermon about the uncounted multitude who would some day learn to worship Jesus Christ, the Son of God. But he knew that sermons about many faraway people do not reach men's hearts. So, instead, he told the story of the Three Kings who came from faraway, and knelt at the Manger in humble adoration of their new-born Lord. These Three Kings have become our familiar friends—there are not too many of them for us to understand and love. In the Epiphany season, the Three Kings remind us of the world of men of all colors and races who now worship Him, and the even greater multitudes who will some day bow before His glory.

"You weep for what you know" is Mrs. Browning's wise solution of our problem. The way for you to enlarge your heart to take in the suffering millions of the world is to love and care for the lonely Syrian boy who is sick, just down the street from you, to show friendship and understanding for the Negro family that has newly moved into your neighborhood; to brew a delicious soup for the poor old woman of no church who is sick just across the tracks. You can only start by caring for some one you can see. If, bidden by the good God, you do that, your capacity for love will grow. Then, one day, you will find yourself digging down for a dollar, or for many dollars, to help unseen sufferers, far away, through Church World Service or "CARE". Weep for what you know, first; and the greater caring will be added unto you!

Closing Prayer:

Grant, O Lord, that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and practice in our lives; and, of Thy great mercy, keep us faithful unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John Hunter*)

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are indeed sorry to have to announce that due to conditions beyond our control, the cost of Altar Memorial Flowers has to be increased from three to five dollars. It is impossible to obtain two vases of cut flowers for three dollars anywhere in the city and maintain the quality and quanity that we desire in St. Stephen's Church.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, January 6, there will be a special service of Holy Communion at 11: 00 o'clock to which we invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the year at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

EPIPHANY SHOWER

For the past several years we have had an Epiphany Shower for the patients of the Philadelphia General Hospital. People who have received too much at Christmas, and who would like to give their over-plus to Chaplain Ward who in turn will give the patients a little gift as he makes his daily rounds, are asked to bring appropriate gifts to church on Sunday, January 13th. A large receptacle will be placed in the vestibule of the church where the gifts are to be received. Cigarettes, candy, tobacco, canned goods, and any small edible commodity that can be given to the patients will be greatly appreciated.

With gratitude we list the names of faithful subscribers to the *Church Bulletin* for 1952: Miss Ida M. Landenberger, Mrs. E. M. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmid, Mrs. Jay Knox, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Knox, Mrs. L. E. Trent, Jr., Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, Mrs. Ida T. W. Leach, Mrs. John MacDougal.

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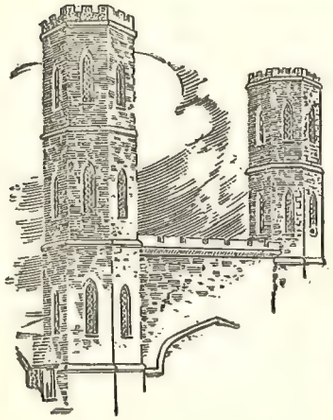
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 52 ..... *Dix*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 72, page 426
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Ye That Have Spent The Quiet Night"..... *George Dyson*

1. Ye that have spent the silent night
   In sleep and quiet rest,
   And joy to see the light
   That riseth in the east.

2. Now lift your hearts, your voices raise
   Your morning tribute bring,
   And pay a grateful song of praise
   To Heaven's Almighty King.

3. And as this gloomy night did last
   But a little space,
   As heavenly day
   Doth show his pleasant face.

4. So let us hope, when faith and love
   Their work on earth have done,
   God's blessed face to see above
   Heaven's better, brighter Sun.

(*Words by George Gascoigne, 1525-1577*)

SERMON—"Let Your Light Shine" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 329 ..... *Frankfort*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 153 ..... *Ratisbon*

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(*John W. Suter, Jr.*)

Bible Reading—St. Matthew 8: 18-22

The Sermon:

Joe David Brown begins the story thus: "Nobody in Walesburg had less than Chloroform Wiggins, and nobody felt better... He came from a long line of contented folks." His parents, Sam and Aggie lived on an old, discarded riverboat. They had been married twenty years when their only child was born; and it was a hard birth, so Old Doc eased it all the could. Afterwards, Aggie asked what the sweet-smelling stuff was that Doc had given her to ease the pain. So it came about that she named her son "Chloroform". "Hit's a medicine-name, Sam. Hit's the purtiest name ah ever heered."

The time came when Sam and Aggie died. Chloroform sold the old riverboat, and built himself a little shack. There he lived contentedly, working at humble tasks, at peace with God and men. One rainy day the men were standing around at Clem McCullough's store, because there wasn't much else to do; and they were spoiling for some fun. They all looked up and grinned when Chloroform came in. He had a long, thin neck with a big Adam's apple, and, as usual, his pointed face was covered with a grin. He told Clem that he was aiming to get a mess of catfish down in the creek, and he needed a number-four hook. If Clem would let him have it, he would bring some catfish back to Clem in payment.

Then the men started in. First they asked Chloroform if he thought that *one* hook was enough, and then, hadn't he better buy himself a new, strong line? They told him he didn't worry enough; but he didn't seem to think he had anything to worry about. They said it was his duty to begin to worry; and the best way was to get into debt-now. What did he want, more than anything else in the world? Nothing, he guessed, except a number-four hook. So Clem bade him look all around the store, and pick out what he wanted most, and charge it. So Chloroform took a good deal of time, and looked around, even at the racks where Clem had hung the calico and taffeta dresses. But when he had finished, he stammered that there wasn't anything he really wanted—except a number-four hook. So they got out the big Sears, Roebuck catalogue, and got him to thumb through it. When Chloroform finished, he looked up (and the men weren't grinning and snickering anymore); and he seemed embarrassed as he said, "Ah reckon ah don't want anythin'; 'ceptin' a number-four hook. Everything's mighty purty, though." So Clem gave him the hook, and he ambled contentedly out.

There was a long silence; and Perry Lokey said, "It beats the life outa me. He don't want nothin'. Reckon there's never been anybody like that before." Clem McCullough's eyes were thoughtful, and his voice was low: "Yes, thar was. Ah heered of somebody else like that. They didn't have any catalogues in those days, so they let Him look around from a mountain-top. He didn't want nothin' you could carry in your hands or put in your pocket." Then Clem did a funny thing. He looked around that big store of his, and his eyes swept the overflowing shelves and the bulging bins and the full racks. "Sometimes", he said, and his voice sounded as if he was thinking out loud, "Sometimes ah think ah'm a mighty pore man."

Closing Prayer:

O God, the strength of those who walk with Thee, confirm in us the knowledge of Thy Presence, that Thou, being our companion in the way, we may so deal with our anxieties that at length our hearts may find their rest in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John W. Suter, Jr.*)

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It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. Eleven hundred copies are printed each week. Some seven hundred and fifty are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of the forty-eight states, and in addition to people in Canada. It goes not only to members but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It costs $32.70 a week to print and to mail this publication. There are some forty-four issues a year at a total cost of $1,438.80. Last year we received $611.90 from individuals in response to our annual appeal. If every family would give $2.00 a year the cost would be met. Of course, a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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is being held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 15, 16, 17. The afternoon sessions are at 2: 30 P. M. and the evening at 8: 00 P. M. Dr. Glenn Clark, writer, teacher, founder and director of the Camp Farthest Out, will speak at each session and so also will Mr. Glenn Harding, an outstanding leader of youth, presently Executive Director of Koinonia Foundation. Prayer Laboratories will be conducted each day. Alice Kraft will open the Institute with the unique message "The Door to Spiritual Power *via* Exercises in Creative Rhythms". This session will be held in the Community House, January 15th.

Resolved for 1952: In a world of ill-will, to be the bearers of good-will—to replace disunity by community—to banish despair by hope, fear by trust, hate by love.

Don't Forget your gift of candy, cigarettes, and small edible commodities for the Epiphany Shower for Chaplain Ward of the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Have you signed your 1952 pledge card? If you have, you should have received your box of offering envelopes which were mailed December 20.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Marion*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
JUBILATE, page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Sing a Song of Praise" ..... *J. E. West*
Sing a song of praise, Bless the Lord in all His works, Magnify His name and show forth His praise With the songs of your lips. Alleluia! Sing a song of praise.
SERMON—"Joy" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 577 ..... *Handel*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 568 ..... *Hermas*

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Opening Prayer:

O Eternal God, Who in Jesus Christ has shown us the revelation of Thy character; help us in Him to see Thee as Thou art, and to walk in the way which He has declared to us. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen. (*The Grey Book*).

Bible Reading: *II* Timothy 2: 1-10

The Sermon:

Certainly you would not go into a fruit store, and ask for a hat; or try to buy a three-cent stamp from an automobile dealer. You would not order a quart of milk from an insurance agent, or a sirloin steak from a Chinese laundry. You would not make these strange requests, because you know what each of these businessmen has for sale. You understand what you have a right to expect from each one.

Yet, in their prayers, people make just as strange and silly requests of God. After nineteen centuries of Jesus Christ's teachings, we should have a clearer idea of what we can expect from God. We should know what He has for us. We should know that we cannot expect pampering from the God Who bade His own Son to go to Calvary. Nor can we expect Him to step in and wage our struggles for us. As Jesus pointed out so many times, God gave us our talents to *use* in the conflict of life.

If you will read the Book of the Acts, and the Epistles, you will see that the early Christians did not have any soft, God-protected lot—they waded through all sorts of troubles, with triumphant joy. With God's help, they found that they could meet the worst that life could throw at them. And they *did* get God's help, because they asked for what God can give—strength for the fight!

"Long since, in sore distress, I heard one pray
'Lord, Who prevailest with resistless might,
Ever from war and strife keep me away;
My battles fight!'

I know not if I play the Pharisee,
And if my brother after all be right;
But mine shall be a warrior's plea to Thee—
Strength for the fight.

I do not ask that Thou shalt front the fray,
And drive the warring foeman from my sight;
I only ask, O Lord, by night, by day,
Strength for the fight.

When foes upon me press, let me not quail,
Nor think to turn me into coward flight.
I only ask, to make mine arms prevail,
Strength for the fight.

And when, at eventide, the fray is done,
My soul to Death's bed-chamber do Thou light,
And grant me, be the field or won or lost,
Rest from the fight." (*Paul Laurence Dunbar*)

Closing Prayer:

Now the God of all grace, Who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that we have suffered awhile, make us perfect; stablish, strengthen us. To Him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever. Amen. (*The Grey Book*)

The Rector will speak to the women of the Churchwoman's Club on Tuesday evening, January 22nd and to the men of the Y.M.C.A., 1421 Arch Street, on Thursday, January 24th at 7: 30 P. M.

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"A member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

November 2—Virginia Kolmann
25—Paul Harvey Schmid
December 16—Elizabeth Catherine Green

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God has joined together"

December 6—Robert Hartkopf
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BURIALS

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

November 14—Henry Eckhardt
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26—Mabel Boisnot
27—Mary Cragg Gilbert
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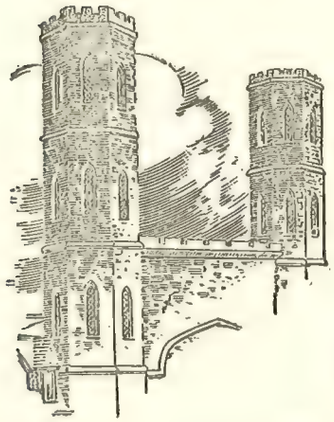
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALMS 121, 122, page 502
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Gaul*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"The King's Highway"
(I Know Not Where The Road May Lead) ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*
SERMON—"Miracle Men" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 566 ..... *Galilee*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 553 ..... *Lancashire*

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Bible Reading: *I* Corinthians 13

The Sermon:

Professor Sorokin writes, "Etched into the trunk of a large tree in a dense forest not far from Archangel, in northern Russia, is this inscription 'Love is the only creative force.' I know it's there, because I put it there myself...one afternoon in late summer in 1918." He had taken part in two revolutions, hoping to bring order and peace—and all that had resulted was more of chaos and raging turmoil.

As he looked back, he found that all the good things in his life had come out of the power of loving kindness—the pleasant surprises, the helping hands, the words of encouragement. And now even his release from prison was due to the gratitude of a commissar who remembered how the professor had willingly given a night school course—who had willingly helped this man and many other workers. Love, then, had opened the prison door for his escape to this great, free land of ours, where he now teaches.

Most of Professor Sorokin's time at Harvard University is taken up with a special project. An educational foundation is spending twenty thousand dollars a year for six years to make it possible for this ex-Russian professor to study and apply the power of love in the world. For instance, he and his associates have made a study of a thousand people, in many parts of the United States, who have been suggested by radio listeners as being outstanding "good neighbors". After careful investigation, "we found no instances where the good neighbor was the Very Important Person in the town. There were no mayors, bankers, business tycoons—affection was not necessarily for the one who owned the most property or gave the biggest parties...No, the people who were remembered were like the woman who acted as community nurse and drove the sick to the doctor or to the hospital; the woman who made a lot of extra preserves each year, and gave some to needy neighbors; the bachelor who volunteered as a baby-sitter for his friends, taking several youngsters at a time so the parents could go to dances or the theatre...What made these people as they were? In the vast majority of cases we found that they had acquired the habit of 'love thy neighbor' in childhood with their families...They came from happy homes." It was as simple as that—living as children in an atmosphere of honest love, they grew up to be loving people, and they spread the contagion of love about them, and their communities were blessed and lighted by their lives.

That professor's eager research is simply an application of the teaching of Jesus Christ, a twentieth century adventure in the spirit of St. Paul's great Chapter on love. What glorious hopes rise against the black clouds of today's sky. Professor Sorokin concludes: "It is our hope that through these studies we may find the key to the conquest of hatred, which has been responsible for two world wars in my lifetime, and today bids fair to bring on another."

Closing Prayer:

Praise be to God for the shelter from wind and weather, which being hallowed by love, becomes our home. May He help us to keep it holy and happy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Toc H Prayers, adapted*)

CONFIRMATION

There are many people today not attached to any church, but are Christian men and women; they occasionally attend services but are drifters. Some of them were regular and devoted members of churches in the places from which they came. We would have such people identify themselves with St. Stephen's Church and take a stand for Christ and His Church.

Other people are regular attendants at the services of St. Stephen's but have never made any public profession of religion. They march along with the army but are not in uniform. When asked if they attend church, they hesitatingly reply that they "go to St. Stephen's"! They inwardly feel that they are not sons of the house! For their own sakes as for the good of the Church, it would be wise for such people to take a definite step.

Children grow up and reach the age of decision. They then take upon themselves responsibilities which were put upon them by parents and teachers. That age, roughly speaking, is about fourteen.

The visit of Bishop Hart to the Parish on April 27th is the occasion for all the people to take their places among the organized followers of Christ. Some do it by Confirmation and others by Letters of Transfer or in other ways; but the important thing is for all to join the fellowship of the disciples under the leadership of the Master.

Confirmation classes are to be held every Sunday at 10: 00 A. M. in the Rector's Study, beginning February 17th. All are welcome whether or not they have been confirmed, whether or not they have any intention of being confirmed. Such subjects as these are being considered: Faith, Morals, Sacraments, Church History, the Prayer Book, etc.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Church is making a special effort this year to enlist better support for theological education. Partly this is an outgrowth of a dozen years of co-operative effort on the part of the seminaries to obtain an annual contribution. Partly it is an expression of growing concern for the Church and its ministry, and partly, it is the result of a definite need.

All the Theological Schools of the Church are filled to capacity, increased costs all along the line, students' G. I. are now running out, still a serious shortage of clergy, but still only about *one-third* of the parishes of the Church offering any support to the seminaries.

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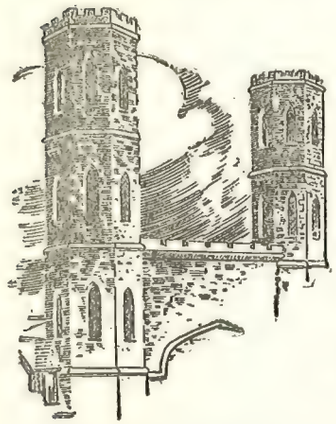
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 .....*Melcombe*
KYRIE .....*Mendelssohn*
ANTHEM—"O Saviour Sweet".....*J. S. Bach*

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3. Thee with tender care I'll cherish, Live to Thee, die to Thee; Thus I shall not perish, But with Thee abide for ever, Joyfully, peacefully, where life endeth never.

SERMON—"Gambling-Higher Style" .....*The Rector*
OFFERTORY HYMN 572 .....*Maryton*
SANCTUS .....*Stainer*
COMMUNION HYMN 208 .....*Penetentia*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 .....*Festal Song*

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A YEAR OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

We have a great deal to be thankful for in St. Stephen's Parish. This past year again has broken all previous records in attendance and in good works, provided by the generous contributions of our people. Mrs. Hauger, Treasurer, reports the largest amount to come through the envelope system and special appeal envelopes—$35,133.68. Our total, including income from Endowments, amounted to $70,000.00.

Each year we are giving more to worthwhile objects outside the parish. Each year we assume a larger pledge to the missionary work of the Episcopal Church. This year we met our missionary quota of $6,890.00, which was a 30 per cent increase over the previous year. We raised $593.29 for the Episcopal Hospital. We gave $248.85 for Theological Education, $542.35 for the Women's United Thank Offering and $257.75 for the Christmas Basket Fund. We paid in full our Diocesan Assessment of $1,155.22. The total of our benevolent giving for 1951 was $17,529.54. Fifty per cent of all the money contributed to St. Stephen's by members and friends in 1951 found its way to benevolent and mission objects outside the parish. The additions to our Organ Fund have brought the total to date of $13,000.00. Oh yes, we almost forgot—despite the rising costs in every item on our budget, this past year, we closed the year with a balanced budget and go into the new year with all bills paid.

In spite of the record-breaking attendance of 1950, the year 1951 has been one of unusual expansion materially and spiritually. The total attendance at the worship services was 51,526. There were 468 worship services during the year. The Rector conducted 400 services, preached 205 sermons in St. Stephen's. He baptized 19 persons, married 14, buried 24, and presented 19 for confirmation. The attendance at the various services was as follows:

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 A. M.—1,182; 11:00 A. M.—11,014; 7:30 P. M.—3,275

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesday—1,773; Wednesday—1,985; Thursday—7,876; Friday—1,699
Lenten Noon-Day Services—16,738; Special Services—5,986

It will be readily seen from the above figures that over two thirds of the total attended the week day services. That alone justifies our ministry in this part of the city. We have no record of the many hundreds of people who dropped in to pray and meditate between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M.

"FLOWER OF TIBET"

The China Inland Mission will show the above motion picture at Miss Hannah Yeakle's Bible Class, Sunday, February 3rd, at 4:00 P. M., in St. Stephen's Community House. The offering will go for the work of the Mission. All are invited to attend. Tea will be served.

The Rector presented Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kolmann for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel in the Church House on Monday afternoon, January 28th.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers but members of the household"

Mr. William Strelecki
Mrs. Virginia Strelecki
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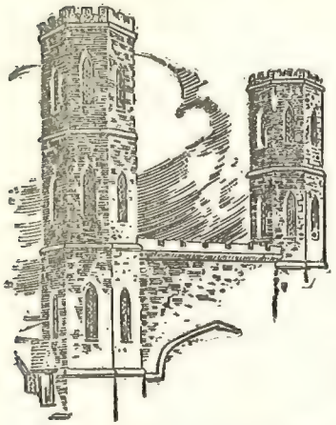
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367 ..... *Laudes Domine*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 50, page 401
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"How lovely are Thy dwellings" ..... *Spohr*
"How lovely are Thy dwellings fair! O Lord of Hosts, how dear the pleasant tabernacles are, where Thou dost dwell so near! My soul doth long and almost die, Thy courts, O Lord to see. My heart and flesh alone do cry O living God for Thee. There, even the sparrow freed from wrong hath found a house of rest; the swallow there to lay her young hath built her brooding nest. Even by Thy altars, Lord of Hosts, they find their safe abode, and home they fly from round the coasts to Thee, my King, my God."
SERMON—"Why I Am An Episcopalian" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 398 ..... *Quam Dilecta*

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Opening Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, Keeper and Preserver of all things, let Thy right hand guard us by day and by night, when we sit at home, and when we walk abroad, when we lie down and when we rise up, that we may be kept from all evil; and have mercy upon us sinners. Amen. (*St. Teresa of Clajes, 362 A D.*)

Bible Reading: St. Mark 8: 14-21; St. Matthew 5: 1-12

The Sermon:

Dr. Sockman has pointed out that there are different kinds of "seeing". You go to your oculist, and he puts before you a wall-chart on which there are lines of letters, varying in size—He tries lenses of various strengths and asks about certain letters. "Can you see those?" And you answer, "I see." That is *physical* vision. Or you go to your lawyer about your income tax, and he patiently explains, and light begins to break on your mind, and you say, "I see." That is *mental* vision. But now suppose that a daughter comes home to dinner, and goes through the meal with what she thinks is perfect composure, although underneath, she is much upset about a friend of hers. After the meal is over, her mother says, "Mary, out with it! I see there is something up." That mother is seeing with the *eyes of the heart* Jesus once remarked rebukingly, "Having eyes, see ye not?", because so many people "see" so little as they go through life.

Actually, we see what we are interested in—what we are looking for in life. A father and son walk down the road. The father is interested in nature. He sees the different kinds of grasses, trees, and flowers. The boy is interested in motor cars. He keeps track of how many Pontiacs and Plymouths pass...One man lives in a town with a negative, critical attitude. He sees the pettiness of its people, the stodginess of the place, all the tawdry things that Sinclair Lewis portrayed in "Main Street". Another man lives in the same town, and sees the heartiness of its neighborly spirit, the opportunities offered by its schools and churches, all the inviting things a William Allen White would see in his community. It is the same town; the difference is in the set of the mental focus and the depth of the insight.

Jesus promised, "The pure in heart shall see God." Double-talking, double-living people will not, of course, see many signs of God's goodness as they trudge through their days. But single-hearted people, with a child's eagerness to know God, will encounter Him, joyfully and richly, again and again. A mother stands over her baby as he gurgles with contented laughter—and she suddenly catches her breath over the wonder of a God Who was able to create her baby and his laughter. A rare woman of ninety lies gravely ill, and her family gathers around her bed, and each is thinking long thoughts of the long years behind, years made rich by this woman and her rugged faith in God. A car pulls up at my front door—it's a refreshingly Christian person, taking a convalescent friend for a drive out along the tree-arched country road; and you suddenly see God at work in that true Christian. This can get to be a game one plays through each day's living as some one said, "Whenever I go into a room full of people, I wonder what of God I shall see in each person." The eager people, the "pure in heart", find God daily in human beings, and sunsets, and songs, and gardens, and books. The Christian faith, patiently exercised, trains the eyes of the mind and heart to live in the radiance of seeing God in our common life.

Closing Prayer:

O God, Who by making the evening to succeed the day, hast bestowed the gift of repose on human weakness, grant, we beseech Thee, that while we enjoy those timely blessings, we may acknowledge Him from Whom they come, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Mosarabic Liturgy, before 700 A. D.*)

A MINISTER'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Birthdays, anniversaries,
A dozen cards will bring.
At Christmas come six hundred cards
To make his heart to sing!

The other cards congratulate
For an event or date,
But Christmas cards are thank you cards,
'Tho many may be late.

In their appreciation
Of kindnesses performed,
Of healing, and of ministry
To hearts that have been warmed.

Gift-giving is commercialized.
'Twas not intended so
To celebrate the birthday
Of the Christ-Child, long ago.

But that so many cards of thanks
Can come from grateful souls
Makes Christmas-time his happy time,
When gratitude unfolds—Elizabeth V. D. Price

Chaplain Ward of the Philadelphia General Hospital has asked the Rector to extend his thanks to the members of St. Stephen's Church for the lovely gifts given at the "Epiphany Shower" for the patients of the Hospital.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin

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BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

One of the finest traditions among men, young men and boys of our church has been an Annual Corporate Communion in observance of Washington's Birthday. This year, the celebration in the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held on Saturday, February 16, at 8: 00 A. M. at St. Stephen's Church. The occasion will be marked by the attendance of His Excellency, the Honorable John S. Fine, Governor of Pennsylvania, who will be Speaker at the Communion Breakfast held at the Snellenburg Store Restaurant immediately after the Communion Service. The cost of the breakfast is $1.25 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance—not later than February 9th.

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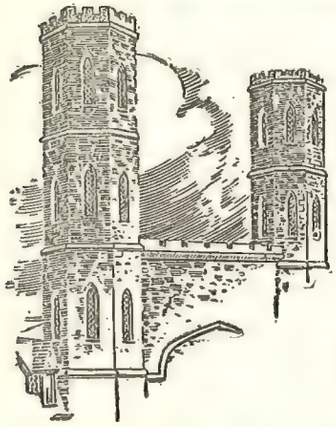
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 558 ..... *University College*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Gaul*
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ANTHEM—"Out of Heaven" ..... *Cowen*

Out of heaven the Lord hath made thee to hear His voice. Be of good comfort, arise; He calleth thee, and will bring thee by a way thou knowest not. He will lead thee in paths thou hast not known, and darkness shall be light before thee. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate. Be of good comfort, arise, He calleth thee. The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, blessed shalt thou be in the field, blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out, for the Lord thy God is with thee from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

SERMON—"The Prayer Book Is Important" ..... The Rector
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Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Whose glory fills Thy temple, let the whole earth keep silence before Thy tranquil majesty, that we may venture reverently to worship the beauty of Thy holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*John W. Suter*)

Bible Reading: St. Mark 6: 31-34

The Sermon:

There are many people who truly crave serenity, but do not know how to find it. Jesus shows us how.

There was a time in His ministry when He and the disciples were furiously busy. Crowds thronged about them, bringing their sick to be healed, their questions to be answered. Jesus saw that His twelve men were close to exhaustion—actually they were not getting enough leisure to eat their meals in peace; on the go, on the quick move, from morning until late evening. Jesus quickly passed the word to His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while." So they went, and stretched themselves out in peace on that mountainside, and drank in the quietness of it all and the beauty of the far view. Sometimes "Be still and know that I AM GOD" means that you must *make your body be still,* to stop moving, so that you can slow down your excited, straining thoughts, and listen to GOD.

There are simple, practical ways to still our bodies, to "come apart, and rest a while." You have been hard at work, house-cleaning, hurrying, hurrying, hurrying. Something within you says, "Come apart and rest a while", and you stop your cleaning, and drop into a comfortable chair by the window, and look out. Maybe your eyes rest on a great company of swallows gathering along the telephone wire; and the sight of that annual exodus first gives you a reminding twinge that summer is over, then it reminds you of the wonderful ways of God Who has put into the birds the sure instinct when to wing their way to the southlands. You watch them, wondering; and suddenly you are praying, praising God for His greatness. A moment later you are back at your sweeping, refreshed by "coming apart" into thoughts of God.

There was once an over-busy, exhausted English businessman, whose doctor ordered him to go to a quiet place and rest. He went, but he did not know how to be still and relaxed. One day, in a frenzy of exasperation, he took his walking stick and went for a walk across the countryside, slashing at the little blue flowers that covered the path. Finally he encountered a botanist, stooping down, and peering through a magnifying glass into the heart of that little moorland flower. "This ugly plant is a nuisance, isn't it?" the business man exploded. The botanist smiled, and handed over the magnifying glass, and bade him look. As he gazed through the glass, he saw for the first time the delicate beauty and symmetrical perfection of the tiny flower. He handed back the glass with a sober face—"I didn't take time to look", he said. He had discovered this God-created beauty only when he stopped, made his restless body be still a moment, and took time to look with seeing eyes. So Serenity can come to those who truly desire it; those who are willing to come apart into the stillness with God.

Closing Prayer:

Walk with us, O Christ, in the way, as Thou didst with Thy disciples, until the day is spent and our journey done; then of Thy goodness break with us the bread of life, and grant us vision of Thy face; for Thy Name's Sake, world without end. Amen. (*John W. Suter*).

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, April 27th, to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. The instruction class meets in the Rector's Study Sunday mornings at 10: 00 A. M.

THE ORGAN FUND CONTINUES TO GROW—
Total to date $13,000.00
Have you given your share!
Help us to have a new organ by 1953—Our 130th Anniversary

The Annual Institute of the Department of Christian Social Relations will be held Wednesday, February 20th at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, 330 South 13th Street on the theme "Urban Industrial Ministry". Afternoon session 4: 30 P. M. Supper 6: 00 P. M. Evening session 8: 00 P. M. The cost of the supper is $1.25.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will meet on Thursday, February 21st at 11: 00 o'clock. Mrs. Nelle Cook will give a talk on "What Goes On Behind The Book Counter." Please bring a box lunch. There will be sewing for those who may wish.

The annual Youth Worship Service sponsored by the Y.P.F. in the Diocese will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, on Sunday, February 24th at 8: 00 P. M. Bishop Hart will be the Speaker.

THE BELL TOLLS

When (the Church) baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that Head which is my Head too, and engrafted into that body, whereof I am a member. And when she buries a man, that action concerns me: All mankind is of one Author, and is one volume; when one man dies, one Chapter is not torn out of the books, but translated into better language; and every Chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators. Some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but God's hand is in every translation, and his hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again, for that Library where every book shall lie open to one another: As therefore that Bell that rings to a Sermon calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the Congregation to come, so this Bell calls us all...

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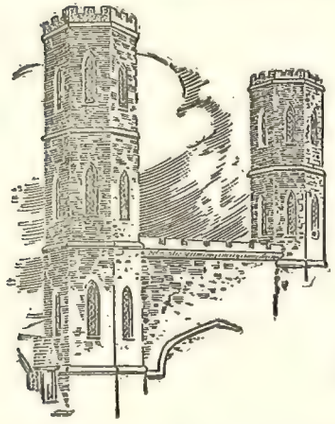
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 116, page 486
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ANTHEM—*Soprano Solo*, "How Many Hired Servants of My Father's"....*Sullivan*
How many hired servants of my Father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my Father and will say unto Him. Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Make me as one of Thy hired servants.
SERMON—"Miserable Sinners?" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 479 ..... *Love Divine*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 578 ..... *Pleyel's Hymn*

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Bible Reading: St. Luke 12:22-30

The Sermon:

In the modern, more reliable translations of the New Testament, Jesus says, "Be not anxious for your life, what you shall eat, or about your body, what you shall put on...do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind for all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek His Kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well." Jesus had worked as a carpenter, and supported Mary and His brothers and sisters, after Joseph's death—He *knew* that food and clothing are important and necessary. But He also knew that men let themselves get so anxious about these things that they forget the things of God. So He bade us put God's things first, to center our most urgent desire on pleasing God; and trust God for the rest.

This gives us a clue to the meaning of Lent. Many people have a queer idea that Lent is the time when we give up things that are bad. But that, my friend, is what a Christian is expected to do *all* the year around. Lent is the special season to give up certain pleasures which we normally enjoy. It is not because these pleasures are harmful that we cut them out—they are harmless enjoyments on which we spend much time. We give them up in Lent because *they crowd out better things.* Lent constantly reminds us of the sacredness of time. At any given moment we can do only one thing. We must do *this or that* Lent is the season when we put aside ordinary pleasures, for the sake of deeper satisfactions, to study God's Word in the Bible and in books of our day, to worship Him in church, to pray to find His Will for our lives. We discipline ourselves to waste no time, even on harmless pleasures, for the sake of pursuits of deeper importance.

So, during these days of Lent, "seek His kingdom". Put that first. I do not know how you waste your time—too much sitting before your television, too much movies, too much card-playing, too much long-winded conflabbing over the telephone. I do not know how you waste your money—whether it be on pleasant extras to please your stomach or to adorn your body. But I do know that every human being wastes time and money on things that are cheap compared to God's business, that many of us let our loyalty to God's purposes get smothered by over-much pleasure.

Jenny Lind, the great Swedish soprano, disappointed many of her friends because she turned down so many big contracts that would have increased her fame as well as her riches. One day, a friend surprised her sitting by the seashore reading the New Testament. The friend rebuked the singer for not seizing her chances for the well-paid singing tours. Quickly, Jenny Lind put her hand on her New Testament and said, "I found that making vast sums of money was spoiling my taste for this." In Lent, see that you turn away from time-consuming, spirit-spoiling pursuits which keep you from making God's wishes the first business of your life!

Closing Prayer:

Open, O Christ, the eyes of our faith; that, reaching forth unto those things which are before, we may follow the high calling of God, as seeing Him Who is invisible; through the power of the Holy Ghost. Amen. *(John W. Suter)*

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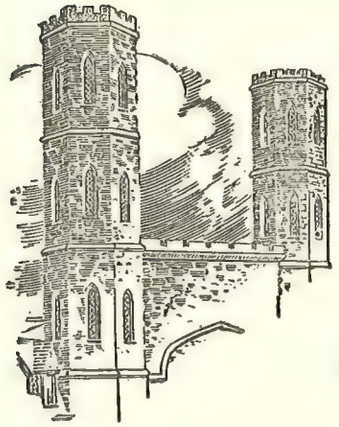
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 406 ..... *Stephanos*
KYRIE, page 70 ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Ave Verum" ..... *Mozart*

1. Jesu, Word of God incarnate,
   Of the Virgin Mary born;
   On the Cross Thy sacred Body
   For us men with nails was torn.

2. Cleanse us by the Blood and Water
   Streaming from Thy pierced side.
   Feed us with Thy Body broken,
   Now and in death's agony.

SERMON—"Battlefronts In Life" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 556 ..... *Dykes*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN ..... *Willan*
Agnus Dei (No. 712 Hymnal)
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (No. 713 Hymnal) ..... *Willan*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*

The Flowers on the Altar February 17th included those of Mrs. Lillian Barlow and Mrs. Edna Potts in memory of their mother. The Altar Flowers today are given by Mrs. Frank B. Wenrich, and by Mrs. Roswell Carter Williams in memory of her husband.

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Lord, forgive what we have been; sanctify what we are; and order what we shall be; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Prayers, Ancient and Modern*)

Bible Reading: *II* Corinthians 2: 1-5

The Sermon:

When St. Paul set out to establish the Church of Christ in Corinth, he was dealing with a prosperous city, bustling and rich with the thriving trade between the Aegean and the Adriatic Seas. One of St. Paul's problems was the diversity of pagan recreations and pleasures, many of them low down and evil. People were engrossed in having a "good time." In fact Corinth sounds strangely like our materialistic America of today. St. Paul reveals his spiritual strategy as he declares, "I determine not to know anything among you, save Christ Jesus, and Him crucified." He had vigorously simplified his own life, so that all he had to offer to men was the Christ Who died for them that they might see the love of God. The Corinthian Christians also were an unruly lot, cliquish, quarrelsome, full of hot-headed arguments. One claimed that Apollos' way was right, another that St. Paul's ideas were better, but St. Paul answered with single-minded wisdom, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." He refuses to be drawn into their wrangling differences of opinion. He turns their minds back to the God of creation and love, the Father of the Christ Who died for them. So he rose above petty, complicated, fussy living, and guided himself by the mighty simplicity of following Christ. And people learned this way from him.

Lent is a season of "centering down" on the great and abiding realities. It is a golden chance for you to simplify your life, so that you can have some of the deeper-channeled, single-mindedness of St. Paul. How much "diddling" men do at their desks,—consuming precious time with trivial details of no importance. How many valuable minutes a housewife wastes each day on "soap-box operas" or trashy talk, when she might better be pouring her strength into her God-given task of caring for her family. How much money and strength we Americans fritter away in the pursuit of material enjoyments and possessions.

Leo Tolstoy once wrote a short story entitled, "How Much Land Does A Man Need?" In it he tells of Pahom, an ambitious peasant, who, having accumulated many acres was still unsatisfied. He goes to a region where, for a small sum of money he can buy all the land he is able to walk around in a single day. So anxious is he to encircle as much land as possible that he over-reaches himself. At sunset he makes a desperate spurt to reach the spot he started from in the morning; and, just as the sun disappears, he reaches the required place—and drops dead.

His servant digs a trench and buries him. Tolstoy concludes: "All the land that Pahom needed was six feet from his head to his heels." Pahom's life needed simplifying. It may be that yours does, also. Lent is the time for it—get busy!

Closing Prayer:

Be Thou, Thyself, O Lord, the Sanctifier and the Shepherd of Thy people, that we who are strengthened by Thy help may, in our daily life, walk with Thee, and in all quietness of spirit, serve Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(*Roman Breviary*)

SUGGESTED LENTEN READING

Forward-day-by-day—A small booket of prayers and meditations for every day. 10 cents. *Forth*—the official magazine of the Episcopal Church telling of missionary work at home and abroad. One year, $1.25. *"Create and Make New,"* Bishop Pardue ($1.50). The subject of this book is "the heart" which the author describes as "the sum total of man's inner attitude toward life." It is a book for laymen and the reader will find tremendous help in dealing with those problems which beset the interior life.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will administer the Rite of Confirmation in St. Stephen's Church on Sunday morning, April 27th. All who are thinking of securing full membership in the Episcopal Church should take advantage of the Rector's lectures held each Sunday morning at 10: 00 o'clock in his study. The class is open to everyone, those who have already been confirmed and who would like to "brush up" on their knowledge of the church's teaching and practice; those who are new to St. Stephen's and its ways and desire to know the meaning of our customs and practices.

The Rector will preach at the Lenten Noon-Day Services in ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Syracuse, New York, and conduct a Christian Healing Mission during the evenings at CALVARY CHURCH, Syracuse, from March 3rd through the 7th.

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We are happy to list the names of the following subscribers to the 1952 *Church Bulletin*s Mr. Walter Steele, Mr. C. Romanovsky, Mr. George W. Hicks, Mrs. T. S. MacGoldrick, Mr. Robert W. Staton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Steele, Mrs. Louise Price, Mrs. John Pratt, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Lillie V. Biddle, and Miss Gladys Given.

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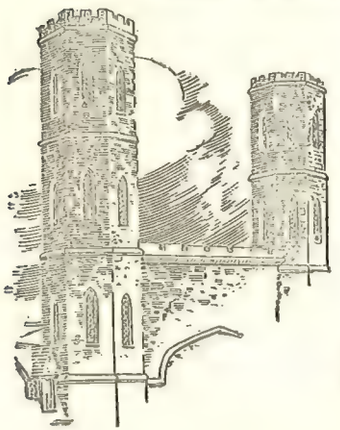
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ANTHEM—"Hear My Prayer" .....*Mendelssohn*
SERMON—"Conversion and Healing" .....DR. JOHN GAYNER BANKS
OFFERTORY HYMN 419 .....*Shaddick*
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 570 .....*Day of Rest*

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O God, give us a pure heart, a clear mind, and a steadfast will, that all our work may be to the honor of Him Who hath honored us with His love and fellowship, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Henry Sylvester Nash*)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 23: 37-39; I Cor. 1: 10-17.

The Sermon:

In another of Joel David Brown's stories, there is the remarkable scene when the old maid goes to the steamship office to plan a trip. The clerk was a red-headed Irishman named O'Reilly. The first place he suggested was South America. The old maid sniffed, "I don't think I want to go to South America. I understand that there are a lot of Indians and half-breeds down there, and I may as well tell you that there is another place I don't want to go to. I don't want to go to Ireland. They say it is cold and wet and full of Catholics." That was too much for O'Reilly. "Faith and begorra, miss", he replied briskly, "suppose you go to hell. It's hot and dry and full of Protestants!"

I do not know for a fact, whether O'Reilly's last statement was correct. I hope not! But I do know that I thoroughly agree with the vigor of his reply to the bigoted spinster. She could not have paid much attention in church—if she went to a Christian church. Nor could she have read her New Testament with any degree of care. For never in its pages can you find any encouragement of narrow bigotry. St. Paul, in writing his unruly Corinthian friends, scorches them for their quarrelsome cliques—"I am for Apollos"; "I am for Cephas"; "I am for Paul". He asked sternly, "Is Christ divided?" Read thoughtfully the words of Jesus. His purpose was to draw people together—"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wing; and you would not!" No, the only division Jesus made between people was between those who are willing to obey God's Will and those who are not—and He was forever seeking to shepherd the disobedient and willful people back into the family of God.

In Lent, therefore, it is your Christian duty to simplify and deepen your loyalty to Christ. It does not matter, I think, to God, whether you go to a church that uses holy water, or to one that does not. He seems chiefly interested in the spirit of your living with other men; whether your energy is poured into sharp-barbed prejudices and squabbles, or into the compassion that gathers people into loving friendship and understanding.

In some of our towns each year, on the Sunday evening before Christmas, there is set up a great, single candle in the square. People light that Christ-candle which stands for the One Christ we all follow, the One God we all worship. All the clergy of the town, Protestant and Roman Catholic, are gathered on the platform, and one by one, they light their candles at the Christ-candle. Then, leaning over the edge of the platform, they pass on the light to those who are nearest, and the light spreads across the thousands that stand there under the winter sky. No man cares which his neighbor belongs to, so long as he passes on the light. That candle-light service draws all the people together, as the Master has always desired—"How oft would I have gathered..."

This Lent, learn the gathering spirit!

Closing Prayer:

O Master of men, set our hearts on fire with the desire to know Thy blessed Will. Send us forth amongst Thy people to teach and to save; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (*Henry Sylvester Nash*)

ANY QUESTIONS?

Did you ever wish that you could sit down with a parson and ask him all the questions you wished about religion and its relation to life? Did you ever feel that the churches have not given enough instruction to their people? If you have not, is it because it has not occurred to you to wonder about these things?

I am not one of those who thinks that ministers work only on Sundays, but should be happy to meet with earnest seekers during the Spring Season, in various homes throughout the Parish. How about offering your house? We will gladly supply names of your church neighbors, if you do not already know them. We could have a lot of fun and get better acquainted, and I could have an opportunity to see more of you than is normally possible. Will you attend one such meeting some evening?

CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

The end seat is a desirable location for some people. But if the first person, who enters a pew, takes the end seat, it becomes very difficult for others who wish to sit in that pew. It would be an act of Christian self-denial and real courtesy if, as we enter the pew, we move to the center of it. This will save a great deal of confusion and will give evidence of genuine personal hospitality toward other persons who share the pew with you. The end seat is not the end of life, as viewed in the Christian philosophy—"If any man will be My disciple, let him deny himself."

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Dr. Banks has presented the message of Christ's healing over a period of thirty years in six different countries, has edited two healing monthly magazines and has published six books on Spiritual Healing. He is in close touch with the healing movement in Great Britain and has made twelve trips to that country in the study and pursuit of this larger ministry. He is a member of the Commission on Christian Healing in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He also holds the classification of "Religious Journalism" in Rotary International.

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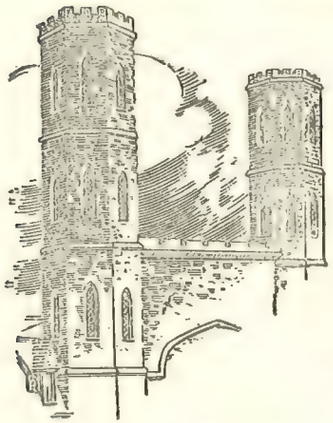
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ANTHEM—(Soprano Solo) "Come Unto Me" ..... *Handel*
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SERMON—"Take My Yoke Upon You" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 424 ..... *Vox Dilecti*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433 ..... *Langran*

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THE RECTOR'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Rector will celebrate his tenth anniversary as Rector of St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, March 16th. He is asking the people of the Parish to join with him in celebrating that occasion by making it *"Family Sunday"*; that is, that all the families of the Parish will attend Church at one of the services, preferably the eleven o'clock service, having as many members of the family present as possible and sitting together as families.

He chooses this method of celebration, because of a deep conviction of the fundamental importance of family life. Many influences today tend to weaken family ties; the Church should do everything in her power to strengthen them. The Holy Spirit is the only power in the world today able to resist the disintegrating influences and to stimulate the love and devotion which will unite families for time and eternity.

The Rector hopes that many of the people of the Parish will gather in Church by families that day and make this a memorable and inspiring occasion.

"Ten years have passed since I became Rector of St. Stephen's Church. It might be fitting to summarize what has been accomplished during that period, if it were the purpose of this report to make us rather satisfied with ourselves. A small amount of pride in our accomplishments is justifiable, but self-satisfaction is detrimental to progress. A reviewing of the past is only helpful when it spurs us on to great zeal for the future.

"Though figures are often boring, they may prove to be at least a partial insight into what your church has done in the past ten years. From 188 services ten years ago with a total attendance of 30,003—this past year there were 452 services with a total attendance of 51,526. The Noon-Day Services have increased from 2,928 to 13,331. The Lenten Noon-Day Services have increased from 13,200 to an average of 18,000. The Healing Services have increased from 1,391 to 7,876. Ten years ago the total receipts reported by the Treasurer of the Envelope System was $7,446.80, while this past year the total was $35,133.63. Our present missionary quota of $7,000. is 100 per cent higher than it was ten years ago. Ten years ago we had $30,000.00 mortgage on the Community House. Today our entire property is free and clear of debt. During the decade we have added $70,000. to our Endowment Fund. The physical fabric of the Community House and Church had had extensive repairs, renovations and renewals such as roof, heating plant, pews, marble, stained glass windows, the painting of buildings and installation of expensive electronics for the Hard of Hearing. (By 1953, God willing, we hope to have the $35,000. needed for the new Organ.) During this decade the tradition-shattering departure was made in the financing of the church—the system of pew rentals was discontinued.

"St. Stephen's Church is now facing the greatest opportunity of its history. Never before were there so many varied religious services rendered to the people of our neighborhood as there are today. Never before in the 129 years of our history has the ministry of this church reached out to so many people as at the present time. The program of the church very largely has been designed to meet the needs of people; not one group of people, but different groups of various ages and backgrounds. The great challenge of the church in the midst of a busy city is being met by a program that has reality and significance." (Taken from the Rector's Annual Year Book Report for 1951-52)

PLACQUES TO BE DEDICATED

On Sunday, March 16th, at 11: 00 A. M., the Rector will dedicate two Placques measuring 15 x 22 inches to the memory of Mr. James Carrigan and Mr. George H. Streaker. These placques have been placed in the vestibule of the Church on either side of the door. They read as follows:

IN MEMORIAM
James Carrigan
April 1, 1907 — September 21, 1950
Forty-four years Verger and Faithful Custodian of this church
Respected, honored and beloved by all
"I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of My God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness."—Psalm 84: 11

THE TOWER BELLS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
A Memorial To
George Hoover Streaker
August 5, 1860 — May 4, 1949
Beloved Superintendent of Sunday School, Boy Scout Leader, Lecturer and oft-time Bell-Ringer
"Sweet melody...that thou mayest be remembered." (Isaiah 23: 16)

The Rector will preach at the Lenten Noon-Day Services for the seventh time in Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, March 17 through March 21st. He will speak to the Protestant Clergy of Pittsburgh on Monday evening. He will preach on successive evenings in St. Stephen's Church, Sewickley, St. Stephen's Church, Wilkensburg, and the Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, who will be the Lenten Noon-Day Preacher Monday through Saturday, March 17th-22nd.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

The course of lectures designed to explain the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church is now in progress Sunday mornings in the Rector's Study at 10: 00 o'clock. A special effort is being made this year to alert all members of St. Stephen's to their Christian responsibility for bringing others nearer to Christ through this method. Those who attend the lectures, and wish to do so, may be confirmed on Sunday, April 27th. A moment's thought may suggest to your mind a person who you think might like to become a member of our Church. Pick up the telephone and let us know. If interested, and you don't receive an invitation, plan to attend anyhow. Lectures on the services of our Church, its history, symbolism, faith, and sacraments will be included in the course.

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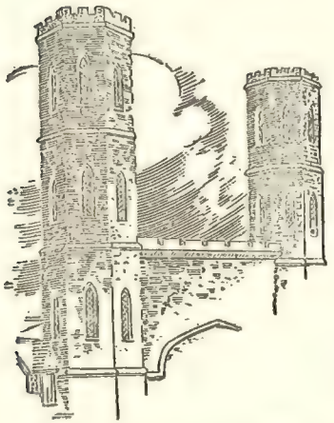
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The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Romanza" (from a symphony) ..... *Joseph Haydn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 58..... *Langran*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 112, page 483
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Ward*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Father, In Thy Mysterious Presence Kneeling"..... *Matthews*
SERMON..... THE REV. ARNOLD PURDIE
OFFERTORY HYMN 339 ..... *St. Christopher*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 434 ..... *St. Oswald*

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Church Bulletin acknowledgments pending due to lack of space—thank you for your patience!

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others).

Opening Prayer:

Eternal Father, Who showest Thy people the way in which they should go, turn our feet from the city of destruction toward the City of God; re-direct our desires and labors in accordance with Thy Will, that we may achieve the New World for which Thy Son was content to die, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*American Grey Book*).

Bible Reading: St. Luke 10:25-37

The Sermon:

Are you eccentric? Vast numbers of people are, for "eccentric" means "off-center", like a wheel with its axle not in the true center. When a wheel is not properly centered, its course is a wobbly, and uncertain one, headed for disaster. So it is with a person whose aims are not centered in God, and whose days are not centered on the human needs about him. The course of the self-centered person is always bumpy and headed toward tragedy. *Are* you "eccentric"?

Jesus taught people to "center down." "Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God..." and center down your dreams on Him. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor..." and center down your daily activity on serving your fellows. It is a wondrous thing to see a person all tangled up by selfishness, decide to "center-down" on God and neighbor; and to see how swiftly the tangle clears up.

Fulton Oursler tells the true story of such a life. It took place in a glum, brown-stone house on New York's Central Park, West. It had once been a mansion, and now was turned into a refuge for despairing people, stumble-bums—with money, who came there to be treated for alcoholism. One crisp afternoon fifteen years ago, a patient on the second floor awoke from a nightmare, and glared into the face of the little doctor waiting by his bedside. "Morning, Bill", began the physician, with a tug at his long, brown mustache. "Morning, Doc! So I'm here again, heh?" "It might interest you to know that you are now on your fiftieth visit." Bill forced a sickly smile: "A half-century plant, am I? Guess I never will get well—right, Doc?" "I'm afraid so, Bill." "O. K., couldn't I have a little drink to celebrate the bad news?" The doctor sighed. "I'll make a bargain with you, Bill. I'll let you have what you ask, only first you'll have to do something for me. There is a young fellow in the room at the end of the hall. They brought him in last night for the first time; but it won't be his last time if something isn't done about it." "What can I do?" "Just climb out of bed and stumble down the hall, and let the kid have a look at you. That's all. You are a horrible example this morning, Bill; you might scare him out of ever taking another drink." Bill jeered at the possibility, but he made it a bargain; and he went down the hall.

Something about the youngster interested him, and Bill began to talk—told the newcomer that there are some people who just can't touch liquor; and then, suddenly Bill found himself quoting little bits of the Sermon on the Mount, great truths he had learned long ago about the Power greater than ourselves that we must depend on. The youngster showed interest and asked, "What can I do, Mister?" "PRAY," was Bill's answer, "and let me help you!" All morning the odd pair talked. They promised to keep in touch. They would continue to "buck-up" each other. They did. Since that day Bill has been back in the hospital hundreds of times—but never again as a patient. He goes to many hospitals (and hundreds of his associates do, also), only to serve. For it was Bill, who that day, discovered that it is in helping others that we help ourselves; that in "centering-down" our lives on God and people, we find freedom at last. For that first talk with a youngster started Bill on his great life-work—for that was the beginning of "Alcoholics, Anonymous"!

Closing Prayer:

Eternal Father—unto Thee we commit ourselves. Use even us with our ignorance and frailty to accomplish Thy Holy Will and hasten the day when all shall dwell together in helpfulness and love; for Thine is the Kingdom; and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. Amen. (*American Gray Book*).

The Annual Corporate Communion for the Women of the Diocese will be held in CHRIST CHURCH, 2nd Street above Market on Tuesday morning, March 25th, at 8:00 A. M. Bishop Armstrong will be the Celebrant and Dean Moor of Pittsburgh will be the speaker at the breakfast. Reservations for breakfast 75 cents.

The Rector wishes to express his deep gratitude for the very lovely cassock which was presented to him by the Vestry on the occasion of his Tenth Anniversary as Rector of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

THE REV. ARNOLD PURDIE

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Arnold Purdie who is to be our guest preacher at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, March 23rd. Mr. Purdie is the Executive Secretary of the Department of Social Relations of the Diocese and the Executive Director of the City Mission. Mr. Purdie has had a unique and outstanding experience in the field of social service. Since coming to Philadelphia from the National Department of Social Relations, he has given tremendous leadership to both the City Mission Society, with its large field of family, hospital, institutional and personal service, as well as to the Diocesan Social Relations Department. We welcome the Rev Arnold Purdie on this his first visit to our Parish and we trust there will be many present March 23rd at 11:00 A. M.

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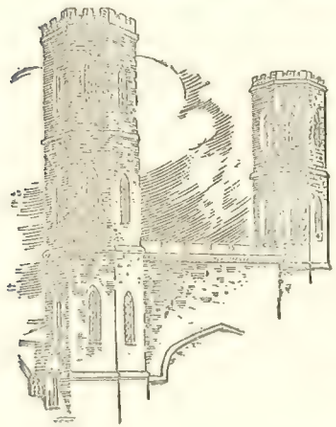
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 ..... *Melcombe*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Ward*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Blessed Jesus" (From Stabat Mater) ..... *Dvorak*
Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy We Thy faithful in Thy Passion All Thy sorrows share with Thee.
SERMON—"The Son of Man Must!" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 336 ..... *Rathbun*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*

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Bible Reading: Romans 12: 1-5; Isaiah 2: 1-5; Jeremiah 13: 23.

The Sermon:

In these weeks of Lent we are working to make our lives more simple and whole-hearted in the following of Jesus. We are being made less eccentric, are being centered-down in the needs of our neighbor and the purposes of God. We are, in St. Paul's words, not to be transformed to the ways of the world, *but transformed to the ways of Jesus Christ.*

Dr. Clarence Horner has recently pointed out, human nature *can* be changed. There are many, however, who are saying human nature cannot be changed. There have always been thieves and there always will be. There have always been liars, and always will be; it is human nature to lie. It is folly to dream of a day when swords will be beaten into ploughshares and nations will not learn war. There have been wars, and always will be. It is human nature to fight. "A leopard cannot change his spots."

Perhaps there are times when we all feel that human nature cannot be changed. Well, when we do, we are wrong! It is not human nature to stop your car when a red light appears at a railroad crossing. But we have been made into that kind of a creature. It is not human nature to eat artichokes, but we can be taught to eat artichokes and like them. It is not human nature for a man to kill his fellow-men and be proud of it, but in war he can be conditioned to murder and come out a hero.

A human being can become almost anything that seems desirable, provided the proper influences are applied. Within our human nature there are almost unlimited possibilities. We can be changed downward from the high to the low. We can be changed upward into better and more enlightened men and women. Selfishness can be changed into altruism. There was an old doctor who never refused a call from rich or poor, but he now had enough to live on, and was content. One midnight he received a telephone call from a stranger. "Have you any money?" the old doctor asked. Certainly, he had money. "Then call the new doctor," he said. "I am too old a man to get out of bed for anybody who can pay for it." The selfishness had been purified out of that doctor. His human nature had been transformed! Handicaps can give way to sympathy. A gentleman took a group of children to the circus in Madison Square Garden in New York—children who were either blind or deaf. On the way home, one of the blind boys said to him, "Gee, I feel sorry for those deaf kids. They couldn't hear the band play; they couldn't hear the lions roar, or the clapping of the crowd. They couldn't even hear the elephants clump by." That blind boy glowed with a nature that had been transformed into compassion.

If we "center-down" on God, and our neighbor's needs, God can shine out through our changed lives, until they are transformed into humble lamps of His great love.

Closing Prayer:

O Christ, our only Saviour, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes, and the fire of inspiration on our lips, Thy word on our tongues, and Thy love in our hearts. Amen. (*Adventiat Regnum*)

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., Dean Emeritus of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, who is to be the Lenten Noonday preacher from Monday through Friday, March 31-April 4.

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"PERENNIALLY YOURS"

The flowers on our Altar are not symbols of the fading and the fleeting. Love's blooms are eternal. Flower Memorials may be new—or renewed any time through the church office or by contacting Mrs. William B. Campbell, LO 7-1612:

" 'Tis a *fragrant* retrospection, for the loving thoughts that start
Into being are like perfume from the blossom of the heart."

MAGAZINES NEEDED!

Miss Hess, who makes our hospital deliveries, is having an enforced vacation due to lack of supplies. Let's DO something about it!

OLD ST. STEPHEN'S TOWER OF GREY STONE

Old St. Stephen's tower of grey stone,
That looks kindly down on the street,
Has a voice that can sing to humanity's crowds
That are bustling about at its feet.

Its song is not raised to the skies,
But floats softly down to the ground
Where shoppers and workers and visiting travelers
Can hear it, some distance around.

A hospital is one of the places
That is reached by the tower's glad song.
It comforts and cheers all the suffering souls,
And makes their time there seem less long.

The lonely, the friendless and sad
Soon realize that they're not alone
When down through the air comes this musical voice
Of St. Stephen's tower of grey stone.

In Advent the song is Repentance—
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"
At Christmas the wonderful carols sing out—
Like heaven's rain, music is poured!

As Lent passes by, in its turn,
The listeners, with faces so worn,
Are given new hope and a taste of the joy
That will come with the glad Easter morn.

—Elizabeth Van Dyke Price

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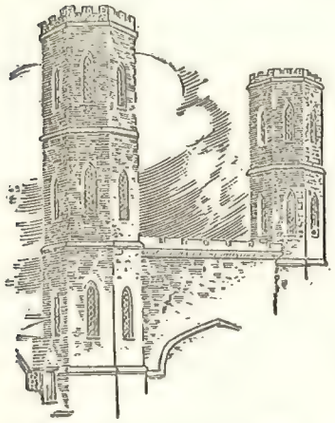
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11: 00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR:
"If I Be Lifted Up"

MUSIC AND CHOIR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"O Sacred Head" ..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Gallia" ..... *Gounod*

Solitary lieth the city, she that was full of people! How she is widowed! She that was great among nations. Princess among the provinces, how she is put under tribute! Sorely she weepeth in darkness. Her tears are on her cheeks and no one offereth consolation; yea, all her friends have betrayed her. Zion's ways do languish; none come to her feasts, her solemn feasts. All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh; yes, her virgins are afflicted and she is in bitterness. Is it nothing to all ye that pass by? Behold and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow. Now behold, O Lord, look Thou on my affliction. See how the foe hath magnified himself. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, O turn thee to the Lord thy God. O turn thee, O turn thee unto thy God.

SERMON—"If I Be Lifted Up" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 65 ..... *Hershey*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
AGNUS DEI ..... *Willan*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 64 ..... *St. Drostane*

The Palms on the Altar today are given by the Mothers' Meeting. The Flowers on the Altar Maundy Thursday will be given by the James Carrigan Memorial Fund in memory of James Carrigan.

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REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8: 00 P. M. This reunion should bring together 200 persons who have been confirmed here over the past ten years.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

(The North Aisle of the Church will be reserved for men on GOOD FRIDAY)

Monday through Thursday:
12: 30 P. M.—The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.

Maundy Thursday:
Holy Communion at 1: 00, 5: 15, and 8: 00 P. M.
Music with St. Stephen's Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening services.
Healing Services, 1: 15 and 5: 30 P. M.

Good Friday:
10: 30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by the Rector
12: 30 P. M.—Address by the Rector on the Seven Last Words
1: 00 P. M.—Stainer's "Crucifixion" under the direction of Dr. Matthews.
2: 00 P. M.-3: 00 P. M.—Meditations by the Rector

Saturday:
12: 30 P. M.—The Rector will preach

Standing room only was the story every day Monday through Friday when the Rector preached and conducted a healing mission in the large, downtown Church of Calvary, Memphis, Tenn. during the week of March 23. A special service was held in the Cathedral of that city on Thursday evening to accomodate those who could not get into Calvary. Almost the same response occurred while the Rector preached in the Cathedral in Pittsburgh, and in the various suburban parishes in the evenings. The Rector spoke to the entire student body and faculty of Southwestern University, Memphis, and was introduced by one of the southern Prices—Dr. James Price, University Chaplain.

DEAN ADAMS

The final of the preachers in our 1952 Lenten Series is the Very Rev. Fred M. Adams, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey, who will again inspire a crowded church, as he has for many years, Monday through Thursday. Bring your friends.

The Rector will preach at St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, on Palm Sunday, April 6, at 8: 00 P. M.

AGNES SANFORD, Author of "The Healing Light," will give a lecture in the church on Thursday, April 17, at 8: 00 P. M. Bring a friend.



THE CHURCHMOUSE says:
"A man may fall several times, but he isn't a failure until he says somebody pushed him."

Complaints are being registered by members of the parish who find that their private devotions are being disturbed—if not made impossible—by excessively noisy visiting in the church before services.

Fellowship is wonderful, and we need as much of it as we can generate at St. Stephen's, but let's enjoy the vocal part of it outside. The church *is* a "house of prayer."

Our belated but hearty "thank you" to the following subscribers to the *Church Bulletin*: Mr. and Mrs. John A. Shimp, Mr. Raymond Winter, Mr. Claude H. Buckson, Mr. Fred M. Eshelman, Mrs. Mary W. Burgess, Mrs. Edith Otto, Florence R. Wilder, Mrs. V. S. Wells, the Rev. George R. Bishop, Miss Helen F. Mockett, Mrs. Frank Wolf, Mrs. Florabel F. and Miss Florabel Cunningham, Mrs. Christina Leight, Blanche W. Friel, Mrs. Howard G. Marston.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

If No Previous Church Affiliation:

1. You will be baptized. (Prayer Book, page 273)
2. You will be confirmed. (Prayer Book, page 296)

Note: Confirmation is always preceded by instruction.

If Now A Member of Some Other Episcopal Church, Located Elsewhere:

1. Request the Rector or Parish Secretary to secure a Letter of Transfer for you.

If Now A Member of a Non-Roman Church:

1. If you are baptized, you are a member of the Church and will be received as such by this Parish.
2. You will be confirmed—this is not "joining the Church", but is a completion of Baptism, and a confirmation of our Baptismal vows, (see: Acts 8)

If Now a Member of the Roman Catholic Church or Greek Orthodox Church:

1. You can be received if you are ready to renounce your former allegiance.
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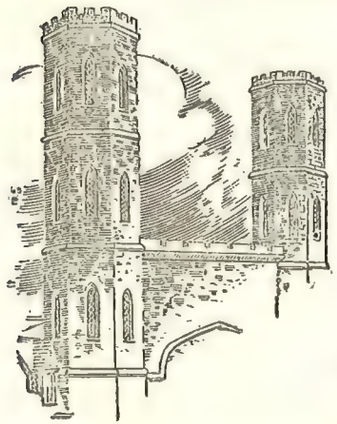
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Lento" (From Violin Sonata) ..... *Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94 ..... *St. Kevin*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 103, page 466
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Morn of Beauty" ..... *Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness!
Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night,
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of peace and light;
Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias, sing alleluia!
The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning,
The earth awakes with victory as her strain,
Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning
For Christ the Lord is risen again!
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SERMON—"Tides of the Spirit" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 91 ..... *Victory*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 92 ..... *Lux Roi*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Edith Mesner in memory of her son, Nielson George Franger and her son-in-law, Howard Allen Hunter; by Mrs. William Dickhart; and by Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr., in memory of his mother.

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HOME PRAYERS

(*Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country and others*).
Opening Prayer:

O God, for as much as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; Mercifully grant that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things rule and direct our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Bible Reading: St. Matthew 10: 34-40
The Sermon:

It is natural and right, at Easter-tide, that we should rejoice in Jesus' triumph over the grave, and take comfort in our loved ones who have shared in His triumph. But Christians do not confine their joy to resurrection from physical death. They have discovered that resurrection takes place here in the familiar, every-day world where we live.

So many people walk about in life, dead on their feet. Self-centered and self-satisfied, they have long since ceased being "alive" to those around them; stopped responding to the unspoken longings of those who live in the same home; deaf and blind to the pain and travail of the world.

But most Christians have discovered that as soon as you surrender your life to Christ, and enlist in His cause, you "come alive". You rise out of your old, dead self, and begin to live the most zestful, radiant life this world has ever known. Committed to Christ, you find strength where there has been weakness; hope, where there has been despair.

Margaret Lee Runbeck tells a true story of this present-world-resurrection. A young mother, with her four-year-old girl, was fleeing before Hitler's army as they sped across France. Like all other refugees, her one idea was to get herself and her little girl across the Spanish border to safety. But the frontier guards were stubborn—no refugees could pass. So that night the young mother prayed as she had never prayed before. The next day a man came to her room, saying, "I'm a guide from the underground. In the dark of the moon I lead parties of refugees over the mountains and down into Spain. It's a long and difficult trail, but GOD will help." That night, when the town was asleep, the young woman and her little daughter set out for the meeting-place, upon a mountain trail. The little girl seemed tired. The mother had to carry her, and she was panting with exhaustion when they joined the company of refugees. The leader bade them to trust GOD in this desperate attempt. Young men volunteered to carry the small girl. As they toiled higher and higher on the steep trail, the strain began to tell. Finally the oldest and frailest man gave a moan and said, "I can't go on", and sank to the ground. "Don't mind me. Leave me here to die. Save yourselves." The leader stood over him, stern and yet compassionate, saying, "You're not dead yet. We must all help each other. Whatever strength you have belongs to all of us. With your last ounce of strength help us to carry the lady's child—until you die." Three times on that dreadful expedition three different old men gave up. And each time the God-guided leader insisted that the exhausted old man use his last drop of energy to carry the child. When the morning light appeared, they were passing the border safely into Spain. Every one of the party was there, alive, and well! The three old men had found resurrection in "losing" their lives for the sake of a little child. "He who loses his life for My Sake shall find it."
Closing Prayer:

Now unto Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us—unto Him be glory throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

We are happy to acknowledge receipt of *Church Bulletin* subscriptions from the following persons: Mrs. Effie G. Smith, Mrs. Mildred C. Faris, Mrs. C. J. Guenther, Mrs. Charles Campbell.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community House *immediately following the morning service, Sunday, April 27th.* There will be held the annual election to the Vestry. A Buffet Luncheon will be served. A Reception to the newly confirmed members of our Church will follow the election. Plan to attend this happy social hour!



THE CHURCHMOUSE says that what worries him is not the sermons we have had, but the ones we may get.

The Rector will preach and conduct a healing service in St. James Church, Kingsessing, Sunday, April 20, at 8: 00 P. M.

The Rector will give an address to the Lutheran Ministerium at the Lutheran headquarters, 12th and Spruce Streets, on Monday, April 21st, at 10: 45 A. M.

The 1952 LENTEN SEASON drew 17,937 persons to the Noon-Day Services at ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH—1,200 more than last year.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday morning, April 27, at 11: 00 A. M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Instruction Class Sunday mornings at 10: 00 o'clock. At the eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

TO ALL MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTORS

who are keeping our Periodical Club alive and its supervisor busy—our heartfelt thanks. "The right magazine is more than a myth—it is a *morale* builder." Like Oliver Twist, we are always asking for more!

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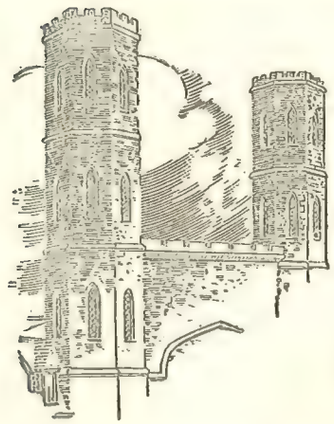
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 ..... *Melcombe*
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ANTHEM—"We Praise Thee, Lord, For Thy Consummate Gift To Man"
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We praise Thee, Lord, for Thy consummate gift to man
The glory of motherhood.
As sweet as meadows after rain,
As gentle as a meadow-lark's refrain.
As fragrant as a lilac in the lane,
A mother's influence for lasting good
Enfolds us through a life-long span,
We praise Thee, Lord, for Thy consummate gift to man.

We thank Thee, Lord, for one who showed her child the way,
The mother of our youth;
Her words and treasures in our ears,
Her guiding hand has held us through the years,
Her image brings deep joy that perseveres,
For thought of her and Thy eternal truth
We thank Thee, Lord, and when we pray
Grant us remembrance of the debt we cannot pay.

We praise and thank Thee, Lord, for Thy great gift to man,
The glory of motherhood,
A mother's influence for lasting good
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SERMON—"Portrait of a Godly Mother" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 296 ..... *England's Land*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Spring Ingathering of the United Thank Offering will be received on Sunday, May 11th at the eleven o'clock service. Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Parish Custodian, is anxious that every woman in the Parish will use the little blue box and thus participate in this offering, which supports the missionary work of the church both at home and abroad.

The *Church Bulletin* subscriptions of Mrs. Claire Card and Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lewis are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

A featured article about St. Stephen's Healing Services "They Shall Lay Hands On The Sick" appeared in the May issue of the *Christian Century Pulpit* and was written by the Rev. Harry M. Savacool, Pastor of the Methodist Church of Owego, New York.

The Rector will give two lectures on Practical Theology to the students of Moravian Theological Seminary in the morning and afternoon of May 12th.

The Rector will speak at the Convocation Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Maryland in St. Paul's Church, Kent County on Wednesday, May 14th.

The Annual Garden Day benefit of the Episcopal Hospital will take place on Sunday, May 18th, from 2:30 to 5:30 P. M. Admission Tag is $1.00. A group of seven gardens in Haverford will be on display.

St. Stephen's Church was represented at the Annual Diocesan Convention by the Rector, Mr. Wilson Leithead, Mr. Edward S. Morris, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, and Mr. David German who were deputies.



One of the answers given by the children in the Sunday School to the question "How are we different from animals?" was "In looks." With this the CHURCH MOUSE heartily agrees.

A MOTHER'S WORLD

"The mother of Sisera looked out from a window and cried through the lattice 'Why is his chariot so long in coming?'"

In world literature there is no finer portrayal of the spirit of the mother than this lyric. She was a pagan woman but the instincts of the maternal heart rise above any limitation of race or religion. The mother of Sisera stands at the window waiting the return of her warrior son. The shadows gather. The sun sinks in the western sky. Still she is there. Intently she listens for his chariot wheels. Impatiently she cries "Why is his chariot so long in coming?" She pictures his distant camp and the division of the spoils. The richest things are for her boy!

The scene gathers up a mother's pride, ambition, confidence. It never once occurs to her that her son might fall.

Is not this the epic of mothers? She is always believing, trusting, hoping, dreaming the best things for her child. In gayer mood and in graver moments no one understands the lad as the mother does.

We are noticeably silent today in our arguments against the equality of women. They have proved their equality *plus*. What we are most interested in is the *quality* of women—not the *equality*. There is the reason we turn to *Motherhood*. We have found that no civilization can rise higher than its womanhood.

In a very large part womanhood has entered nearly every walk of life for the sake of a *New Ideal*. She has realized that she has a special contribution to make. She sees things differently. A man usually asks: "How much will it cost?" How much will it make?" A woman steeled in centuries of sacrifices breathes: "How will it affect my home?—my children?"

The *Ideal* of Motherhood will ever remain the highest ideal of womanhood. Nothing can ever replace this as her most cherished vocation. It is with this ideal in mind that woman has gone forth into every realm. Wherever she has gone life has been enriched and ennobled.

Is it not the extension of this ideal of Motherhood into all of life that will redeem our modern society? In no better way can we understand the *Universal Brotherhood* of the human family than in terms of the home in which the ideals of Motherhood holds sway.

Yes, this is a woman's world—a Mother's World! We honor all womanhood today as the Home, impersonated in a Mother, goes forth to conquer the world for the Kingdom of Christ.

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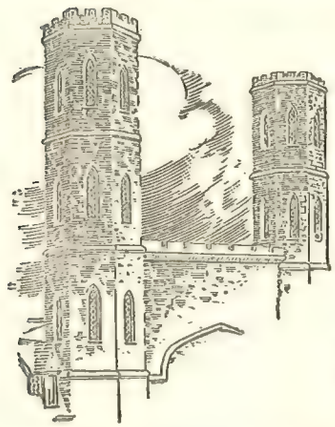
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 119: V, VI, page 492
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" ..... *Vaughn Williams*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us,
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power,
Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing.
All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times,
And some there be, which have no memorial, who are perished as though they had never been,
Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth forever more.

SERMON—"Their Name Liveth Forevermore" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 289 ..... *St. Anne*
MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
AMERICA (3rd Verse)
PRAYERS—TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM (kneeling) "Rest in Peace" ..... *Schubert*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 4 and Unit 4, in memory of departed members, by the Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post and Auxiliary of the American Legion, in memory of departed members, by Mrs. J. C. Funck in memory of her husband, by Miss Gladys Given in memory of her brother, Raymond, and by Mr. Jack Rawlins in memory of his father-in-law.

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THEIR IMMORTALITY

Once a year, by a beautiful custom, we are called upon to remember the dead, particularly those who have died heroically. It is Memorial Day.

A memorial when understood may become a very significant thing—when abused, a very tragic thing.

A memorial is anything intended to preserve the memory of a person or an event. The 30th of May was, therefore, set aside for the purpose of commemorating the lives of those soldiers who gave themselves as sacrifices that others might live. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The nobility of sacrifice is a fundamental truth, and it is the most potent force in the uplift of the world, and saves it from degredation and death. It is the spirit that does not reason; it does not bargain; it gives its all fearlessly, freely, willingly that others may live. It lays its life down on the altar, ready to be consumed for the noble and holy purpose it has in view.

There is abundant reason for believing that it is according to Christ's teaching that the men and women who laid down their lives for their country, made the supreme sacrifice, that you and I might live in peace and security, have gone to their eternal reward, and are numbered with the great host which St. John saw in his vision, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him, day and night, in His temple." They tell us from the heavenly places that it is in God's House that we alone can find the higher sense of gratitude that makes for good citizenship. It is in God's House that we best think of our brave American boys who have fought and suffered and died that we and our children might live in peace, free and unafraid. It is here that we offer a silent prayer to God for "those who died for liberty and did not die in vain; they counted light their loss that gives the world eternal gain." If Jesus spoke truth as we firmly believe when He said "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends", then the man who lays down his life for others must surely be partner with God. Those noble men, our sons and brothers who with good hearts, from high motive, went to battlefronts of the world, made a certain consecration of themselves to God and country and civilization. We would not compare it with Divine Consecration, but we do affirm that the man whose soul feels a weight of responsibility for his country, who is moved to give himself to a cause which he believes to be one of freedom of mankind, and who loses his life that others may live, that such a man finds life abundant because it was for Christ's cause, for the Master's sake that he died.

So let us rejoice that they have eternal life through their sacrificial death, and catch with throbbing heart the radiant spirit of Rupert Brooke hymning the fallen heroes whom he was so soon to join:

"Blow out, you bugles, over the rich dead.
There's none of these, so lonely and poor or old,
But, dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.
These laid the world away, poured out the red, sweet wine of youth:
Gave up the years to be of work and joy, and that unhoped serene
That men call age, and those who would have been their sons,
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EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL MAY FETE

will be held Wednesday, May 28th, Rain or Shine! Come to visit—Plan to eat—Stay to buy. The Hospital is on Lehigh Avenue and Front Street.

The Rector will participate in the Annual Memorial Service of the All Marine Post of the American Legion on the Parkway, May 30th, at 11: 00 o'clock.

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The Churchmouse cannot understand his friend Elmer. Elmer says he won't go to church because he was forced to when he was a young mouse. In other words, Elmer says he had to do the right thing so much when he was little, that now he is independent he is not going to do it any more.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

An unusual record is found in the forty-seven years of faithful service rendered to the Benevolent Society by Miss Margaret P. Davis. Forty-three years of this splendid record were served as an officer. Due to ill-health, Miss Davis' resignation has been reluctantly accepted by the Society.

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Mr. Harry J. Hauger, who has completed fifty years of service in the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Hauger has been a valued Vestryman in St. Stephen's Church for twenty-seven years. May his shadow never grow less!

David Smith has been graduated from South Kent School in Connecticut with high honors and has received a valuable scholarship in Princeton University, where he will major in Chemical Engineering. Congratulations!

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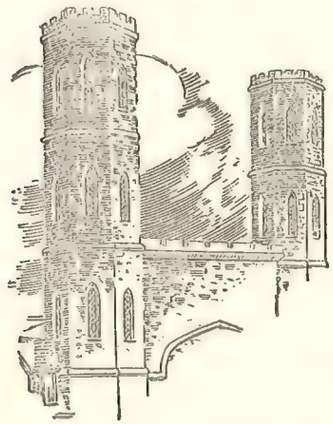
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 111 ..... *Melcombe*

KYRIE ..... *Willan*

ANTHEM—"Grieve Not The Holy Spirit" ..... THE RECTOR

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice, and be ye kind one to another; tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's Sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"Filled With The Holy Spirit".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 368 .....*St. Cuthbert*

SANCTUS ..... *Willan*

COMMUNION HYMN 198 .....*St. Flavian*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS .....*Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 267 .....*Regent Square*

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June 14—Burd Day, 2:30 P. M.
June 21—Sunday School Picnic

SPRING HOUSECLEANING?—We can put those old magazines to good use through Miss Hess of our Periodical Club who distributes them to the hospitals.



THE CHURCHMOUSE has been driven in doors by the weather man so often lately that he has a new respect for Noah. He has decided life in the Ark was probably not all beer and skittles.

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KING'S DAUGHTERS

1963 73rd Avenue,
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DEAR MRS. SCHMID:

You will be surprised, I am sure, to learn that our "King's Daughters" has been in existence about 60 years. I have been studying and looking over old records, and find I have been a member about that long.

When Mrs. Vanderslice started the Circle she had only nine, herself, and eight girls in her Sunday School class; finding she had to have ten to start, she asked the girls if any of them knew the blonde girl in Miss Hansell's class; they did, and that is how I got in at the start.

Mrs. V. was a born organizer and a most energetic worker for the very poorest people, so we immediately became very active. She took me on my very first trolley ride, to visit a very poor widow, with an invalid daughter, living in a basement and taking in washing.

In those days the State was not so much concerned about the welfare of the poor and helpless, and, believe me, there was the utmost need for just the kind of work Mrs. Vanderslice found for us to do; her husband being resident Physician at the Philadelphia Dispensary, he rang for her to come down to the office to meet his new poor patients, particularly the children.

And we visited Homes and Hospitals for children, then, we gave sales and entertainments to raise money. One affair, a "Pink-Musical Tea" in the Spring of 1894, I have special reason to remember.

We had Mr. Wood and his beloved Choir; and the Rector's wife and the Warden's sister, Miss Cleeman, presided at the tea-table, other Vestry's wives were our patronesses. During the afternoon, to my astonishment; several butlers arrived with silver services, candelabra, etc. The display was quite gorgeous. We girls all got pink dresses, to match the decorations. As far as I could remember, that was my first pink dress; my sister always got pink, being dark, and I got blue. And I only wore the dress that once. Just a few weeks later, on June 10, 1894, my step-father died very suddenly, and we wore black, according to the custom of that time.

We repeated the "Musical Tea" the next year, but this time, the decorations were silver and violet, the "King's Daughters" colors. (Charlie Moore, whom some of you knew, did the decorations, and we girls wore white 'kerchiefs with bunches of violets.

How I have always loved the "King's Daughters"! And my love and admiration for Mrs. Vanderslice increased with the years. She was a most remarkable woman, and to think, all those wonderful memories I have of her, locked up within myself, and I cannot let them out for everyone to know of her goodness.

It may interest you and Fred, Jr. to know that we "King's Daughters" assisted at the very first distribution of Christmas baskets, hundreds of them. It was a bad year, and the Rector gave the call, and the whole second floor was so piled up with food we could hardly move around; enormous bags of potatoes, beans, etc., sugar, tea, coffee and canned goods, hams, turkeys, chickens. Everything wholesale, and some firm contributed paper bags, and scales, and we weighed and packed. Then came fine carriages, with coachmen, delivery wagons, even an undertaker's car was used for distribution.

And to think that the work is still going on! Your report for the past Winter is nothing short of wonderful, with so few to do the work. I should like to be more help, but I cannot do much sewing—none at all at night. I stopped at the Parish House on Tuesday evening about 7:30 but there was no one there.

Sincerely,
(Signed) NELLIE V. MILLER

(*Copy of letter sent to Mrs. Fred Schmid, Sr., President and Secretary of St. Stephen's* KING'S DAUGHTERS WHATSOEVER CIRCLE)

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~~269~~ 274 ..... ~~*Moultrie*~~ ALMANY

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ANTHEM—"Hymn To The Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and to ages of ages. Amen. Only Begotten Son, Word of the Father, Who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become Incarnate of the Holy Mother of God, the Blessed and ever Virgin Mary. Changeless Essence, Lo, Thou wast made very Man, and crucified. Thou, the God-Man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.

SERMON—"It's A Beautiful Doctrine" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN ~~271~~ 266 ..... Nicaea ..... ~~*Moscow*~~

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In one place he quotes Professor Royce, "No man is safe unless he can stand anything that can happen to him"; and Stanley Jones goes on to declare that the Christian is therefore more than safe, for he can use anything that can happen to him. *Everything is grist to his mill.* He makes filthy rags into beautiful paper, makes tears into telescopes, coins heaven out of hell." Then he goes out to give clear examples of Christians making use of *anything* that can happen to them, and turning it to the glory of God.

Kagawa, for instance, shared his bed with a beggar, and, as a result, caught trachoma, which almost robbed him of his sight. But Kagawa did not lament over this, saying simply, "Having so largely lost my eyesight, the power to see has extended into every part and parcel of my person." Eye-blindness, by the inward power of Christ was transformed into wider seeing. When Dr. George Washington Carver, the great Negro scientist, lost his life's savings through a bank crash, some one asked him if he knew he was bankrupt, and he replied, "Yes, I heard," and went on teaching as though nothing had happened. He had inner riches, in Christ, that the worst bank crashes could not touch. When a faithful, courageous Christian pastor lost his only child—a gay little girl—he quietly said, "Now I must laugh twice as much, for now I have to laugh for both of us." Disease, poverty, and tragic loss are taken into the mill of the Christian soul, and transformed into something strong and beautiful, which strengthens other people. The Scribes and Pharisees tried all sorts of tricks to crush and beat down Jesus—but each time, when the dust cleared away, He stood there, taller and stronger than ever.

People shudder at powerful, crunching communism—but here, in quiet Christian faith, is something stronger than any pagan cleverness. As we saw a few weeks ago, Mr. Scratch wins if we try to fight him with his own weapons. But when you take up the weapons of Christ (compassion, and patience, and understanding,) Mr. Scratch is no match for you. If you want to find unconquerable strength, keep on looking at a Christian like the Japanese Kagawa, who said, "I find no necessity for pessimism. Have I not strength in abundance to lay temptations low? I see no need for concealing the fact that I am surprisingly strong. Since I became God-possessed, it has become impossible for me to commit my soul to wanton thoughts. I glory in the might of the Almighty Who dwells within me."

Raymond G. Budelis, Patrol Leader in St. Stephen's Boy Scout Troop No. 2, was honored recently by the DAR with a Good Citizenship Medal. This medal was awarded on the basis of "honor, courage, service, leadership, and daily living of the Scout ideals.

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CLERGY CONFERENCE

Bishop Scaife, of the Diocese of Western New York, has invited the Rector to conduct a two-day conference for his clergy on the subject of Spiritual Healing. This Annual Clergy Conference is to be held at DeVeaux School, Niagara Falls, on June 12 and 13.

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GOOD LISTENING

The important thing about a sermon is not one's judgment of the preacher, but whether one's own life has been changed. Here are some suggestions as to how to be a good listener:

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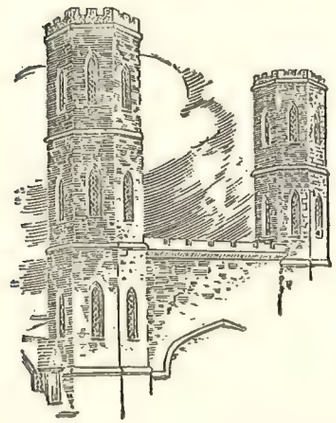
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ANTHEM—"In Faith I Quiet Wait" ..... *J. S. Bach*

1. In faith I quiet wait and love Thee, O my God, though oftentimes oppressed by trouble, pain and want. In God, I have enough and patiently endure. God is my guard and shield for me and my house.
2. Therefore, I thank my God and joy to do His will. I know whate'er befall His love doth lead me still. So like a little child who clasps his father's hand, serene, I take my way, in faith untroubled stand.

SERMON—"Where Do You Draw The Line?" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 519 ..... *Ton-y-Botel*

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That great Quaker, Rufus Jones, once wrote, "A little boy on a great occasion had the loaves and the fishes with which Christ fed the five thousand. It looked as if there wouldn't be enough food to go around for the great crowd, and the little boy's eyes must have bulged with wonder when he saw everybody eating. Then to everybody's surprise, there was a heap of left-overs—twelve baskets full. It was an unexpected surplus."

It is one of the unique characteristics of Christ to produce an unexpected surplus. He was always doing the unexpected, the surprising thing, going beyond the usual, the ordinary, flinging in an overplus. The "second mile" is a striking illustration of the principle. Christ is always lavish. He gives you more than you expect, more than you ask for. That is what we mean by *grace*. It is the uncalculating feature of love. It pours itself out without any limit. It gives you more than legal good measure. It comes in like the Bay of Fundy. You expect fifteen feet and you get sixty feet.

Nature has to a degree prepared us for this revelation of surplus, for this lavishness. We cast our seeds out on the soil, and we do not just get back what we planted—it comes back multiplied a hundredfold. There is a Chinese proverb that any fool can count the number of seeds in an apple, but nobody can count the number of apples in an apple-seed.

But let us come back from this short excursion into Nature, to Christ and His unexpected surplus. One of the earliest cases of healing in Mark is that of a man with infantile paralysis. His friends tore a hole through the clay roof of the house where Jesus was preaching, and let the man down with ropes, landing him in front of Jesus. The sermon instantly changed into a clinic. All that the man expected, all that he asked for, was to be physically cured, to have his legs again. But the first thing he knew was that his sins were forgiven. His mind was set free, even before his body was liberated. What he needed most was to get the load off his soul. Jesus did both things when the man only expected one. He went out not only with cured legs but with a calmed mind as well. He had an unexpected surplus.

Christ found a poor, barefooted fisherman of Galilee named Simon—impulsive, fickle, unstable, and blundering. He turned him into a rockman—Peter. He not only forgave him for his moment of weakness, and denial; but He made him shepherd of the sheep and the lambs, in the new Church of the Spirit. The greatest Christian monument in Rome—ST. PETER'S—bears *his* name. There is hardly a Christian city in the world that does not have a Cathedral or a Church of St. Peter. What an unexpected surplus of glory has piled up around the name of that humble man!

Peter experienced the "grace", the lavish generosity, of Jesus Christ. It is YOURS—for the asking!

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"A member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

May 4—Gloria Ann King
19—Samuel John Kossack
—Thomas Haig Kurkjian
June 1—Marilyn Jeanne Lake

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together"

June 14—John Alfred Price, II
Ruth Joan Landis

BURIALS

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

May 2—Douglas Earl
June 3—Mary E. Nichols

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

Mr. William A. Fraser
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Mrs. Nora R. Mitchell
Mrs. Grace Graham



THE CHURCHMOUSE observes that some people have just enough religion to make them miserable.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC will be held at Menlo Park, Perkasie, Penna.; on *Saturday, June 21st.* Buses will leave the Community House and also at the Burd School at 9:00 A. M. Parents, friends and members of the congregation are invited to join us. Menlo Park is thirty-three miles from City Hall. There will be a charge of $1.00 for the bus ride for non-members of the Sunday School. We will provide milk and ice cream as well as tickets to the amusements and the swimming pool for the children of the Sunday School. Bus reservations may be made through Edwin S. Heins, Esq., Superintendent.

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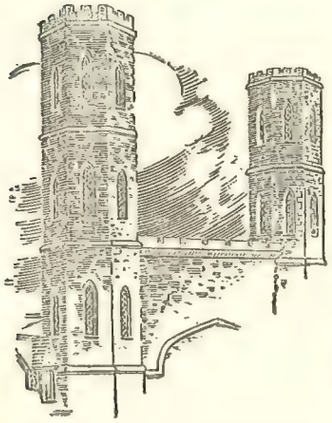
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorium*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Bless The Lord O My Soul" ..... *Ivanóf*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness, He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name.

SERMON—"A Coach For Cinderella"
(A Fairy Tale Fantasy for Mid-Summer Night) ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 433 ..... *Rest*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

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A LETTER FROM YOUR RECTOR

MY DEAR FRIEND:

On September 1, 1949, the Rector came to you with an urgent appeal to underwrite the cost of a new organ to replace our forty-five year old organ which is definitely beyond repair. Sixty-five persons responded to our goal of $50,000.00 and pledged $28,026.00 over a period of five years. Three years have passed and $24,000.00 has been paid with two years to go. This was a magnificent and generous response, and we are proud indeed that the love and loyalty to S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH is so evident on the part of these sixty-five members.

Since our letter of September, 1949, we have explored all the possibilities open to us and have signed a contract with one of the outstanding Organ builders in the United States to build an organ to our specifications using so much of the present organ as is advisable with the result that we are getting a $60,000.00 Organ for $38,000.00. The new Organ will be available for our ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY in the early part of 1953.

We need just ten thousand dollars additional to meet the cost of this urgently needed instrument.

Here is the picture of what has already been pledged and God willing, will be completely realized in the next two years:

1 person giving	$10,000.00
1 person giving	5,000.00
3 persons giving	2,500.00
1 person giving	1,000.00
2 persons giving	500.00
1 person giving	350.00
1 person giving	300.00
1 person giving	250.00
1 person giving	200.00
13 persons giving	100.00
3 persons giving	75.00
7 persons giving	50.00
1 person giving	30.00
8 persons giving	25.00
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As we have noted above of the $28,026.00 pledged on a five-year basis, $24,000.00 has already been received and is in the hands of our Treasurer.

Now here is our problem. How to raise ten thousand dollars in new money during the next two years?

We are very reluctant to ask any of the sixty-five persons who have pledged the $28,026.00 to go the "second mile", especially when there are so many of our members who have not as yet contributed. Perhaps some of the sixty-five will be willing to extend their pledge to the New Organ for an additional two years, and this will please us no end. But we want at this time to call the attention of those who have not had a share in this Fund to sign a pledge for a two year period and thus make it possible to raise the ten thousand additional we need. The Committee is hopeful to attain the goal of $10,000.00 by the following plan:

2 persons to give	$250.00 a year
5 persons to give	200.00 a year
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Will you join with us in making a contribution to the Organ Fund? Your pledge will cover a two-year period and may be paid quarterly over an eight payment period. For your convenience the following pledge may be signed and returned to the Rector.

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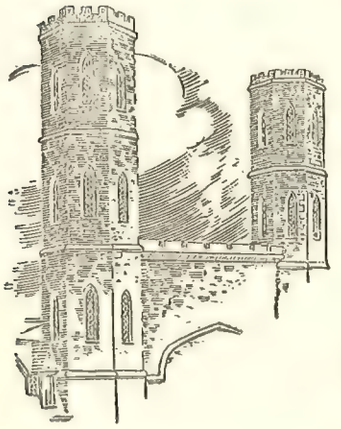
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 274 ..... *Albany*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 139: 1-16, page 514
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
ANTHEM—"I Will Sing New Songs Of Gladness" ..... *Dvorak*

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psalter. Every day will I extol Thee, and will bless Thy holy Name. Great is God and great His mercy; who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful past our knowing. Yes, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy Glory.

SERMON—"Peter, The Average Man" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 304 ..... *Beecher*
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LAST ISSUE

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Summer is a wonderful time for church-going. If you go early in the morning, in the country perhaps, you hear the songs of birds, the cool fresh air streams through the open doors and windows, and somehow even the light seems different. Even at later services there is a kind of pleasant informality which comes with the shedding of overcoats and heavy clothing. If the church has stained glass windows you can get different effects because the sun comes through at different angles. It is all very pleasant and delightful.

Parents of children should particularly consider the value of taking their children to church. If for no other reason, year-around church attendance impresses the children that God never takes a vacation. The devil cannot sneak in and find Him asleep. He watches over us and cares for us always.

We are pleased to note that many resort churches are crowded in the summer, just as churches in Florida are crowded during the winter. But even if we go away, most of us remain in our home towns for most of the summer. The church is always there to welcome us.

PLEDGES are beginning to come in for the balance of the ten thousand dollars needed for the New Organ. *The first received was for $200.00.* Many thanks!

This Summer...The Church Will Be Here. Will You?
If not, your filling of your envelopes in advance...will be greatly appreciated.

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NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS

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David L. German, Jr., studying for his M.A. degree at the University of Pennsylvania has been activated as a Reservist and is now in the Naval Training Station in Bainbridge, Maryland.

$291.35 has been received to date for the St. Thomas Church Fund. Many thanks!

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This diploma which I, in the name of the management of THE BURD SCHOOL, have the privilege and pleasure of presenting to you is a token of faithful, efficient and conscientious accomplishment on your part in meeting the requisite standards of scholarship, and as an influential member for good amongst your fellow members.

You are now in the select group for further and fuller advancent in the arts and sciences, and for the fulfillment of the many glories associated with maturing womanhood.

In the emotional level, you have arrived at the stage of so-called "late adolescence", which is that of the various ISMS—Romanticism, Idealism, Cyncism.

I beseech you to pray daily and fervently that, as you advance in years, you will never become cynical; for such engenders self-righteousness, and a contempt for the virtuous or generous sentiment of others.

Your social responsibilities now become more generalized in the form of friendship and comradeship to the individual and loyalty to the group or cause.

You are also at the level of exerting more and more influence, which is the greatest of all human gifts, and we all have it in some measure, often unconsciously and in the most unexpected places.

Hugh Black, in his book on "Friendship" expresses so well my thoughts along this line, that I quote: "All the fruits of friendship, spring from the root of influence, and influence in the long run is the impress of our real character on other lives; influence cannot rise above the level of our lives. The result of our friendship on others will ultimately be conditioned by the sort of person we are. It adds a very sacred responsibility to life, here, as in other regions, a good tree bringeth forth good fruit."

Knowing you as we do, we feel assured that you will always be a worthy and choice representative of The Burd School, and we heartily and affectionately wish you joy and success in all your future undertakings.

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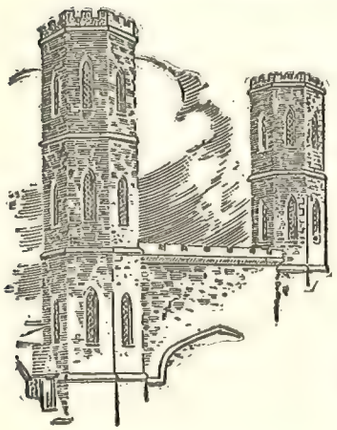
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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Andante" ..... *Mendelssohn*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—"Incline Thine Ear" ..... *Himmel*
SERMON—"Shirtsleeves to Shirtsleeves" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 576 ..... *Noble*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Marion*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Susan C. Thackara in memory of her mother, Sarah E. Thackara, by Mrs. Katherine Shiflitt in memory of her grandmother, Katharine Nuskey, and by the Gensheimer Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

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A PAGE FROM E. STANLEY JONES—"The Way To Power And Poise."

We look at another step on the way to power and poise—be willing to be yourself. Yesterday we saw that we must forgive inperfection in ourselves and others. Today we must see that it is futile to try to be someone else.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" And Jesus replied, "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me." (John 21:21-22). Don't be too much concerned about the other person and what he does—you follow Christ. Marshal Feng and I were talking in his mountain retreat. He raked out the sins and the shortcomings of the Christians in the Chinese government, especially Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. I stopped him, and quoted the passage above: "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me." He looked at me for a moment, and then poured out more bitter criticism. I stopped him again and said, "Marshal Feng, I'm afraid I must quote my passage again: "What is that to thee? Follow thou Me." He struck his knee with his hand and said, "Good; you've got me." His eyes were on others instead of on Jesus. That led him down the slippery road to catastrophe. He said, "You've got me", but I never got him, for he continued to the end, bitterly denouncing others. When you are denouncing others, you are not announcing Him. "If you are on the judgment seat, you are not on the witness stand."

Whenever I pick up a letter from a certain lady, I say to myself, "Whom is she denouncing now?" It is the other side of an inferiority complex.

You'll be upset if you look at people too much. "If you look around, you'll be distracted. If you look within, you'll be discouraged. If you look at Jesus, you'll have peace." The account says that when Peter "saw the waves", he began to sink. As long as he had his eyes on Jesus, he walked on the water; but the moment he got his eyes on something else, he sank. If you get your eyes on people, and what they do, you'll sink when they sink. If you have one steady spot in your universe—the same yesterday, today, and forever." Jesus—if you keep your eyes there, your feet will walk on troubled waves and stormy seas. You'll be held steady, *anywhere.*

"DO YOU KNOW:

1. When was Christianity introduced to Great Britain?
2. Whom do we think of as the father of our Prayer Book?
3. What do we mean by apostolic succession?
4. Identify Samuel Seabury.
5. Give the five kinds of prayer.

1. In the first or second century.
2. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, 16th century.
3. Our Bishops are in factual succession of the Apostles and therefore have the proper authority for administering the sacraments.
4. The first Bishop of Connecticut and of the American Church. He was consecrated by the non-juring Bishops of Scotland.
5. Adoration. Confession. Petition. Intercession. Thanksgiving.

The Rector's booklet "HEALING—The Gift of God" was generously quoted in the column, "Everyday Counselor" in the Charlotte News, Charlotte, North Carolina, by Dr. Herbert C. Spaugh on July 12, 1952. This column was syndicated and appeared in the Winston Salem *Sentinel* and in many other southern newspapers as far south as Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

A parishioner who desires to remain an "anonymous donator" has written to the Rector stating that she has disposed of her home "and in giving God the portion belonging to Him from the sale, I'm doing so in a portion to The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church ($100.00), because the Girls' Friendly Society always registered deeply in Mother's thoughts; the Mothers' Club ($100.00), because I think such an organization is splendid—both for the mothers and for the work, too; and The King's Daughters ($100.00), because I think they do a good work, too."

The Corner-Stone of the Chinese Christian Church and Center at 10th and Spring Streets was laid on Sunday, June 22nd, at 4:00 P. M. The Episcopal Church Committee has exceeded its goal of $5,000.00 for the organ to be used in the new church. Members of St. Stephen's Church contributed $150.00 toward this fund.

The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Evangelical and Reformed, and the Protestant-Episcopal are co-operating denominations and elect the Trustees who are responsible for the Chinese Christian Church and Center.

TO WILL OR NOT TO WILL

We agree with the lawyers and with the M.D.'s. Everybody should make a will for the proper disposal of their possessions. Everybody should be examined physically once annually, as the wisest safe-guard for their health. When you next make your will, please include provision for your parish Church, Diocese, or National Church. Any amount is acceptable. A small bequest should not deter us from remembering the Church which has cared for us from our birth, and at death bids us Godspeed to a more perfect life.

Excerpt from a recent letter to the Rector: "I love St. Stephen's Church: there is such an atmosphere of peace and quiet, not just a churchly quiet, but a sort of joyous quiet."

The Rector will be one of the leaders in the National Convention of "The Daughters of The King" held in Trinity Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., during the week of September 1st. He will lead a group on "Healing By Prayer", Wednesday, September 3rd.

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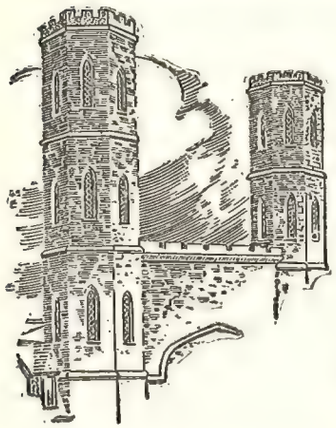
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ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 ..... *Melcombe*

VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 72, Page 426

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Ward*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: "Bless The Lord O My Soul" ..... *Ivanoff*

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou O Lord. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever. Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

SERMON: "In One Ear!" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 565 ..... *Fortitude*

AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 561 ..... *St. Boniface*

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Opening Prayer:

O God, by Whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldest have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Thy light we may see light, and in Thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (William Bright)
Bible Reading: St. Matthew 5:1-14.

The Sermon:

Robert Frost has a poem about a boy who went to the zoo, with a burning-glass in his pocket. When he came to the monkeys, it occurred to him that it would be fun to stir them up; so he whipped out the burning-glass and held it so that "he made the sun a pin-point on the nose of first one, and then the other, till it brought a look of puzzled dimness to their eyes." But the youngster was not as smart as he thought he was, and "There was a sudden flash of arm, a snatch, and the glass was the monkeys', not the boy's." They retired back-cage, "And instituted an investigation . . . though without the required insight. They bit the glass . . . They broke the handle and the binding off it, and, none the wiser, frankly gave it up . . . and hid it in their bedding straw . . . *It's knowing what to do with things that counts.*"

Most of the world's woes are due to *not* knowing what to do with things. Money, for instance. All thoughtful, right-minded people agree that the simple, God-given use for money is to care for the needs of a family. Yet hosts of people pour millions of dollars into the race-track windows—like the young man I met one night, who had started home with his pay-check and two shopping bags, to buy groceries for his family. But he had gone to the dog races instead, and was now going home with empty wallet and empty shopping-bags. "It's knowing what to do with things that counts."

Many non-Christians are asking, "What's the Christian religion *for*? What do you *do* with it? When the disciples asked Jesus a question like that, He answered, "You are the salt of the earth." In other words, by trusting GOD, and obeying His loving will, you become easier to live with. Your faith makes your life into the salt of the earth, giving the flavor of living back to people for whom life has grown dull and dreary. Your faith can restore courage to frightened people, and make life taste good for them again. Your Sunday worship can settle a deep peace in your heart which you can pass on to vexed, hurrying, straining human beings.

A well-known preacher dashed off the train as it pulled into the Grand Central Station, and luckily secured a Red-Cap porter right away. He had two very heavy bags. "Please bring them quickly," he snapped, "I'm in a terrible hurry," and he dashed ahead up the platform. Looking back, he saw the Red-Cap trudging along with the heavy truck, and shouted, "Come on—I'm late!" The patient porter looked at the impatient preacher, and said, "Where you steamin' for, brother? That ain't no way to make time. Just walk on ahead and I'll come right along, and there won't be two minutes between us." The parson slowed down and walked beside the porter, who turned on one of those big smiles with which colored men are blessed, and said, "I'se livin de relaxed life. Take it easy, boss. You can do a lot in a short time if you just go along easy at it. Besides, you'll live longer." "Thanks, my friend," the preacher said, rather humbly. "I happen to be a minister, and will preach this to my congregation. Do you go to church?" "Yes, indeed, suh, I sure does." (And here he finished the preacher completely!) "And I tries to practice what I hears there." *It is knowing what to do with things that counts!*

Closing Prayer:

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commit ourselves this day. Give to each of us a watchful, a humble, and a diligent spirit, that we may seek in all things to know Thy will, and when we know it, may perform it perfectly and gladly, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary, 494 A. D.)

Charles E. Stein, former Flag Bearer, has put ashore and is now in the Technicians' School of the Navy in Bainbridge, Maryland.

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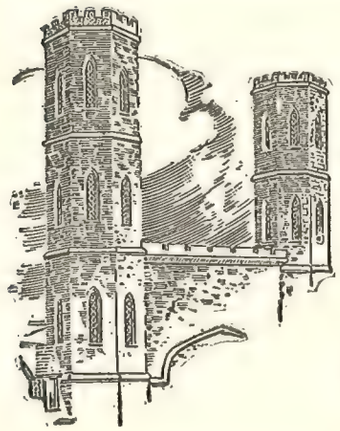
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ANTHEM: "God Is My Shepherd" ..... *Dvorak*

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth he restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace to glorify His Name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

SERMON: "Why Aren't They Like Us?" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 375 ..... *Nova Vita*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
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Five men from the Vestry and Dr. Matthews, our organist, make up the Organ Committee: Dr. Herbert Old, Chairman, I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Edwin S. Heins, Esq., Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, and Dr. H. Alexander Matthews. They are bending every energy to have this work completed and financed on schedule.

In connection with the new organ, members and friends of St. Stephen's Church have already made generous contributions. We have made the initial payment on the organ of $3,800.00. We are having a beautiful Gothic screen constructed that will hide the present exposed row of pipes. We have had the valued help of Dr. Matthews in the design and specifications which will insure an instrument built with the sensitivity and artistic feeling which it deserves. Adding up all items, we are confident that the traditional generosity of the people of St. Stephen's will be felt on this, the home stretch, and many more people will want to have a share in the purchase of this new organ. A great number of additional modest pledges over the next two years will insure this expectation. Send in your pledge now!

Most every day the Rector receives letters from people around the world who have heard of our Spiritual Healing program. The following one from Queenslands, Australia, is most interesting:

"In a recent issue of the John Milton Magazine . . . a Braille publication . . . which I receive regularly, I read with great interest an account of the healing ministry practiced in your church. I have been blind for more than thirty years, having lost my sight in infancy. Though I have had this handicap these many years, I am nevertheless most grateful to God for the many blessings he has granted me. And, though I live in distant Australia, and am therefore not able to attend your healing services, I believe that God can enable me to share in this great blessing. And so I am writing to ask if you would be good enough to offer prayer for me, that the abundant life which Jesus came to give might be given to me? For His glory. I know that God is rich in mercy to all them that call upon Him. May God richly bless you in His service. I am,

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) S. Adermann."

MATERIAL AID

World Wide Communion Sunday, October 5th, has been designated as a fitting day on which to bring clothing to our churches. The clothing will be sent overseas and will be divided among the unfortunate Arab refugees, the Koreans, and the Greeks. Please place such clothing in cartons and bring to the Parish House on or before October 5th. We then send them to New Windsor, Maryland, for shipment overseas.

There are a large number of students at the PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL this year, and many of them greatly need to earn some extra money. They are free several hours a week in the afternoons and evenings to do *odd jobs;* such as household work, waiting on tables, baby sitting, etc. Think of the Divinity students when you need such help. This will be a real help to men preparing for the ministry.

PORT OF CALL

"There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away" . . . and a good magazine is a close second. Bring your used copies to the Church Office and Miss Maude Hess, our Periodical Club "Captain", will find haven for each and every one in our city hospitals.

The Burd School was officially opened for the new year by the Rector on Monday, September 15th, with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dr. Rebecca Beard will conduct a healing mission in St. Stephen's Church on October 6, 7 and 8 at 10: 00 A. M. and 8: 00 P. M. each day. Dr. Beard practiced medicine for twenty years until she recognized the tremendous influence that thoughts and emotions have upon the physical body. Her medical experience and research led her to the conviction that thoughts and emotions are largely responsible for many illnesses, and that by understanding the thoughts and re-directing the emotions, with the ever present help of prayer, lives can be remolded and bodies healed.

Mrs. Harry J. Hauger has succeeded the late Miss Margaret P. Davis as President of the Benevolent Society. This is the oldest organization in the parish and has been doing a splendid piece of work. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Hauger and the enthusiasm of all the members of the Society, we know that the work is going to prosper.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the annual appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year, the Benevolent Society sent 4,375 pieces of sewing to Jefferson, Presbyterian, Women's and Germantown hospitals. The material for these garments is supplied by the hospitals and the Benevolent Society pays women to sew these articles in their homes. These needy women were paid $482.27 for this vast amount of sewing this past year.

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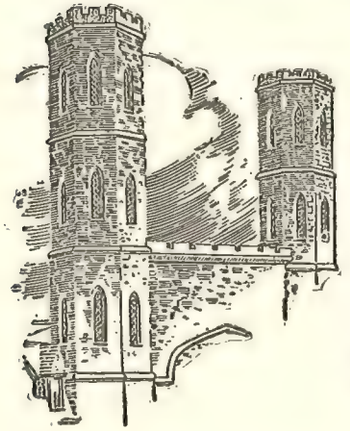
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BENEDICTUS es Domine, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
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ANTHEM: "Doubt Not Thy Father's Care" ..... *Elgar*

Doubt not thy Father's care, doubt not thy Father's care!
For every grief He finds relief and answers every prayer.
Night comes: the sun is lost; Night comes; He doth provide
The gleam of a starry host.
Night comes: the soul is dark. All joy is dead, all gladness fled
And life has miss'd its mark.
Then Thou—the wounded soul in that sad hour, with healing power
Dost touch and makest whole.

SERMON: "The Imprisoned Splendor Released" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 168 ..... *Angelus*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 406 ..... *Stephanos*

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others).

Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, Who showest to them who are in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant until all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such good things as are agreeable to the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

Bible Reading: Romans 12: 1-18

The Sermon:

A down-to-earth Christian leader of our generation spotlights our opening prayer for "all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion." For fifteen hundred years that prayer has been used by those who have found strength and steadiness in following Christ together.

About seventeen centuries ago, a Roman Christian wrote a letter to a friend in Rome "This seems a cheerful world, Donatus, when I view it from this fair garden under the shadow of these vines. But if I climb to some great mountain and look out over the wide lands, you know very well what I would see. Brigands on the high-roads, pirates on the sea, under all roofs misery and selfishness. It is really a bad world, Donatus, an incredibly bad world. Yet in the midst of it, I have found a quiet people. They have discovered a joy that is a thousand times better than any pleasure of this sinful life. They are despised and persecuted, but they care not. They have overcome the world. These people, Donatus, are the Christians and I am one of them."

What an up to date, twentieth century letter! One only needs to change a few words to make it fit our day like a glove. "This seems a cheerful world when we view it from my small farm, my little, warm circle of friends, my home church, my safe, sick-bed. But if we climb to some sky-scraper and look out over the world, we know what we would see. War on land and sea and in the air, nations set against nation; corruption in our politics, public and private morals dropping to a new, low level. Under many roofs misery and selfishness. It is really an incredibly bad world. Yet in the midst of it we have found a quiet people. They have discovered a joy a thousand times better than any luxurious pleasure of our day. They have overcome the world. These people are the Christians and I am one of them."

"And I am one of them." Find peace of heart by letting those words sink deep within you. We call one by one those choice friends who live quietly in the "Way" of the Master. They have a gaiety that cannot be quenched by little daily misfortunes. They have a courage which is not shaken by the latest panic headlines. They have a hope which cannot be extinguished by the rottenest revelation of corruption. They have overcome the world, through Jesus Christ their Lord.

Strengthen your friendship with these "quiet people" and make sure that you have strength for them. And store these lines in your memory:

"I sing a song of the saints of GOD, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew;
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a sheperdess on the green;
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Closing Prayer:

Refresh us, O Christ, with Thy Presence and Power. Quiet our restless spirits. Open to us the Mind of GOD, that in Thy Light we may see Light, and crown Thy choice of us to be Thy servants by making us channels of Thy joy and strength, to Thy honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (Acts of Devotion)

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Send us your two year pledge today.

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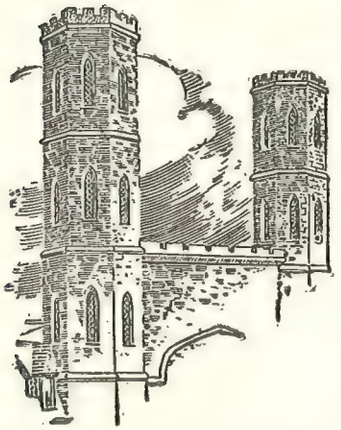
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MUSIC AND CHOIR UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE—
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 153 ..... *Ratisbon*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
ANTHEM—"Ave Verum" ..... *Mozart*
Jesu, Word of GOD Incarnate, Of the Virgin Mary born; On the Cross Thy sacred Body For us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the Blood and Water Streaming from Thy pierced side; Feed us with Thy Body broken, Now, and in death's agony.
SERMON—"The World Wide Communion" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345 ..... *Dominus Regit Me*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 361 ..... *St. James*

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Bless us, O GOD, with the vision of Thy being and beauty; that in the light of it we may learn to think Thine own thoughts after Thee, and in the strength of it may do our work without haste and without rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Henry Sylvester Nash).

Bible Reading: Judges 5: 1-21

The Sermon:

Today challenges every Christian to action, to make this a Christian world—to capture the hearts of all men for Christ. Each will judge himself by his response to that challenge.

Stanley Jones tells the story of an ancient challenge. The Song of Deborah records the response of the various tribes of Israel to her call to take the land of Canaan. "Asher sat still by the seaboard, clinging to his creeks." (Moffat translation). Asher (like a lot of people!) preferred to cling to small, familiar ways, instead of being adventurous. "In the shires of Reuben were divisions and debates"—they were inwardly divided, and just went on arguing. Deborah asks, "Why did you lounge by the shepherds' cotes, with only an ear for pastoral notes?" When the call to adventure came, they turned back to the good old soft, accustomed ways and missed their Canaan. "East of Jordan the Gileadites stayed." No reason is given. They just didn't do anything. They just "stayed" like people who like their comfortable spot. "Dan held to his ships"—they were not going to sacrifice their business interests for any risky adventure. And Asher "sat by the seaboard, clinging to his creeks." In the face of the inviting, open ocean, Asher clung to his dear little creeks. Like so many timid, fearful people, Asher played it safe.

But there were a few tribes alive and young-spirited enough to respond to Deborah's ringing call to adventure. "Zebulun and Naphthali were a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death in the high places of the field." They jumped to their feet, and marched off with high hearts, because they heard GOD calling them to march.

GOD calls you today to high adventure! Not, I think, with the blood-thirsty call of Deborah. No sensible man today (including those in uniform) believes that the world's great problems are going to be solved by warfare. GOD dares you to launch out your hearts on the high seas of His wide-reaching love. Men far wiser than I have pointed out that the only real solution of the communistic menace is to convert communists to follow Jesus Christ. Some of your friends will not agree to this—they will cling to their little creeks of loving their friends and hating their enemies. But the adventurous follower of Christ knows that the only possible way to get rid of your enemies is to make friends of them! Pray for the people of Russia, and of every enslaved nation, until you begin to feel compassion for them; and pray GOD to lead them out of slavery! Dig down deep, to give food to the hungry, shivering hosts of mankind, that they may see the love of GOD lifting them up. Dream, and pray, and act—that the world may *see* the mighty love of Christ—and be saved!

Closing Prayer:

Blessed Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Whose flocks are upon a thousand hills, Who hast put into our hearts the hope of a better country; Bless all who seek Thy sheep in scattered places, that they may fetch them home to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Church Service League Prayers).

Our "Thank You" goes to Mrs. Daisy Rayner for her Church bulletin subscription.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

Sunday, October 5th, is World Wide Communion Sunday. We combine our annual "Workers' Communion" with this great day, and invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the Fall season at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

HEALING MISSION

Dr. Rebecca Beard of Vermont will hold a healing mission at St. Stephen's on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 6th, 7th, and 8th, at 10: 00 A. M. and 8: 00 P. M. daily.

Dr. Beard is well known across the country for her work in spiritual therapy. "Everyman's Mission," her latest book, has just come off the press.

In her research, Dr. Beard has made an intensive study of human emotions and their effect on the human body.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

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July 20—Eileen Agnes Miller
September 28—Joyce Janee Rhodes
28—Elizabeth Lynne Rhodes
28—Patricia Gayle Rhodes

MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together"

June 21—Jay H. Hansen
Alice J. Sadler

July 5—David A. MacEachern
Barbara D. O'Connell

BURIALS

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy Heavenly Kingdom."

June 30—Henry C. Renne
July 5—Maria L. Hartley
18—Virginia Henderson
Margaret P. Davis
30—Foster Jones

August 7—Frederick Schmid, Sr.
12—Elsie Dietz
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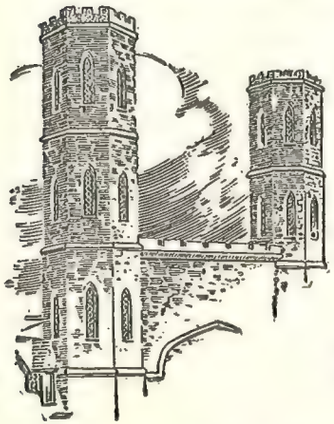
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INVITATION

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Regent Square*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 62, page 413
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Ward*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"O Lord Most Holy" ..... *Cesar Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O Loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts,
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee.
And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy show us Thy favor
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON—"Sons of Kohath" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 416 ..... Beatitudo
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

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ST. LUKE'S DAY is celebrated each year on October 18th. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician. We will have a special service commemorating St. Luke on Sunday, October 19th at 11:00 A. M. The Rector's sermon will be "GOD'S Glowing Tribute to the Medical Profession". Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we are extending an invitation to the doctors in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in this annual service.

The Rector will speak to the Junior Class of the PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL on Tuesday, at 9:00 A. M., and to the Woman's Auxiliary of the CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, Jenkintown, at 8:30 P. M.

BACK AT THEIR BOOKS

David German is continuing his studies at THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA for his Master's Degree. James Keller is enrolled in the Graduate School of THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA and Thomas Keller is in his second year at THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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O GOD, the might of all them that put their trust in Thee, grant that we may be more than conquerors over all that makes war upon our souls, and in the end may enter into perfect peace in Thy Presense; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN. (Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.)

Bible Reading: St. John 3:16-17

The Sermon:

When you were small, you came home, once, with dragging feet. Perhaps you carried in your hand a sorry report-card. Or you had gone out playing in your good school suit, and had fallen and torn a great rent in the knee. You expected a scolding, and to be sent up to bed without supper. And instead of the scolding, you found your parents very sorry over your wretched stumbling. Undoubtedly there was discipline, and you had to make amends. *But* there was a place set for you at the supper-table, and you were included in the family circle, just the same. On that memorable night you discovered the wonder of compassion.

Turn your eyes back across the centuries, if you want to see the compassion of GOD. Jesus was having His last supper on earth. One of the Twelve, as Jesus knew, had taken money to betray Him to His enemies. But Judas was still there at supper! Not by accident, either, for this was a secret meeting, arranged with the greatest care, so that they would not be disturbed. Judas was there because Jesus had invited him. No matter what Judas had done, Jesus had a place set for him at His table. "GOD so loved the world" that He excludes no man or woman. If they have stumbled badly, and wounded others, there will be discipline, always, and they will have to make amends. But GOD so loves, that He keeps on loving the sorriest sinner.

If Jesus could have compassion on Judas, then there is no limit to the compassion of GOD! And, because you and I profess and call ourselves Christians, people expect GOD's love to be in our hearts; the Risen Christ dwelling in us, and working through us. We cannot, of course, rise to such compassion by our small human talents. We can only surrender our lives to GOD and let His love come through us into His world.

There is an old Christian legend, how the soul of Judas fled from his broken body through the void, seeking hope and finding none. Restless, forsaken, alone, it fell from abyss to abyss. At last remorse yielded to grief, and dry-eyed sorrow was watered by a flood of penitent tears. At that moment, a light shone about him, and looking up, he saw the doors of heaven open, and the apostles—his brethren—standing about a table laid with bread and wine. They seemed to be waiting. Then Judas was aware of SOMEONE near him, Who took him by the hand. He knew Who it was, but he could not look into the Face he had kissed. "We have waited for thee," said the Master softly. "My guests could not sit down to supper until thou wast with us." It is only a legend, but it would be just like Jesus to do it. For "GOD so loved the world . . ."

Closing Prayer:

Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, Almighty GOD, that we who seek the shelter of Thy protection, being defended from all evils, may serve Thee in peace and quietness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.)

CARD PARTY AND BAZAAR

On Tuesday, October 21st, the annual benefit for the Burd School will be held in the school, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, and consists of a Card Party and Bazaar. The time is 1:30 P. M. The tickets are $1.25. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend with you.

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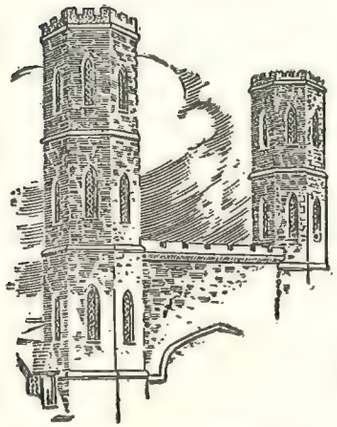
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PSALM 96, page 459

FIRST LESSON, Ecclesiasticus 38:1-15 ..... Dr. Herbert Old

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thurman*

SECOND LESSON, Colossians 4:2 ..... Dr. Leighton Appleman

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Light of The World" ..... H. Alexander Matthews

Light of the world! Forever shining; There is no change in Thee; True light of life, all joy and health enshining, Thou canst not fade, nor flee.

Shed now Thy light upon the weary hearted, The sick with anguish torn, Fill us with hope, Thy radiance ever shedding, Fill us with life new born.

Night visits not Thy sky, nor storm, nor sadness, Day fills up all its blue; Unfailing beauty and unfaltering gladness, And healing power forever new.

Light of the world! undimming and unsetting, O shine each mist away! Banish the fear, all sickness and all fretting, Be our unchanging day! (*Horatio Bonar*)

SERMON—"God's Glowing Tribute To The Medical Profession"..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 516 ..... *Stoerl*

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 472 ..... *Pilgrims*

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O God, mercifully grant unto us that the fire of Thy love may burn up in us all things that displease Thee; and make us meet for Thy Heavenly Kingdom; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. (*Roman Breviary, 1099 A. D.*).

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 11:25-30

The Sermon:

In these dark days, people are doing a vast deal of worrying as to who is going to get control of the world. There is hot and cloudy confusion about it in homes, in city squares, in meetings of the United Nations. Isn't it time that Christians reminded people that Jesus answered this question a long time ago when He said "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth"?

Of course, you have to understand what "meek" means. It does *not* mean a "Mr. Milquetoast", or a "softy." It means "as meek as Moses"; and Moses was a man with such a hot temper that he murdered an Egyptian once, and then took himself in hand by putting himself in God's Hand. As Dr. Sockman points out, the meek are the "God-tamed". Like Saul of Tarsus, whose raging nature had to be tamed into the service of God; the "God-trained" who are disciplined into the gentle strength of God's ambassadors; the "God-tempered", whose characters are tempered into instruments that can bend without breaking.

In other words, the meek are those who are humble enough to know that they must depend on God in order to amount to anything. Those who set out to be "self-made men" never rise to half their capacities, because they are trying to succeed only on the strength of their tiny, human talents. The meek, on the other hand, put themselves into the Hand of God, to be used as a mason's trowel, or a surgeon's knife—and so their lives are gloriously effective. Again, the proud, wolfish people go about their business trampling others down, like charging bulls; and they start anger, and divisions and resentments far and wide. But the meek, like the Quakers of our day, like the early Christians, walk softly and surely, seeking to draw others within the circle of their friendship, and they stir good-will and peace. Jesus said, very clearly, "Come unto Me...take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and yet shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

It is time that those in high places—iin our own nation and others—took Jesus Christ seriously enough to know that He was right. Only leaders who tame their angers into useful indignation, who let the "wideness of God's mercy" into their hearts, and seek to draw all men and nations into one family, can hope to lead this century successfully. Either these leaders will learn meekness and teach it to their people, or they will be remembered as wretched failures. As Dr. Sockman has said, "If worldly men remain too blind to believe this beatitude, then "Blessed are the to possess it."

Closing Prayer:

Mercifully regard, O Lord, the prayers of Thy family, while we submit ourselves meek, for they shall inherit the earth" after the proud have killed themselves off trying to Thee with our whole heart; do Thou prosper, support, and encompass us, that, relying on Thee as our guide, we may be entangled in no evil, and replenished with all good. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Leonine Sacramentary, 440 A. D.*)

WELCOME TO DOCTORS

Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body that physicians separate the soul from the body."—*Plato*

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of a fellah has a germ than what kind of a germ has a fellah."—*Shattuck*

"'Tis not the body but the man is ill."—*Dr. Weir Mitchell*

The Rector will address the Methodist Clergy of the Northwest District of Pennsylvania at Pottstown on Wednesday morning, October 22nd.

During the construction of our new organ, we are using an electronic organ from Strawbridge and Clothier.

CARD PARTY AND BAZAAR

On Tuesday, October 21st, the annual benefit for the Burd School will be held in the school, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, and consists of a Card Party and Bazaar. The time is 1:30 P. M. The tickets are $1.25. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend.

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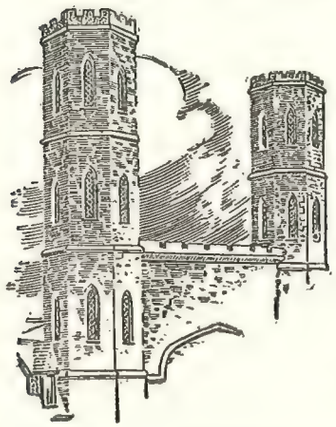
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INVITATION

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 562 ..... *Webb*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 119: *XIV-XV*, page 497

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM—"Turn Back, O Man" ..... *Holst*

Turn back O Man, forswear thy foolish ways.
Old now is Earth, and none may count her days,
Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame,
Still wilt not hear thine inner GOD proclaim
"Turn back, O Man, forswear thy foolish ways!"

Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise,
Age after age their tragic empires rise.
Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep.
Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep.

Earth shall be fair, and all her people one,
Nor till that hour shall GOD'S whole will be done.
Now, even now, once more from earth to sky,
Peals forth in joy man's old undaunted cry,
"Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"—*Clifford Bax*

SERMON—"Here I Stand" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*

AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 553 ..... *Lancashire*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Agnes G. Sarles in memory of her son, Mr. Carroll Sarles, and by Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock, Jr., in memory of his father, Mr. Thomas B. Lovelock.

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Charles Lewis, our Flag Bearer, has matriculated at Temple University.

Our hearty thanks to all "Used Magazine Donors" for their generous response to our Periodical Club call. Keep 'em circulating!

The Rev. Mr. Meckling will Baptise his daughter, JUDITH BONNEY MECKLING. during the Evening Prayer Service, Sunday, October 26th, at 7:30 P. M.

Mr. Meckling wants to thank all who contributed and helped make the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing Bazaar a success. The profit of the Bazaar was $1203.88.

Miss Edna H. Meyers of our ALTAR GUILD has made three new cottas for our ever-growing Flag Bearers and Crucifer. She has also made valuable repairs to our supply of fair linen. The care of the Sanctuary is in very excellent hands with a fine corps of devoted women.

The Rector will speak to the students of the Episcopal Academy at the Chapel Service on Tuesday, October 28th, and he will give an address at the 166th Anniversary Celebration of ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, Marcus Hook, on Wednesday evening, October 29th.

1517 — REFORMATION DAY — 1952

On October 31, 1517, a young Augustinian Monk named Martin Luther posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among the Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon the fundamental Christian conviction. October 26th will be observed throughout the world as "Reformation Sunday." The Rector's sermon is "Here I Stand."

There will be an inspiring service in the Irvine Auditorium, 34th and Spruce Sts., at 8:00 P. M., when Dr. Ralph W. Sockman will be the speaker.

Thank you, Mrs. Walter Christy, Mrs. Margaret P. James, Mrs. Martha Atherton and Mr. Elmer D. Newkirk, Jr., for your Church Bulletin Subscriptions.

It is with deep appreciation that we list the following names of contributors to The Benevolent Society: Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mrs. Lillian Barlow, Mrs. George Bary, The Bickerstaffs, Mrs. Marian Bender, The Rev. G. R. Bishop, Mrs. Edith E. Bull, Miss Elsie Dahl, The Daley's, Miss Katharine M. Field, Frances M. Fritz, Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Mrs. C. Garrett, Grace A. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hay, E. Hawley, Miss Marion Headman, Emily Hewett, Frances T. Kalich, Mrs. Mary Kephart, Miss Mary Kutzer, Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Ida M. Landenberger, Mildred W. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Judy M. Lenhart, Mr. Harry Lyster, Mrs. Laura Mae Renne, Capt. R. A. Mason, USMC, Mr. Edward S. Morris, Mary Orme, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Daisy Raynor, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Anna M. Reed, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, Mrs. M. S. Roberts, Kathryn Schrott, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Miss Marion Slatcher, Mae Snedden, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, Mr. and Mrs. Strelecki, Louis P. Stumpf, E. G. Taxis, Mrs. Townsley, Mrs. Lida R. Trautner, Mary E. Varallo, Laura E. Wilde, R. N., Miss Grace Garrett, Miss Rita K. Caldwell, Miss Anna M. C. Lundh, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. Franncis L. Marion, Miss Constance Price, M. B. Griner, Mrs. Helen Kremser, Miss Helen L. Ligget, Mrs. F. M. Smyth, Mrs. M. Atherton, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, and 11 Anonymous Donors.

"Dear Dr. Price:

I wish I could really tell you how much good the prayer cards from St. Stephen's have done and how far-reaching have been their effects. But as one friend said to me as she thanked me for sending FIVE HEALING STEPS, JUST FOR TODAY and several others to her as she recovered from a broken arm, "You'll never know how much good those cards did for me. I read and re-read them and then sent them to someone who needed them as badly as I did." I sent some to an inmate of the Home for Incurables and she sent them to a man who had been confined to his bed for 38 years. JUST FOR TODAY helped a young woman who was grieving because she lost her baby. She put the card in the corner of her mirror and tried to do what it said. HOW TO GO TO SLEEP helped an insomnia victim rest for the first time in many nights. The husband of a neighbor came to call after his wife's death. He carried all the prayer cards I had sent her during her illness in his vest pocket. He read them on the trolley car and found much help in them.

Dr. Price, I correspond with a group of shut-ins. I say correspond, but it is really a one-sided correspondence as they are unable to write to me because of their disabilities. Would you send them A PERSONAL PRAYER BOOK if I sent you a list of their names? I perhaps have been helped most of all by this work.

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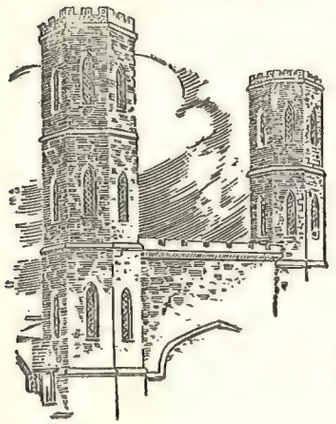
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 599.....*Vigiles et Sancte*

KYRIE ..... *Noble*

ANTHEM: (From THE REQUIEM).....*Brahms*
"Ye now are sorrowful, howbeit ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful, and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea I will comfort you, as one whom his mother comforteth. Look upon me; yea know that for little time, labor and sorrow were mine, but at the last I have found comfort."

SERMON—"Our Beloved Alive".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 126.....*Sarum*

SANCTUS ..... *Noble*

COMMUNION HYMN 208.....*Penetentia*

GLORI IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

POSTLUDIUM (REST IN PEACE).....*Schubert*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 125 .....*Moultrie*

The flowers on the altar today are given by THE GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY in memory of Maria Wilkins, and by The Rev. Herbert Jones in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

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HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others).

Opening Prayer: O GOD, Who are the Fountain of Light and Author of all knowledge, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to enlighten our understanding, and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (S.C.H.C.)

Bible Reading: St. Luke 5: 1-9

The Sermon:

Beano was a tough young gangster, who observed one day, with a shrug, "It's a crumby world. The big shots don't know what to do about it—what do they expect of us?" Beano was quite right—it is a very crumby world indeed, where so many dreams crumble to pieces, and slip through our fingers, and are lost.

Jesus never denied what a mess men have made of GOD'S world. Nor did He turn His face away from the hard cross that towered higher and higher before Him. When He was warned that the old fox Herod was threatening to crush Him and His work, He faced that squarely and declared, "Nevertheless, I must go my way today, and tomorrow, and the day following." At His darkest moments He had a way of squaring His shoulders, and lifting His head, saying, *"Nevertheless."* His disciples then began to learn the use of that unconquerable little word. After a fruitless night of weary fishing, Jesus counseled them to launch out for another try. Peter rose slowly to his feet, looked out over the waters that seemed empty of fish; and then, with a trace of a smile, said, "Nevertheless" at Thy word, I will put down the nets." Jesus kneeling lonely in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed for deliverance from the Cross. Three times He prayed, hoping for the green light from His Father, that He might take the road that led through the Galilean countryside, rather than the dark road to Calvary. Each time there came no answering "Yes"; and He submitted Himself utterly to the Father's will, saying, "Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done."

"It's a crumby world," so it's very easy to shrug your shoulders and say, "So what's the use?" But the Christian quietly marches on. It may be a sorry world; nevertheless, with GOD in it, there are always triumphant possibilities. A man or a woman may be down,—nevertheless, if he gets up and goes with GOD, he discovers new wonders in the deeps of life. Jesus' most memorable victories came after the shadowed hour of Herod's threat; and after the darker hours in the Garden, when the road to Calvary became the glory-lit road to Resurrection.

We who follow Christ have made this very great discovery—that he who goes with GOD, goes from strength to strength. The road may be dark—nevertheless, the traveler with GOD goes always toward the sunrise. As Thomas a Kempes wrote, "You know from long experience that these storms come, and that they pass. For after winter comes summer; after the night, the day; and after the storm, a great calm. . . . Accept these trials as sent by GOD in His infinite wisdom for your good; wrap love and prayer about you like a comforting garment, and let the storms pass by."

Closing Prayer:

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst send Thy Son to suffer and die for us on this earth, make us truly and sincerely thankful for this and for all Thine other benefits; and, for Thy long-suffering with the sins and sorrows of men, we thank Thee, O Lord. AMEN.

The Rector will speak at the 34th Reunion and Dinner of Company B, 104th Engineers' Association on November 8th in Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of St. Stephen's Girls Friendly Society who are making their Corporate Communion this morning.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The U.T.O. Ingathering will be held on Sunday morning, November 16th, at 11:00 o'clock. All St. Stephen's women are asked to empty the contents of their United Thank Offering Blue Boxes into the Blue Envelope and sign their name on the back of the envelope. Mrs. Wilson Leithead, St. Stephen's Custodian, asks that you bring your envelopes to the service on the 16th. If for any reason it will be impossible for you to attend this service, you are asked to mark it plainly and place it on the Alms basin on this Sunday or the next.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1952

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on Sunday, November 2nd:

Henry Eckhardt
Bess Irene Mathews
Mabel Boisnot
Mary Cragg Gilbert
Bertha Hendricks
Anna M. Spratt
Alfred Walbert
Fannie S. Long
Margaret H. Weitzel
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Anna Atherholt
Emma Koch
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Jacob F. Henderson
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Mary E. Nichols
Henry C. Renne
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Margaret P. Davis
Frederick Schmid, Sr.
Foster Jones
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VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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SECOND LESSON ..... CHAPLAIN EARL SENSOR
BENEDICTUS, page 14
ANTHEM: "Greater Love Hath No Man" ..... *Ireland*
Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
SERMON: "Subversive Inactivity" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 528 ..... *Hesperus*
MASSING OF COLORS
AMERICA (third verse)
ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
CLOSING PRAYERS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM: "There Is A Land" ..... *Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for every sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun.
There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for every hero battle-worn,
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Chapter 4 and Unit 4 of The Military Order of the Purple Heart, The Thomas Roberts Reath Post, No. 18, of The American Legion, and the Philadelphia Chapter of The Gold Star Mothers.

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Bible Reading: Phillipians 4:8-13
The Sermon:

Abraham Lincoln, saying farewell from the platform of the train which would take him to the White House, spoke these shining words: "To this place, and the kindness of its people, I owe everything. Here have I lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one has been buried. I now leave, not knowing when or ever I may return; with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being Who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him Who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will be well." Those words turn one's thoughts back to the Book from which Lincoln drew his strength; to a man named St. Paul, who once said, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me."

It is clear that Lincoln could not do everything he desired. He wanted to avoid the Civil War; to choose a winning general early in the war; to have a Cabinet which was understanding and unified in purpose. But he was unable to accomplish these purposes. It is clear that St. Paul could not achieve many of his eagerest hopes. He wrote, "I can do all things . . ." from prison; and he could not open prison doors. His burning ambition had been to carry the Gospel as far as Spain—but he was never able to do it. What on earth did he mean by declaring that he could "do all things"?

He and Abraham Lincoln had both committed their lives into the hands of their Maker. They were wholly pledged to serve Him—to put His wishes ever above their own. Out of this surrender to GOD'S Will came their strength—triumphant, amazing, conquering! They found that they could "do all things" that GOD required of them. They discovered that no man, no power can defeat those who have discovered what GOD wants done and are doing it. They learned that no hardship or poverty, or calamity, nor darkness can vanquish him who walks faithfully with GOD. Such a man can use even dark happenings (like the Cross) for the glory of GOD, and march on victorious.

The dizzy confusion of our day can be overcome only as our lives come under One Ruling Power. This is as true of your own small life as it is for the heroes of all time. When a Lincoln or a Paul puts his whole being under GOD'S ruling, his life gives a clear and steady light. The real job is to give up your stubborn will into the Hands of GOD for Him to use; first of all, to be concerned about what GOD wants. A clergyman once wrote Lincoln that he "anxiously hoped the Lord was on Lincoln's side"—to which Lincoln replied that he was not at all concerned whether the Lord was on his side; his great concern was that he and his country should be on the Lord's side.

You can "do all things" that GOD needs you to do. What more can you ask of life than that!

Closing Prayer:

O GOD, our Father, deliver us from the foolishness of self-confidence, from all boasting and vanity, from pride of energy, and false notions of success. Teach us that our springs are not in ourselves, but in Thee. Here may we find our rest and feel, pouring through all our impotence, the tides of Thy mighty Spirit, for Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory. AMEN (Robert E. Speer)

The Rector addressed the ministerial students of the Pastoral Counseling Course at the Temple University School of Theology on Monday, November 3rd.

The Rector will address the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Asaph's Church, Bala-Cynwyd, on November 13th, at 10:30 A. M.

"ALL THAT I AM BELONGS TO GOD"

This is the Every Member Canvass theme. Begin now to plan and pray about your pledge.

"UNTO CAESAR AND UNTO GOD"

The church has no Internal Revenue Collectors. "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto GOD that which is GOD'S." Most of us today have no trouble deciding how much to render unto Caesar in Washington, in Philadelphia, or any other government center. They tell us exactly how much. But when we come to the last part of the Lord's definition, we seem to lose all sense of proportion. Many modern Churchmen in all income brackets have tried to tithe, and have been living happier and fuller lives for it. Colgate, the soap tycoon, attributes his phenomenal success to the fact that he had made GOD a one-tenth partner in his first business venture, and always kept His account separate.

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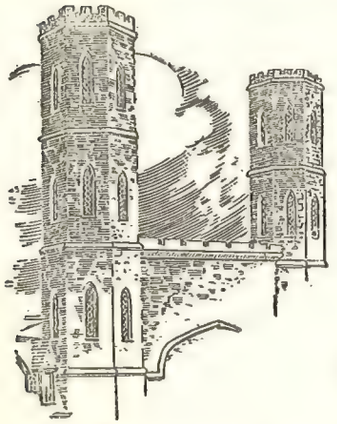
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BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "How Lovely Are The Messengers" ..... *Mendelssohn*
"How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words."
SERMON: "So Paul Came to Greece!" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 261 ..... *Tidings*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 264 ..... *Webb*

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The Sermon:

Many honest, unthinking people are all tangled up about "Unanswered prayer". The fact is that GOD *always* answers prayers—sometimes saying "Yes"; sometimes, "No"; and sometimes, "Wait!" We want His "Yes!" and nothing else, just as if we blundering human mites know what is best for us. In our silly conceit, we too often pray to GOD just as we telephone for the police or the fire department or the doctor—and bid *Him* come and save us! But Jesus Christ, praying in the Garden, asking GOD to "remove this cup", humbly added, "Nevertheless, not my will but Thine be done." In other words, He prayed, "Show me Thy wish"; or, "O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me." Because Jesus listened to what *GOD* wanted, there followed the unforgettable Cross, and the glorious Resurrection, those mighty acts of GOD'S love!

If you want to make progress in your praying, and discover the full power of prayer, adopt, "O send out Thy light" as the threshold of every prayer-time. GOD is surely a good deal wiser than you! and your prayer should simply open your humble mind and spirit to His promptings, His illumination. Dare to trust Him to reveal more wonderful paths than you could ever discover by yourself.

Len Le Sourd tells an interesting story of answered prayer, the story of a skating champion who faced a tough problem. Ever since she had been six years old, her delight had been on the ice; and her secret ambition was to represent her country as a skater. Her father had served Canada all his life, in war and peace. Her brother was training as a bomber pilot in World War II. For sixteen years she practiced—long, long afternoons of weary discipline, and finally, in 1948, she skated off with the Olympic Figure Skating Crown, marking her as the outstanding amateur woman skater of the world. Then the big problem loomed up before her! Would she turn professional and reap a large money-reward for her sixteen years of hard work? She might have prayed, "Please, GOD, I've worked very hard—isn't it all right for me to go ahead and get my reward?" But she wanted, most of all, to do what was right—what would best serve GOD and her country. So she prayed, "Show me — O send out Thy light . . ." And GOD certainly answered her prayer. Ever since returning from her Olympic triumph, she had been visiting disabled veterans in hospitals. As she prayed, her answer came—she would skate for these disabled men. Her earnings would go to help put them on their feet. The result was "The St. Lawrence Foundation"—all of Barbara's skating income was turned over to this fund. It pays Barbara's travelling expenses, and a modest income—and *all* the rest is spent for mending human lives, bodies and spirits. "The more I make, the more I can help others", says Barbara Scott.

When people pray, "Show me—send out Thy light", GOD'S answers are often miracles. Try it very humbly, yourself!

Closing Prayer:

Into Thy hands, O GOD, we commend ourselves, and all who are dear to us, this day. Let the gift of Thy special presence be with us even to its close. Grant us never to lose sight of Thee all the day long, but to worship, to pray to Thee, that at eventide we may again give thanks unto Thee. AMEN. (Gelasian Sacramentary)

We acknowledge with much appreciation the Prayer Book and Hymnal Memorials given by Miss Helen Green in memory of Miss Susan C. Thackara. We wish also to thank Mrs. J. W. Christie, Mary Millham, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, and the Misses Elizabeth and Minnie Corrigan for their contributions to the Benevolent Society, and the Church Bulletin Subscriptions of Mr. James O. Lyman, Mrs. Fred Schmid, Sr., Miss Margaret L. Gill, and Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse.

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THE MATTER OF GIVING

The Christian first of all gives his whole life and all that he is and has. The Christian rejoices in giving. Perhaps it is wise to set aside in prayer some such sum as 10 percent of one's wages for Christian purposes.

We do not mean to devise any legalistic formula, but unless there is some regular way of giving, much energy is lost in deciding about each particular occasion. Find out what satisfies your heart in GOD'S sight, and then give it joyously. One must not keep giving because of guilty feelings. Never grieve over giving what you have decided upon before GOD when you happen to be short of money, nor grieve because you have no more to give. GOD has ample physical means. What He needs is for you to give in faith and as a dedication to His voice in your heart.

The amount is not what counts the most, though we obviously must be careful not to delude ourselves on this score. What counts the most is what we give, how we give, and why we give. We all want to give to the church to bless it and make it a blessing. Let the Church of GOD be ever well supplied.

Above all, give in prayer and thanksgiving. There is a difference between a cup of cold water and giving it in Christ's Name. The difference is no superstition but hard fact. When we give in Christ's Name we give gratefully to GOD and for the common good as privileged instruments. No sense of superiority is to be taken from Christian giving, only the joy of being counted unworthy servants. But unworthy servants may be accepted as actually friends and Sons of God.

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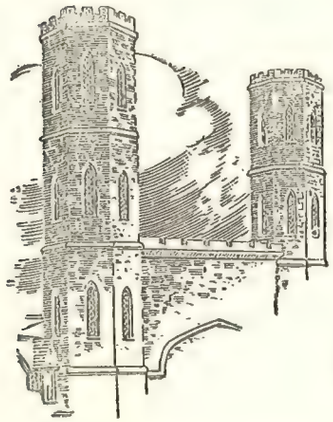
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BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Hear My Prayer" ..... *Mendelssohn*

Hear my prayer, O GOD, incline thine ear.
Thyself from my petition do not hide;
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee.
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.
The enemy shouteth the godless come fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, ah where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O GOD, hear my cry.
My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
My soul with deathly terror is oppressed.
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
With horror overwhelmed, lo, hear me call.
O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove,
In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

SERMON: "Money Is Not Enough!" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
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THANKSGIVING DAY

The Harvest Festival Service with address by the Rector will be held as usual on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, at 11:00 A. M., when our offering will be given, as for many years past, to the Episcopal Hospital.

LEGACIES TO ST. STEPHEN'S

The late Susan C. Thackara remembered the Benevolent Society and the Altar Guild with a legacy of $100.00 each in her will.

The late Adaline Gillou remembered our Church with one-third of her estimated $30,000.00 Estate.

St. Stephen's Church is grateful for those whose Gifts have made possible its Endowment Funds. These strengthen the Church in its work.

We are in need of additional young men to serve as Flag-Bearers at the Church Services.

The fourth book in the Church's series of books on ADULT EDUCATION is now available. The title is "The Worship of the Church" and the cost is $1.50. Secure your copy while our supply lasts.

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That statement is the theme of the 1952 Every Member Canvass of the Protestant Episcopal Church. It should lead every Christian who hears, or reads it to ask himself: "How much of *me* do I acknowledge belongs to GOD? Is a fair share of my life, talents, and my possessions active in GOD'S work?"

BRYAN GREEN

will be in Philadelphia the evening of Monday, December 1st, when he will speak in the Irvine Auditorium of the University of Pennsylvania, 34th and Spruce Streets, at 8:00 P. M.

TRANSPORTATION

During the two weeks beginning December 1st, we are to have a thorough and complete survey of the Parish along with a thorough every-member canvass for the financial support of the church.

We are anxious to have a number of volunteer drivers lined up for the two-week period. May we have your automobile for one or two days between December 1st and December 13th, so that our canvassers can cover our widely scattered membership? Mrs. Madeline Keller is the Chairman of the Transportation Committee and will be glad to hear from you.

AFFIRMATIONS

GOD, in the beginning, gave me perfect freedom of movement in mind and body; freedom from evil thoughts in my mind and from harmful conditions in my body.

This perfect movement, this perfect freedom, this perfect functioning of my whole being, is His Divine Will for me now.

Therefore, in the Name of the Living Christ, I bid all fears and evil thoughts depart. I bid my muscles respond to the Will of Christ. I bid my heart function normally, steadily, rhythmically—in time with all the cosmic forces of GOD'S universe, of which I am a part.

I realize that at the center of my being is the perfect harmony of GOD'S Eternal Being. I can free myself from every bondage, through Christ. I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me.

Now, in Christ, I am free with all the freedom of GOD.

"WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY"

To provide for the future needs of your family and dependents . . . to remember special projects and charitable causes . . . to fulfill the stewardship responsibilities which have been given you in life, in Time, Talents, and Treasure.

— BUT —

IS YOURS A CHRISTIAN WILL

Have you included a generous bequest to your church to help it carry on its work years from now? Let your money be spent to do some good in the world—Remember St. Stephen's in your will.

A man and wife write: "We together express our 'Morning Act of Faith' reading the card together and in so doing we get a fresh start each day. We read it again before retiring for it relaxes us and prepares us for a good night's sleep and rest—'under the everlasting arms'."

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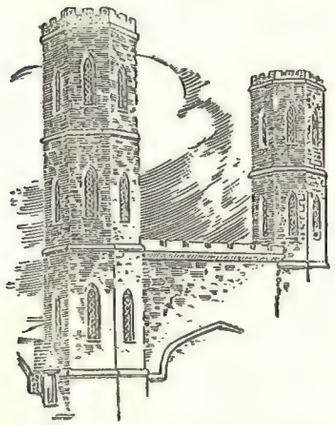
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KYRIE ..... *Willan*

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Holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring,
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashion'd
With the fire of life impassion'd
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

SERMON: "The English Bible".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 402..... *Munich*

SANCTUS ..... *Willan*

COMMUNION HYMN 198.....*St. Flavian*

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Bible Reading: St. John I: 1-14

The Sermon:

This is "Bible Sunday"—and a wise man has said that the Bible is the *record of GOD'S search for man.* GOD made us last of all a creature of free will—free to reject Him in fear, or to obey Him in love. And the Bible records GOD'S love knocking at men's hearts, in tender persistence, through poet and prophet, until finally He came on earth Himself, in the life of His Son, that men might *see* His love in human form, and welcome the coming of the light into their darkness.

Do you know why December the twenty-fifth is kept as CHRISTMAS DAY? Studdert Kennedy writes: "Why does it come in the very depths of winter? We do not really know the exact date of Christ's birth. December the twenty-fifth was not fixed as the birthday festival of Christ until three hundred years after He died. It was then settled thus, not because December twenty-fifth was known to be the true date of His birth, but because it was the date of the heathen mid-winter festival. Traces of that heathen festival are still with us, such as the burninng of the Yule Log. Behind that ancient winter festival there lay the dread that in the depths of some bleak winter the sun might really die, bleeding its life out in the flames of one last awful sunset across the western sky. That primitive dread made the ancients pile the Yule Logs up to warm the sun lest it die in winter's grip!"

Actually, December the twenty-fifth is a day when the sun is farthest away from the earth, and its warmth is least felt by us. So the pagans thought of that day in fear and trembling, lest the world grow more chill and frightening. But, after Jesus came among men, they no longer trembled on that day. They rejoiced and said, "This is the Day when we can praise GOD because He began to come closer to men in the warmth of His love and the light of His wisdom." So December the twenty-fifth ceases being a pagan festival of shuddering fear; and becomes a Christian festival of joyful confidence; when we remember that the sun turns back from its furthest distance with returning warmth; when we remember that GOD began to come closest to mankinnd!

Only because of Christmas is there any hope in the world! Only as Jesus Christ is born anew in humble hearts can there be any rejoicing in these grim days. For, wherever Christ is born, there is courage and confidence, the Light of the World shining in the dark—the only Light which the dark cannot overcome. That Light tells you that love is the only way out of your connfusion—love for the great GOD and love for humble, human people. You can buy expensive Christmas presents for people—but, without love, they give little joy. You can give very inexpensive presents, made by yourself, or chosen with loving thought—and they will give endless joy. So your deepest, most eager prayer for Christmas-tide will be for more love—not more cash—so that you can bless Christmas for those about you! Studdert Kennedy wrote:

"Christ that was born on Christmas Day,
Laid on the world His two, small hands
Lifting it worlds and worlds away,
Up to the level of Love's demands.
And those Hands hold, though pierced with nails;
They hold on still in power and pain;
And they shall hold 'til Satan falls,
And Love comes to His own to reign."

Closing Prayer

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit, and give us, for our hallowing, thoughts that pass into prayers, prayers that pass into love, and love which passes into life with Thee forever. AMEN ("New Every Morning")

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"Put Me Down For The Same As Last Year"

Let's remember that if we subscribe less than we did last year we favor a reduction in the activities and the ministry of the church in proportion to our reduced contribution. Let us remember that if we increase our subscription, as we must in these days of rising costs, then we favor progress in the conquest of new territories for Christ. Every forward looking Christian should be alive to this need, and should belong to this class.

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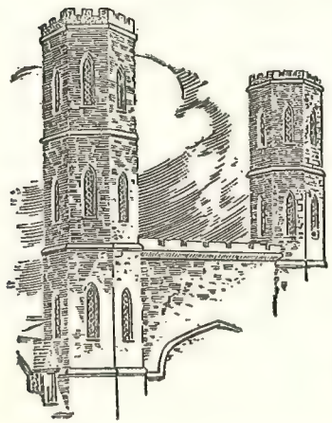
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SERMON: "The Day Is A Hand" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 440 ..... *Watchman*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
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Assisting THE TREBLE CLEF CHORUS

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1. (a) O Come, O Come Emmanuel ..... *Arr. Runkel*
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Soloists: Helen Ormerod, Elizabeth Miller, Marcella Cheesman, Frances Miller, Madeleine McCouch.

YOUR PASTOR

The Pastor is a vital person in the life and work of any Church. He is a trained person, prepared mentally and spiritually for his responsibilities as a minister in the Episcopal Church. His training has extended over a long period of years. His duties are both numerous and varied. He must be a teacher, preacher, executive, organizer as well as a leader and promoter of moral and religious standards in the life of the community, a guide to youth and old age, a counsellor to those in need or in distress—a wise and unselfish friend to all.

Your Pastor is a man who has dedicated his life to a full time service of GOD and of humanity. He is a student of the Holy Bible, of Church tradition, of Christian teachings, of theology, religions, philosophy, psychology, sociology and of many other subjects bearing upon his work for others and the helpful services of the Church. He must spend long hours in study, preparation and meditation, in planning and executing Church programs of Parish, Diocese and National Church, as well as in the administration of Parish affairs. His is truly a gigantic task, one seldom carried on by men in other fields. He needs the sympathy, the understanding, the loyalty, as well as the love and support of each and every member of his flock to succeed. His success is their success, his failure is their's likewise. It is within the power of his people to build him into a great leader or to break his heart.

Your Pastor is a spiritual guide. He has been trained to counsel with those who come to him with personal, domestic, family or business problems. His guidance as a spiritual leader and friend, together with his prayers for Divine help and guidance will enable you to face difficulties with confidence, courage and with the hope that will bring ultimate victory. Your Pastor stands ready to minister to all and any who need his services. He is available twenty-four hours a day to all who need him as well as to provide services for your inspiration, perform weddings, conduct funerals and aid any who call upon him.

Your Pastor and his services, as well as those of the Church Staff, are just one of the many functions your Church provides for your help, comfort, aid and inspiration. Your Church and your Pastor always stand ready to serve both rich or poor, young or old, successful or discouraged. In turn, you owe them your loyal support, evidenced by your gifts and by the support of your Church. As the time has come to make our pledges to our Church for the coming year, we ask you to be *generous* in undergirding the strength and success of your Church's efforts to serve you and others. This is one way of encouraging your Pastor and his assistants in the performance of the gigantic task we call upon them to do. They strive to do their best, will you do your best? Give priority in your *Time, Talents And Treasure*—to the work of your Church during this Every Member Canvass of ST. STEPHEN'S "as good stewards of the mysteries of Christ." Let us be proud to have a share in the glorious work being done by our world-wide Christian fellowship of the Episcopal Church—a communion to which we are proud to belong.

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JEFFERSON HOSPITAL has acknowledged 2,465 articles from St. Stephen's Benevolent Society during the past year.

PLEDGES

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A PRAYER FOR PROPORTIONATE PLEDGING

Most Gracious GOD, Who art Lord of all we call our own, and dost command Thy people to be witnesses in all places both near and far; we beseeceh Thee so to bless us, Thy people, that we may be found worthy of Thy trust. Grant that we may pray fervently, labor diligently, and share faithfully of all Thou hast entrusted to us, for the spread of the Gospel in our Parish, our Diocese, our Nation and our World; through Him Who gave His life for us, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

ORGAN FUND

The total is creeping up slowly. We are most grateful to all who have helped by pledging over the past four years. We still need some eight thousand dollars to meet this obligation. Have you contributed to this fund?

As the date for dedication of our new organ draws near and as more and more of its parts are finished we are increasingly thankful for the faith and support of many people who are making this fine instrument possible in St. Stephen's Church and for the unusual skill of the builders. To those many who are making possible the possession of this wonderful instrument, we shall all be grateful for many decades.

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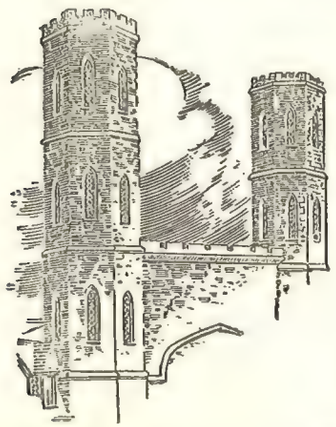
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CAROL in place of first Canticle
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CAROL in place of second Canticle
"The sleep of the Child JESUS" .....*Gevant (Belgian Carol)*
CAROL before Sermon "Christmas Hymn from 17th Century" .....*Hugo Jungst*
SERMON: "What Does It Mean to Rely on GOD?" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY: "Congregational Carol 21" .....*St. Louis*
POSTLUDIUM CAROL: "Sleep little Dove" .....*Old Alsatian Carol*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 30—"The First Nowell"

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UNDER AUTHORITY

A large part of the world's trouble has come from those who itch to be "big wheels"—Napoleon, Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin. A large part of the heartaches in the smaller part of your neighborhood, your home, come from the same greed for power over other people.

Olive Schriener pictured the would-be "big shots" in the great ant hills of the African plains. Millions of ants have worked at them for years; and, little by little they have grown until they are almost as high as a man. She continues, "Sometimes I have fancied if a little ant should come on top of one of these ant hills, and should rear himself on his hind legs, and wave his little feelers in the air; and should look around and say, "My ant hill that I have made! My ant hill, from which I see so far! My plains, my sky—my trees, my earth!" . . . And then, suddenly, a gust of wind would come. The ant hill would still be there, the ant hill on which he chanced to be born. There would still be the trees and the plain and the sky; but the ant would be gone forever."

That is the way human life works out, in history. That is the way boastful, little, human ants end their careers—Napoleon, on a lonely island, with no one to command; Mussolini, hunted down and caught by partisans; Hitler, trapped in a bunker under flaming Berlin. It is the same story with the little home Hitlers, and their wrecked households.

You can learn this truth from history by thoughtful reading. You can learn it more clearly from listening to the teaching of JESUS CHRIST. The story of the centurion proclaims that truth. That Roman army officer knew that the big business of the world is achieved by people acting loyally, under a wise leader. And he was keen enough to recognize JESUS as one who lived under the command of One higher than Himself. So, he said to JESUS, "You do not need to come to my house in order to heal my servant. I see that you are under authority, as I am; and any one who is under real authority can see to it that the needful things are done." Because JESUS was under authority, His FATHER was able to work mighty acts through Him. Because the early Christians were willing to be under authority, GOD did wonders through them. Wherever today, there is a handful of people obedient to GOD, miracles take place!

For all the notable achievements are done by company under authority. In Nature, one thinks of the ants, the bees, the beavers—a company of creatures working together on the pattern of toil which GOD has given them. In the kingdoms of this world, the great empires have grown to strength under a succession of wise rulers who commanded the deep respect of their people. And any convinced Christian knows that we shall have the good and peaceful Kingdom of GOD on earth only when mankind surrenders to the Infinite Wisdom of GOD, and works together under the authority of Jesus Christ, His Son.

YOUR LIFE

No life is complete without a satisfying Faith in GOD. "In Him we live and move and have our being", and without GOD, there is no true happiness. On every hand, we can see evidences of the insecurity, fear and confusion that has gripped the minds and hearts of men.

Yet amid the chaos of our age, it is still possible to have a workable, Christian faith that will give to us an inner victory. There are millions who are striving to please GOD, and have found great joy and satisfaction in their personal quest for a GOD-fiilled life. Through GOD'S Church, there are resources available to give us the confidence and spiritual understanding that we so sorely need. Week after week, multitudes find faith and hope in the regular services of Divine worship. You, too, can take your burdens to Church and leave them there.

Your Church stands as a guide-post to direct individuals to GOD. It interprets the Scriptures, preaches the GOSPEL, administers the inspiration and comfort of the Sacrament, and points men to Jesus Christ as the answer to all of life's problems. We trust that your life has been enriched by a vital contact with your Church. GOD will, and can, guide us through prayer, Bible study, and Church attendance.

We have come to that period during the year when the Church is asking for a pledge of support that it might carry on its spiritual ministry to individuals and to the community. By increasing your pledge to your Church, you can materially strengthen the ONE institution that is ministering to the souls of men. Your pledge to your Church is an investment in the future.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

During the past three weeks a group of well trained Christian people have been calling in the homes of our people for the purpose of making a survey in order to see how best we may serve the religious needs of people today, and to enlist every member's active interest in our present program and to give every one the opportunity to subscribe worthily to the support of the church.

Some 185 families have been visited and interviewed. However, because of the geographical difficulties we cannot call on any more at this time. If you have not already made your pledge for 1953 please make use of the form below and send it to us so that a box of envelopes may be sent to you promptly.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PLEDGE TO SUPPORT ST. STEPHEN'S IN 1953?
DON'T DELAY. DO IT NOW!

Cut out—Bring, Send or Mail to St. Stephen's Church

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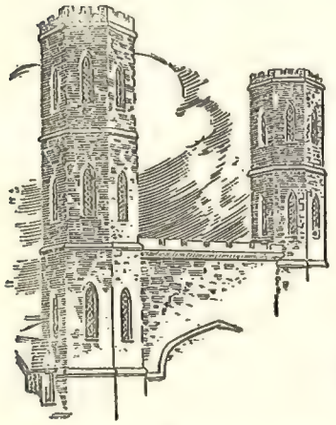
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MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

New Year's Eve this year falls on Wednesday night. The Rev. Mr. Meckling will conduct the usual Watch Night Service at 11:00 P. M. with hymns prayer and address followed by the Holy Communion. The coming year is certain to be a year of tension and great pressure. We shall do well to approach it in the spirit of a solemn dedication to GOD, turning to Him for strength and insight. He alone will see us through successfully.

HOME PRAYERS

(Issued weekly for those who cannot get to church services, the sick and shut-in, the isolated, Sunday workers, young people in the service of their country, and others.)

Opening Prayer: Strengthen us, O GOD, for the warfare of the spirit, in the year ahead that we may stand fast in the day of temptation, and through Thy mighty help and protection, may so triumph that we gain at last the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (New Every Morning).

Bible Reading: Romans 8:35-39.

The Sermon:

You and I need some new word to carry into the new year, to light our path through dark and uncertain days. Here is a word from GOD that will grow on you —We must be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

We succeeded in being conquerors in the World Wars I and II. In World War I we believed that we had accomplished so much. Listen, if you can, without tears, to the jubilant words of President Wilson as he announced the Armistice: "We know that the object of the war is attained: the object on which all free men set their hearts . . . armed imperialism is at an end . . . and the arbitrary power of the military caste of Germany, which once could secretly disturb the peace of the world, is discredited and destroyed." Yes, we were conquerors. We over-came something else—but we did not overcome hate, in ourselves, or in the world. So we lost peace, lost what our men had fought and died for—to make the world safe for democracy and peaceful living. Then we won World War II; Once more history labeled us conquerors—and, instead of peace, we have had the "cold war" and Korea. By this time we must begin to understand there is something we must become, that is "more than conquerors."

The only force which can win a true peace in the world is the power of "Him that loved us"—His patient, everlasting power of caring, of loving all men everywhere, in spite of anything they may say or do. This persistent, stubborn power of concern for others is the only practical weapon that can overcome hate—the only force strong enough to do it!

Roland Hayes, the great Negro singer, proved the strength of love to conquer hate, one evening in 1926. He was scheduled for a concert in Berlin, but the French had just sent Negro troops in to occupy the Rhineland, and all Germany was aflame with hate of black men. Roland Hayes was strongly advised to cancel his concert; advised that it was dangerous to face that hate. But he quietly persisted. The evening came. The great concert hall was packed. As he walked out on to the platform a storm of cat calls and hisses and boo's broke loose. For eight long minutes it continued, as Roland Hayes stood there quietly, leaning with his elbow on the piano, looking steadily into the faces of that hating mob. Suddenly, he looked upward and shut his eyes. The crowd knew that he was praying; and the storm died for a moment. Like a flash, the singer began an old and much-loved German song to GOD, "Du Bist Die Ruh" ("Thou Art My Peace"): and the magic of GOD'S love in his voice captured the good will of that crowd. He sang through his whole program without interruption. And then at the end, men stormed up on the platform, took Roland Hayes on their shoulders and marched twice around the hall, cheering the man they had boo'd. The Silent Power had worked, as It always can. Roland Hayes was more than a conqueror, for Christ in his heart had overcome hate itself.

Let us go into 1953 recognizing our real enemy—the power of hate. That enemy can be beaten, beginning within you! Then we shall be "more than conquerors," and on our way to real peace!

Closing Prayer:

Give peace in our time; fill the hearts of all men everywhere with the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

LET'S REMEMBER THE DAILY SERVICES

Out of the five hundred people who are members of St. Stephen's there must be many for whom the morning services on Sunday are so inconvenient that absence from Church becomes almost habitual. This is to remind you that every day, Tuesday through Friday at 12:30, we have an inspiring service with hymns, prayers and sermon on Tuesday and Wednesday; a Communion Service on Fridays and Healing Services with sermon on Thursdays at 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.

Forty-six members of our MOTHERS' MEETING under the direction of Mrs. Lida Trautner helped serve 1100 Christmas Dinners to the members of THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND on December 16th.

The Mothers have now paid $450.00 to our ORGAN FUND, and made a generous offering toward our pledge to the CHINESE CHURCH AND MISSION CENTER at 10th and Spring Streets.

The Rector will conduct the Service and preach at the CHAPEL of THE LEAMY HOME on Sunday afternoon, December 28th, at 5:00 P. M.

Our "Thank You" goes to Miss Louise Leupold, Mrs. W. D. Dunn, and Miss Jane S. McEldowney for their Church Bulletin Subscriptions.

OUR NEED FOR FRIENDS

The world is full of lonely people—lonely because they do not know how to make friends, lonely because, having them, they do not meet in the deep places of understanding fellowship. Few have real friends, who know all about them, and love them still.

People with a genius for friendship seem to live in other people, enter into what they are thinking and doing, are always on the giving end, never thinking of what they get.

Do we lift our friendship to Christ's level? If He is our Great Friend, He ought to be a part of every other friendship. We should introduce every other friend to Him. Friendship is the natural channel for the Spirit of God as He leads men to become the friends of God.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Philadelphia, Pa.

1953

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9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The order of service is to be found on page 67.
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10:45 A. M.—Personal Prayer and Meditation

11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION & SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Improvisation on Plain Song Theme,
"Filii Et Filae" ..... *Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87..... *Sullivan*
ANTHEM—"Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for Us"..... *Tours*
KYRIE ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"Hearts and Voices Heavenward Raise"..... *Matthews*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts and voices heavenward raise;
Sing to GOD a hymn of gladness,
Sing to GOD a hymn of praise,
He, Who on the cross a victim,
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life is born,
Glorious life, and life immortal,
On this holy Easter morn.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
By His mighty enterprise,
We with Him to life eternal
By His resurrection rise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to GOD on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty. Amen.

SERMON—"Christ Is Here to Stay"..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 85..... *Easter Hymn*
SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*
COMMUNION HYMN 197..... *French Melody*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS..... *Stanford*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 96..... *Martin*

The Easter Flowers are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose.

4:00 P. M.—MISS YEAKLE'S BIBLE CLASS
7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and EASTER EVE SERVICE
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
MR. J. STOKES LEEDS AT THE ORGAN

EASTER EVENING SERVICE

PRELUDE—"Adoration" ..... *Borowski*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 85..... *Easter Hymn*
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AFTER EPISTLE—"The Magdalene" ..... *Warren*
(*Soprano Solo*—Miss Mary Millham)
CREED, ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN 94..... *St. Kevin*
SERMON..... The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
A SHORT CANTATA BY THE CHOIR:
"The Dawn of the Kingdom"..... *Truman Wolcott*
Soloists: Mr. Lester Henninger, *Tenor*—Mr. Clifford Sylvester, *Bass*
COMMUNION HYMN (for Gloria)
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 91..... *Victory*
POSTLUDE: "Hallelujah!" ..... *Handel*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

EASTER is here again; EASTER with its crowded churches, the end of winter, and the thrill of being part of something great.

Yes, EASTER is great. It is too important to be treated superficially. If EASTER is true, nothing that has ever happened or will ever happen can match its importance. The Resurrection of Jesus CHRIST is the most significant event in history.

The plain Cross on our Altar and on any Anglican Altar is a living testimony that we Christians believe not in a dead Saviour, but in a resurrected One, and the arms of that Cross symbolize that His hands are spread out to receive you and me, whenever trouble assails us—whenever error and sin have destroyed our Faith.

EASTER symbolizes to me that each of us can have an EASTER of our own at any time, when we are willing to release and let go of those things which tend to keep us from GOD. If your life has been filled with those things which are material, worldly, sinful, when you have not learned what it is to have Divine Guidance in all your doing, then today can be an EASTER to you indeed.

You can be resurrected now from your unsuccessful life, from the winter of your discontent, by simply knowing that there is a Power within you and without you which you can appropriate by simple faith, and this Power can and will resurrect you to a glorious springtime and summer of peace. To serve GOD as Jesus knew—means to honor, worship, obey and have full and complete faith in Him. To bring ourselves to His will so that our lives shall express His Divine Purpose.

If you will believe in GOD more than anything else, if you believe in victory instead of defeat, if you believe in right more than wrong, in health more than sickness, in life more than death, you will overcome all things. EASTER is the power of GOD over all other forces. It is the final, Eternal VICTORY and EASTER can be yours today and forever. The resurrected Christ can break our bonds, heal our hurts and set the prisoner free.

We live in sober and serious times. But EASTER brings joy. It proclaims the Victory of GOD over the sins of the human race. It sets GOD'S seal on Christ's promise that those who believe can have eternal life. It solves the riddle of human destiny.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,
Alfred W. Price.

EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to GOD and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose please use the enclosed envelope.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24, 1953

10:45 P. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector. Christmas music by the Choir under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25, 1953

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON by the Rev. A. A. Attenborough

Watchnight Service

Thursday, December 31st, 1953, at 11:00 P. M. Hymns, Prayer and address by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, followed by the Holy Communion

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out GOD? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "Christmas Offering." Will you use it for a gift for Him?

Arrival of the Shepherds, by Charles Zingaro.
"And they came with haste and found Mary . . . and the babe lying in a manger."—Luke 2:16.
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The Saviour Is Born

St. Stephen's Church—1953

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1953
CHRISTMAS EVE
10:45 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION

ORGAN PRELUDE—Come, Thou Savior of the Gentiles ..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fidelis*
KYRIE ..... *Noble*
CAROL—Sing We Then Those Glorious Strains ..... *Chinese Melody*
SERMON—"Three Thoughts for Christmas" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL 19 ..... *Carol*
SANCTUS ..... *Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
PRAYERS
CAROL 33 ..... *Holy Night*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1953
9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE REV. MR. ATTENBOROUGH
Christmas Music under direction of Dr. Matthews

ORGAN PRELUDE—Chorale Prelude ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fidelis*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
CAROL—I Wonder As I Wander ..... *Appalachian Carol*
Soprano Solo and Chorus
SERMON ..... MR. ATTENBOROUGH
OFFERTORY CAROL 21 ..... *St. Louis*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Regent Square*

CHRISTMAS, 1953

What a wonderful thing it would be if we could shed Christmas of all its trappings—the shops, the presents, the feasting and drinking and the cards—just keep it as, what it is, the Birthday of the living risen Christ, in worship and in quiet recollection of what He is to us! And, yet again, what a wonderful thing it would be if all the kindliness which is expressed between people, and all the generosity which is shown, could become typical of the kindliness and generosity of every day of the year. But it is not!

The trouble is that we have lost sight of the meaning of Christmas and so it has become meaningless, and it has largely lost its thrill.

The Christmas Angels brought to the shepherds good tidings of great joy. The child born in the stable had come to be the Herald of God's coming Kingdom. He had come to bring salvation, to save those who were perishing under the hard and bitter injustices and wrongs of the world, and to bring healing and peace and joy to all God's children on earth.

Who was this child born of Mary? He was none other than the Eternal Son of the Father, through Whom all things had been made and Whose life was in all creation and in every man who is ever born into the world. *"He was in the world and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not."* All through the ages He had been making the world and creating our human nature to be the means through which God could be made manifest; and now on Christmas Day this same Eternal Son and Creator of all things became *Man*—not just a man but representative man, God incarnate. Here was the life of the world; the creative life, which men had seen in all life, in the trees and flowers and in every human being, but they had never known that it was God's life and activity in the world: and now they saw Him and knew Him and worshipped Him. And that is Christmas . . .

And it is not only His Birthday. It is *our* birthday, because apart from Jesus Christ you and I have no existence whatever. He is "the Lord and Giver of Life," from Whom we derive our life. Without His life in us we could not have come into the world or live at all. Our very human life is akin to His life. We are made to be "Sons of God."

This is the stupendous truth of Christmas. It tells us of God's purpose for our lives, and shows us what we are capable of becoming. But it does more. It tells us that, high as our calling is, we have the power of God to achieve it within us.

It is this Christ who came to bring salvation to the world; and that means health and wholeness not merely to our bodies, but to the whole man. And not merely to us as human beings, but to all the peoples of the world, to bring peace in place of war, to bring plenty instead of starvation in India and Africa; to bring brotherhood instead of the color bar, to bring love instead of hatred, to vanquish fear and sickness and disease and sin.

This is the meaning of Christmas: and if, as followers of this Christ, we have been enrolled as members of His Church, then we have been called into fellowship with Him in all these His purposes for the world. And He is not only our Leader in the most glorious cause that we can imagine, but being in Him and He in us we are the instruments through which alone He can work: and He is dependent upon us. Are we going to let Him down?

Christmas can be an orgy of selfishness and greed in forgetfulness of Christ. It can be a renewal of our whole life and an offering, a present to Christ on His Birthday.

May the Love of GOD abide in you, His Peace enfold you, His Grace sustain you and His Light guide you this HOLY CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

Sincerely, your Rector,
ALFRED W. PRICE.

The Church Staff—The Rector, Mr. Attenborough, Mr. Meckling, Mr. Leeds, Mrs. Keller, Mr. Wells, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Cook and Mr. Evans—unite in their desire to convey to you, one and all, their *Very Best Christmas wishes.*

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service speak to one another.

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The order of service is to be found on Page 67
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 95-96

10:45 A. M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditation upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the ministers, your fellow worshippers and the world.

11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

The choir, under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, will sing Christmas Carols from many nations.

ORGAN PRELUDE Improvisation on "In Dulce Jubilo" ... *H. Alexander Matthews*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 103, Page 466
CAROL (in place of Canticle)
Sing We Then Those Glorious Strains ..... *Chinese Carol*
CAROL (in place of Canticle)
Fum, Fum, Fum ..... *Old Spanish Carol*
CREED AND PRAYERS
CAROL—Christmas Day ..... *Holst*
Medley, Old English Carols
SERMON: Letters to Santa Claus ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY CAROL—21 ..... *American Carol*
PRAYERS
CAROL—I Wonder as I Wander ..... *Appalachian Carol*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Regent Square*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Harry B. Purcell and Miss Purcell, in memory of husband and father. And by Mrs. Martha Atherton, in memory of Mother, Caroline Owens and Edward Donlan.

We gratefully acknowledge Bulletin Subscriptions from Mrs. L. K. Schmidt, Mr. Howard Matthews, Miss Alice B. Ewing, Mrs. Wm. Royal, Ms. J. E. Semon, Charles E. Holmes, Mrs. Walter D. Dunn.

Gloria M. Keaton and Jack Robert Green were married in the Burd School Chapel on December 12th.

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The Healing Services will be held on Thursday as usual (Christmas Eve) at 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.

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The Rector will preach at the Leamy Home on Sunday, December 27th, at 5:00 P. M.

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The Rev. Mr. Attenborough will celebrate his first Holy Communion Service on Sunday, December 20th at 9:00 A. M. Following the service the third Sunday Instruction Class in The Holy Communion will be held at 9:30 to 10:00 A. M.

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"The Tall Man of God", afeatured article about the Rector and St. Stephen's Church, appears in the January issue of *Your Life* magazine.

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We acknowledge with appreciation the gift of five Prayer Books and five Hymnals presented by Miss Theresa King, in memory of Edna H. Meyers.

The following letter from a lady in Indiana is what we like to receive. "My dear Dr. Price: Before leaving the city I wish to thank you and the Church of St. Stephens for the warm hospitality which has been shown me during the past week. Coming to a strange city under the circumstances of which I came, could be a very lonely experience. When one trusts God and feels that His Loving Spirit goes before and prepares the way, one is led to those who understand and help . . . After attending the Thursday Healing Service, I walked through the door released and renewed. . . . Wanda H.

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HUMOROUSLY SPEAKING

The Rector answering the phone—"Hello!"

Woman's voice on the other end: "You forgot to send my chicken giblets and livers. Can you send them over right away, I need them."

Rector, "Madam, this is St. Stephen's Church. We don't deal in that sort of thing, but we do have a fine brand of good old-fashioned religion. May we see you in church next Sunday?"

Woman, "Oh, I beg your pardon. I must have the wrong number."

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GREECE SENDS THANKS TO EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"I would like to express feelings of deep gratitude on behalf of the Church of Greece for the immediate and truly Christian help which the Protestant Episcopal Church sent to us at this crucial time", wrote his Beatitude, Syridon, Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, to Bishop Sherrill thanking him for the $8000. sent by the Episcopal Church to the stricken natives of the Iolian Islands. The gift of the Church, coming from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and World Co-operation, helped to purchase food and kitchen utensils and meet the emergency needs of the churches in the areas which had been destroyed by the week-long series of earthquakes.

FENCES

Margaret Appelgarth writes the following glorious tale:

Nothing is ever more present than a fence. There it stands, announcing to the world that something inside is being shut in; and something outside, shut out. And if that fence is around a Catholic cemetery, it means that all the earth inside is consecrated ground; only for those who have died in the faith. It was that way in Poland, also, of course.

But during the war years a Quaker came to town. A man so gentle that although he had never been to Poland before, and spoke no word of Polish at first, yet everybody knew exactly what he meant—and he knew that when they were too thin, they were too hungry; and if their feet were bare, they needed shoes. It was as simple as that, at first. They felt that they had been born knowing him. And even after he had learned plenty of Polish, he never scolded anybody who came back to his soup-kitchen for more soup. Neither did he ever play favorites, and save out the best suits and coats for special friends. He never seemed to notice whether people were Polish or Jewish or Russian or German. So everybody told him everything in every one of these languages, all day long. For here he was: as present as the Golden Rule in action; as available as Come-ye-Blessed-of-My-Father in the last judgment, who has lavished love on the hungry, the naked, the prisoner.

So that his death was a total calamity. From overwork? From mal-nutrition? From constant drain on his sympathies? Nobody knew, for sure. But when they began doing the last tender things which can be done for someone so beloved, the saddest calamity of all was the moment when it dawned on everybody that a Quaker is not a Catholic! They spoke earnestly to the priest: was it not possible, just this once, to lay such a saintly person in consecrated ground, inside the cemetery?

But the priest had to shake his head; for the rule of the Church was the rule of the Church. Disconsolate, the people buried the body of their friend as close to the forbidden fence-line as possible. But they went home with heavy hearts.

After darkness had fallen that night, however, the priest himself went out, and moved the fence-line over far enough to include the new grave. For the rule of the Church is clear enough about consecrated earth, and who may lie in it; but nothing whatever is printed in black and white about fence-lines. One wonders about the priest's name in Polish—for it ought to have been Malachi, since he too knew that "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9:00 A. M.—Holy Communion
11:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion Third Sunday Evening

NOON-DAY SERVICES—12:30-12:55

Tuesday Noon Club for Business Men
Luncheon served before and after service

Wednesdays

Noonday Service with Address
Holy Communion on the Last Wednesday in the Month

Thursdays

Healing Service and Address 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.
MRS. NELLE COOK in Charge of Literature Table—Foyer of Church—Thursdays

Fridays—12:30-12:55 P. M.

Holy Communion

THE VESTRY

Meets Second Tuesday of each month at 4:30 P. M.

DR. HERBERT OLD, Rector's Warden
I. SMITH RASPIN, ESQ., Accounting Warden
DAVID L. GERMAN, ESQ., Clerk of Vestry
EDWARD SHIPPEN MORRIS, ESQ., Treasurer of the Burd School
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MR. JAMES OTIS LYMAN MR. WILSON C. LEITHEAD MR. FREDERICK SCHMID, JR.

THE CHOIR

Sopranos—Hellen Osborne, Soloist; Marion Baker, Margaret Bassie, Dorothy Campbell, Phyllis Matthews, Margaret Crown.
Altos—Dorothy Charles, Winifred Douglass, Mae Nichols, Elmina Finck, Helen Stroup.
Tenors—Albert E. Clark, Fil Oakford, Jr., Carl R. Myers.
Basses—Harley G. Charles, Frank Grimm, Jr., Raymond Gemmill.
Organist—DR. H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS, Telephone, RI 6-0810
20 S. 18th Street.
Organist and Choirmaster for the Hard of Hearing, Joseph Stokes Leeds
Librarian, Miss May Falkingham

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone number, WA 2-3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

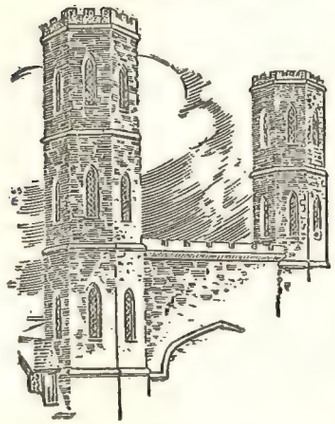
The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6. p. m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 P. M.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting Third Thursday at 11 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3 p. m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p. m.
Prayer Fellowship: Fourth Thursday at 7:45 p. m.
The Camp Farthest Out: Third Thursday, 8 p. m.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Directress—Miss Charlotte U. Day. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years. Educated at public schools and professionally equipped according to ability.

St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church

Tenth Street above Chestnut, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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This Church is a member of:
The Protestant Episcopal Church in America;
The Philadelphia Council of Churches;
The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America;
The World Council of Churches.

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M. and at 5:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear and anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

From 6:00 A. M. to midnight every day intercessory prayer is offered by the seventy members of our Prayer Fellowship for the recovery of sick persons whose names have been sent to the Rector. The names of those for whom prayer is offered are kept on the Altar. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 9 ..... *Merton*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 68:1-20, page 419
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Ward*
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ANTHEM: Blessed is He that Cometh ..... *Gounod*
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the Highest!
SERMON: Forward in Faith ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 480 ..... *Holy Offerings*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 318 ..... *Hosanna*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Gladys Given in memory of her brother, Raymond Given.

TESTIMONIES

Dear Dr. Price—First of all I want to thank God for your healing service. I live in South Jersey, but I go to your Noon-day Service every opportunity because it always quiets my nerves and I feel so near to God when you tell us of His loving Care. Several months ago I was having terrible headaches at the base of the brain. I was afraid of a stroke. I went to your Thursday healing service for I was sure if I had faith, God could cure me. I thanked God when I knelt at the Altar and you layed your hands on my head and asked God to heal me. I felt the ache leave my head and I thank God that I never have those headaches any more. I have told so many people of your services and how God can heal them, if they have faith.

Dr. Price, it is such a privilege to attend your Week-Day services. I can't understand why your church is not crowded. People really cannot know what they are missing to have a quiet talk with Christ.—A. L. P.

ST. STEPHEN'S IS MY PARISH

Its value to me and the world is determined by myself. "The Kingdom come." I pray for it; I must pray for it and push it.

This Sunday is Loyalty Sunday—December 13th—when opportunity is given to everyone who will so co-operate, to pledge toward the Church's 1954 budget, in church. For the past five weeks members of the Vestry have presented to the Sunday Morning congregations in ten minute addresses the hopes and plans for the Parish of St. Stephen's in 1954. The Rector will conclude these addresses with a Sermon December 13th on the subject "Forward in Faith" wherein he hopes to make clear the significance of our church's program. The Chest of Joash will be placed in the usual place in the chancel and everyone present will be invited to sign a card indicating what he is prepared to give in 1954 for the support of that program and place the card in the Chest of Joash.

Inevitably the question is asked: "What is my share?" So often we say to ourselves, "I do not have enough to give to this or to give to that." Canon Peter Green once said that "enough is perhaps a little more than you now have." Thus none of us ever has enough. A large or small gift has nothing to do with the size of the contribution that is given to support the work of the church.

A large gift that alone represents a partnership is always and only that gift into which some sacrificial strain enters. It may be ten cents a week, it may be $100.00 a week. Only the man and God knows what the partnership cost for him must be. A patron gives as little or as much as he pleases, while in a partnership the need and the demands of the cause determine what the partner does. We worship God Who gave His life for us that we might live. If we believe that without God's way, life ends in futility, if we believe that beyond all else God's way is our salvation, then when the opportunity comes for us to fulfill our partnership in this church by our gifts, let us say and mean "I will not offer unto the Lord my God of that which costeth me nothing."

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PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Did you ever stop to think of the quiet unseen preparation for the first Christmas in the mind and heart of Mary?

It may have been at the end of the day, when her work was done, and she was sitting, drowsy and day dreaming. That is the time of day when thoughts come knocking on the door of our minds; the time of day when it makes a great deal of difference which thoughts we admit. There came a Shining Presence, so wondrous that forever afterwards she described it as an Angel from God. She knew that God wanted something of her life. Something great was near to her. And her first thought was of unworthiness, her shortcomings and sins. So she was fearful, and "troubled". It frightened her to think of God the Eternal having something to do with her. But her second thought was of courage and thankfulness—all her heart said "Yes" to God, as she learned that, through her, He planned to make Himself known to men. So she slammed the door of her mind shut in the face of fears, and opened it to the coming of God; and sang the song, "My soul doth Magnify the Lord."

Brother Lawrence had the secret of it, too. "When he had failed in his duty, he simply confessed his fault, saying to God, "I shall never do otherwise if you leave me to myself. 'Tis you who must hinder my falling, and mend what is amiss." After this he gave himself no further uneasiness about it. Fears found the door barred against them. God and His peace found the door flung wide open. So Brother Lawrence lived with a song on his lips, and a great peace in his heart.

As Christmas draws near, first ask God to forgive the sins you are aware of, and to show you the others—that you may find the cleansing of His forgiveness; and then set a vigilant watch at your mind's door. Confident in God's power, deny entrance to the old fears and worries. Gladly welcome every impulse—that the guest-chamber of your inn may be free to welcome Him when Christmas comes.

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The Churchman, oldest religious magazine in America, published an article by the Rector in the December issue entitled, "Ignorance About the English Bible."

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The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing Congregation has the great pleasure of the the customary visit of the Treble Clef Chorus of Haddon Heights, New Jersey at the Evening Service today. Mrs. Helen Wyeth Peirce is the Director and the Chorus will sing: Glory Be To God on High, Tschaikowsky-Tillinghast; As On The Night, Carr; Cherubim Son, Bortniansky-Ham; The Little Door, J. S. Matthews-Holler; The In At Bethlehem, Rudinger-Dickinson; Carol of the Seraphs, C. O. Banks.

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The Rector will speak to the Washington School of Prayer in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. on Wednesday, December 16th.

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PLEDGES

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The Rector will speak to the women of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, on Tuesday, December 15th, at 10:30 A. M.

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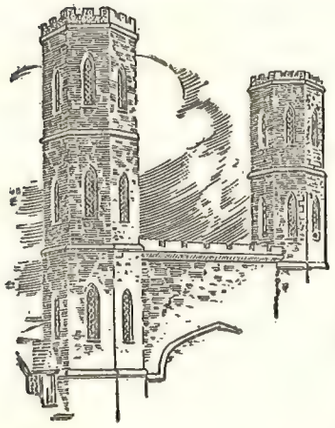
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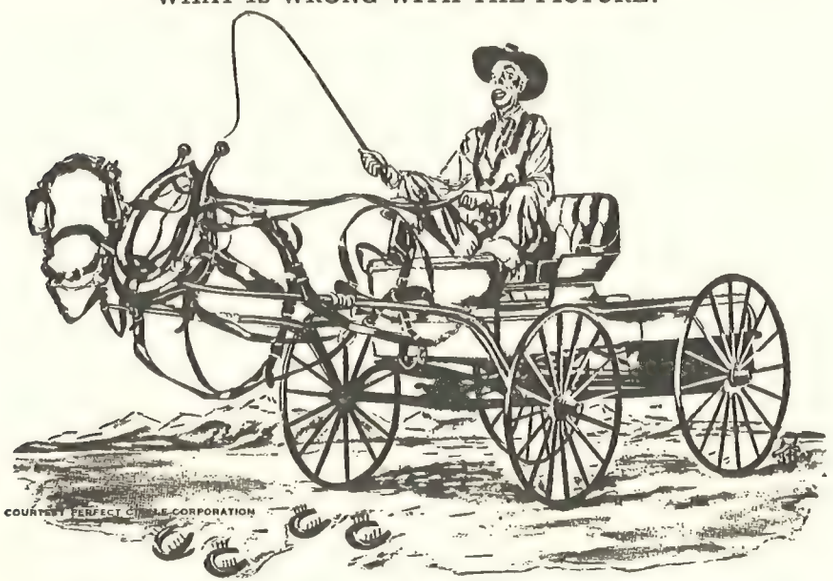
The customary *Pledge Card* is enclosed herewith. Please designate how much of your pledge you desire for the program of St. Stephen's and how much for the Diocese and World Wide Program of the Episcopal Church. Bring this card to church Sunday, December 13th, for the *Chest of Joash Dedication Service,* or mail it to the Rector today. Say *Yes* to your faith.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give to their families the fullness of Christmas Cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special Christmas Dinner envelope. We need $300.00.

The Rector will conduct a Spiritual Healing Mission in St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, Dec. 7 to 11th.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE PICTURE?



I

What is wrong with this picture? Even a child can quickly answer this question. Many things, perhaps, are right with the picture. The wagon has its wheels, body, driver's seat, dashboard, shafts. The harness seems complete with hame, traces, bridle, bit, blinders and reins Even the horse's shoes are lying in the road! Only one thing is wrong with the picture! Only one thing is lacking! The trouble is, however, that this one thing is the indispensable thing. As the picture stands, it is the play of "Hamlet" with Hamlet left out! There is no horsepower! All set to go: but where is the horse? No horse, no show! No horse, no go! Get into the traces! There's more to luck than just horseshoes! There's more to luck than just "getty-up"!

Be sure you don't put the cart before the horse—that's good advice! But even better, don't take the cart without the horse! Bad as it may be to ride a high horse, perhaps even such a horse is better than none! Perhaps one takes his chances with a dark horse, but, at least, he proves to be a real horse and not the mere ghost of one.

II

The word "horsepower" has come into general use as a measure of motive power. They tell us that in its origin the phrase means the amount of work which can be done by an ordinary dray horse. It is a way for measuring work, equivalent to 550 foot-pounds per second. We use the phrase constantly as a unit of measure for machinery. What is true of the wagon in our picture is true of all machinery. Some of us may remember that automobiles were first called horseless carriages! The one indispensable thing is always horsepower. Whatever form this power takes, it is the one essential thing if the machinery is to run. So it might be with a clock, complete with face and hands and wheels, but having no weights or mainspring! So, worse luck, we sometimes find it with our car. Wheels in good shape, no flat tires, no dents in fenders, no cracks in windshield, but battery all run down! So, the car does not start, and quite to our grief, we learn the need of what may be called the spirit in the wheels!

III

An interesting Old Testament reference tells us the same story. The King of Assyria is challenging the King of Jerusalem (II Kings 18:17). To recall the old-time names, the ambassador, Rab-shakeh, is presenting his challenge to King Hezekiah. He asserts that Jerusalem has no manpower. Fine location, seemingly impregnable, yes! Plentiful provision of war equipment, yes! But for all that, unable to wage an efficient war! Rab-shakeh rises to the climax of his challenge with a memorable taunt: "I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them." Two thousand horses and no riders! Plenty of equipment, but no motive power! Here is, indeed, the cart without the horse! Here is equipment without personality to make it go!

IV

The homely illustration of the wagon without horsepower is a parable of very wide application. It is a parable of our work and worship here in ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. Standing on Tenth Street, we have an unequalled geographic location. The simplicity and dignity of our building make it a venerable place. We have all the standard equipment—pews, pulpit, and now a marvelously fine new organ. The shrine stands invitingly open with pamphlets and prayer cards. In the pews are two hundred hearing aids. Our Church Offices are properly furnished with desks and chairs. Suppose, just for one unhappy moment, that this told the whole story! No matter how complete and perfect the equipment, we must have someone to open and clean the building; someone to send out the Bulletins; someone to preach in the pulpit; someone to play the organ; someone to sing in the choir! Without this motive power, we stand, at best, like a fine vacant house. There is no one living there! There is nobody at home! I do not know of anything more sad than to come into a church building and find this situation. In such a deserted place, we feel the full force of the tragedy of "real absence." There is indeed something desperately needed in such a picture!

V

There are so many things that are right in our ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH picture! Our physical equipment is, by and large, adequate for our present needs and opportunities. We are not facing the necessity of raising money for any building program. We love the very stones of the old building and would not be tempted needlessly to change one of them. The one need we must always and forever remember is the need of motive power. This message, then, is not primarily a letter asking for money. Yes, of course, we need financial support! Everyone knows that most things cost double now-a-days! There are always operating expenses! Our budget for 1954 amounts to $70,000.00. This message, however, is a message asking for something much more than your financial contribution. It is asking you to help make ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH a real power-house, a real point of spiritual light and heat and power. More than some beautiful painted fireplace, we need real blazing fire on the hearth! We need your well-informed interest in the things we are doing here! We neer your intelligent co-operation! We need your confidence and enthusiasm for the work and worship of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH! We need your hope and faith that this is a worthwhile place and that we are doing a worthwhile job! Above all, we need your prayers and your thanksgiving for any measure of success that we may reach! We need the contribution of your own personal spiritual life and experience! Any form of godliness, whether in word or action, or, indeed, in financial contribution, is never enough. This is only the wagon without the horsepower. This is the terrible meaning of the words, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." (II Timothy 3:5). We need the horse hitched to the wagon! We need the spirit in the wheels! We remember that fine word from Holy Scripture: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6).

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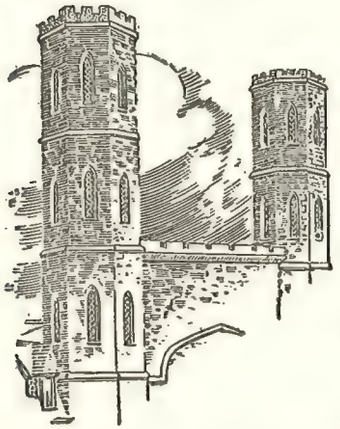
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ANTHEM: "Blessed Are They" ..... *Blair*
Blessed are they, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching, They shall go into Life Eternal, they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.

SERMON: "Faith with a Small 'F'" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 449 ..... *Olivet*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*

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GIVE AND LIVE

Thanksgiving Day always leaves vivid memories, doesn't it? It brings us into touch again with people we have not seen for some time. It gives us the delight of picking up loose ends, of knowing and loving each other freshly and warmly again. It also reveals to us how people change, over the years, depending on how they think and live. Jesus was so practical when He taught, "For whosoever would save his life will lose it, and whosoever loses his life for My sake will find it." There is a modern parable which I share with you at least once a year, which brings home that teaching of the Master.

"There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and there are fish in it. Slashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of healing waters. Along its shores the children play as children played when He was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when He spoke His parables. And on a rolling plain not far away He fed five thousand people.

The river Jordan flows on south into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters, and neither man nor beast, nor fowl will drink.

What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the river Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country round about.

This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets it keeps.

The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The other sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two kinds of people in the world.

There are two seas in Palestine.

On Thanksgiving Day we are reminded that there are two kinds of people; and that the only ones that continue full of life are like the Sea of Galilee, which gives and lives!

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

Every so often someone asks me this question: "How should I determine the amount of my church pledge?" It is a difficult question to answer, because each person has different demands made upon him. Personally, I commend the method of tithing as a means of measurement of one's giving.

This is based on the Old Testament principle, "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord," as stated in the Book of Leviticus. Here is the way many modern people use this ancient Biblical Method. They say, "First I pay my taxes, rendering, as it were, unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and then set aside in a special fund ten per cent of all my remaining income. Of that ten per cent or tithe, I shall give one half to the church, and use the remaining half for meeting charitable appeals through the year."

Such a method has the advantage that a definite proportionate share of one's income which all comes from God, is available for the welfare of others. God's share is set aside first. The remainder is then available for one's own needs. When we put God first—in our thinking, in the use of our time, in the use of our income—then a new perspective is seen in our use of God's gifts.

I should like to ask each person to think of his gift to the church in terms of a specific proportionate share of what God has given him. Too many think the church can carry on with a token contribution—a tip, as it were. Surely, if we gave according to the plan outlined above, the church's work would not struggle along with the inadequate financial support it now has. "Give unto the Lord a share of all thy gifts from Him."

How many members of St. Stephen's Church will make a venture of faith? I would appreciate knowing, in confidence of course, how many people in St. Stephen's Church follow such a plan, and what the experience is in doing so.

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LOYALTY SUNDAY

DECEMBER 13th

A day of total mobilization in witness of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Church.

BE IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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The Women of St. Stephen's contributed their largest United Thank Offering ever at the annual Fall In-Gathering on All Saints' Day, November 1st. Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Custodian, reports a total of $410.02. There were 111 contributors this year, also a record number.

An interesting note is that this year's offering at St. Stephen's approximated that of the entire Women's Auxiliary at the Triennial Meeting in New York in 1886.

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The Rector presented Mrs. Miriam L. Allen for confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on Monday, November 23rd.

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Advance notice is given for the Annual Bazaar of the Mothers' Meeting to be held in the Community House on Thursday, December 10th.

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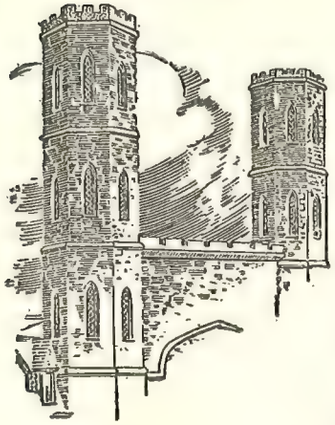
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The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

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ORGAN PRELUDE: Prelude on a Gregorian Theme ..... *Matthews*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 107: 1-16, Page 476

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Marks*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: At Thy Feet We Humbly Kneel ..... *Bach*
At Thy feet we humbly kneel, Lord be near us; May we now Thy presence feel, Lord be near us; Fill our hearts with love of Thee, Lord be near us; In Thy mercy hear us. Keep us free from all alarms, Lord be near us; In Thine everlasting arms Hold and cheer us; Bind our souls with bonds of faith; Lord be near us, In Thy mercy hear us.

SERMON: The Sense of Holiness ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 435 ..... *Rest*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*

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The above named persons are employed by you to administer the affairs of St. Stephen's Parish. They would be the first to admit their various shortcomings, but you may be sure that they are conscientiously trying to do the best job they know how for the good of the Parish they all love. Theirs is the task of seeing to it that the machinery of the Parish Program runs smoothly. The Clergy conduct the services of worship, supervise the manifold organizations, visit among the people, especially the sick, and make themselves available whenever needed. The secretaries handle the complicated details of the office, get out the Bulletin, handle the correspondence, answer the telephone, and in general make themselves useful. The Social Worker provides help for the many distressed individuals that come during the week. The Organist trains the choir, plays the organ in church, and is responsible for the musical dignity of our services. The Sexton and his helpers have the difficult task of keeping the church and Community House clean and ready for use, and are helpful in other ways too numerous to mention.

These staff members are necessary to the well-being of our Parish. You make it possible for them to be here through your financial support; and their labors are translated into terms of spiritual food for the hungry, comfort for the bereaved, cheer and healing for the sick, fellowship for the lonely, new courage for the fearful, inner peace for the anxious, and a sense of security in spite of world chaos. Is it worthwhile?

Our grateful appreciation to Mrs. Frances F. Loverin and Mrs. John MacDougal for their Bulletin Subscriptions.

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The flowers on the Altar Thanksgiving Day are placed there in memory of James Carrigan, beloved Verger of St. Stephen's Church from April 1st, 1907 to Sept. 21st, 1950.

The Rev. Mr. Attenborough will be elevated to the Priesthood along with two other Deacons in an Ordination Service to be held in Episcopal Academy, December 19th, at 10:30 A. M.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

The Harvest Festival Service with address by the Rector will be held as usual on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, at 11:00 A. M., when our offering will be given, as for many years past, to the Episcopal Hospital.

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Miss Theresa King has been appointed by the Rector as the President of the Altar Guild. Other members of the Altar Guild are Miss Dorothy Kohl, Mrs. Emily Smith, Mrs. R. W. Fay, and Mrs. F. M. Smith. There is need of more members in this important work in the care of our Sanctuary.

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HOW TO ADDRESS THE CLERGY

If you have any respect for the Rector's Blood pressure, *Please* do not use the word "Reverend" as a title. It is wrong, it is sinful, it is against Emily Post. It is ungrammatical. It is everything that is loathesome and horrible. Where "Reverend" is an adjective, like "Honorable", which is used to modify a noun as "The Rev. Mr. Brown", or "The Rev. John Brown". It is *NOT* a title. It is never used with the last name alone. Bishops are "The Right Reverend", Deans are "The Very Reverend", Archdeacons are "The Venerable". (Don't ask us why!) Parish Priests—those peasants—are "The Reverend".

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CARD PARTY AND BAZAAR

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The Rector gave an address to the Graduate Students in Pastoral Psychology at Temple Theological School on Nov. 16th.

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The Women's Committee of All Saints Hospital (Episcopal Hospital for the Tubercular) is to participate in the United Christmas Bazaar of the Emergency Aid of Penna. This Bazaar will take place on the Mezzanine floor of the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on Monday, Nov. 23rd from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M. Admission tickets at 25 cents, if purchased from our City Mission, will benefit the Women's Committee.

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To the Altar Guild Miss Meyers bequeathed the sum of Five hundred dollars "to be used solely for the purchase of new Linens."

We acknowledge with thanks a Prayer Book and Hymnal for congregational use presented by Miss Katharine Kennedy in memory of her aunt Miss Grace M. Hershey. The flowers on the Altar on Thursday, Nov. 19th, are in memory of Miss Hershey and presented by Miss Kennedy.

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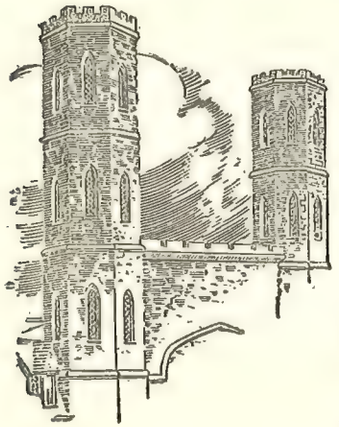
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 75, Page 431

TE DEUM, Page 10 ..... *Healy Willan*

BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: Immortal, Invisible ..... *Thiman*
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days; Almighty, victorious, Thy Great Name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Not wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in Might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree And wither and perish but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of glory, Pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight, All laud we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of Light hideth Thee. Amen.

SERMON: The Passing and the Permanent ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 289 ..... *St. Anne*

AMERICA—Presentation of Colors

SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 561 ..... *St. Boniface*

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mrs. Marie T. Beeckel in memory of her sister, Mrs. Alberta Klinger.

On Sunday morning at 8:30 the Rev. Mr. Attenborough will conduct an instruction class on the Holy Communion in the transcept of the church. The confirmed members of the Burd School and Church School as well as adults from the congregation are welcome to attend these classes held on the third Sunday of every month.

LOYALTY SUNDAY—DECEMBER 13th

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Various members of our vestry will give a ten minute talk every Sunday morning until December 13th when we shall have the Chest of Joash service. Mr. Wilson Leithead will speak on Nov. 15th, Mr. I. Smith Raspin on Nov 22nd, Dr. Herbert Old on Nov. 29th, and Mr. Edwin S. Heins on December 6th.

IS THE CHURCH COSTING TOO MUCH?

"Our Church costs too much," a chronic complainer stated, "and I am getting sick and tired of it." "Yes," said another member, "but I want to tell you a story out of my own life. Some time ago, a baby boy came into my home and from the time he was born, he cost me money. I had to buy clothing and medicine and toys and, finally, a puppy dog. When he started to school, he cost me more and more. Then he went to college and I really paid through the nose. But in his senior year in college, he suddenly sickened and died. Since that time he has not cost me a cent . . . not a single cent."

As long as the Church lives and exerts any influence in the world it will cost money. A dead Church needs no money! And neither does a dead Christian have any to give. It costs nothing to operate a dead Church. And all a Christian has to do to die, is never to give.

If your religion is alive, it will cost you something, but you will find happiness, joy, and blessings in paying the price.

WHY SHOULD I MAKE A PLEDGE?

Once upon a time, there was an employer—a man of good will with love in his heart for all his workers. He called them together and said, "I am tired of this pay-envelope system. It's too cold-blooded. From now on, I am just going to give you some money every time I come around the plant. That will make everything so much nicer." But one week he had to go on a business trip. Another week he had to go and see his daughter; another week he went to his summer place; another week he was sick in bed; and another—but you can finish the story yourself.

Such is the Church that has to depend on the week-by-week circumstances of its people, the vagaries of the weather, sick children, and week-end trips. The Church depends upon your pledged support.

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The Rector gave an address to the students of the Woman's Medical College who are members of the Philadelphia Christian Medical Society on Tuesday evening, November 3rd.

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WOMEN TO PRESENT U. T. O.

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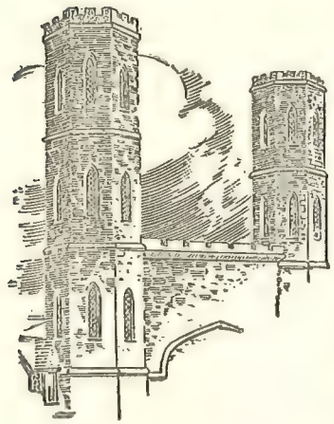
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Chapelle des Morts" ..... *Henri Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 39, Page 389
FIRST LESSON ..... CHAPLAIN EARL SENSOR
TE DEUM, Page 10 ..... *Healy Willan*
SECOND LESSON ..... CHAPLAIN EARL SENSOR
BENEDICTUS, Page 11 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Greater Love Hath No Man" ..... *Ireland*
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
SERMON: "The Ramparts We Watch!" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 528 ..... *Hesperus*
MASSING OF COLORS
ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
AMERICA (third verse)
CLOSING PRAYERS
TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM: "There is a Land" ..... *Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for every sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun.
There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for every hero battle-worn,
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

Flowers were put on the Altar Nov. 1st by Mrs. Walter Dunn in memory of her brother, Harry Norris Lutz.

The flowers on the Altar today are given by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morrell in memory of Donald G. Straw; Philadelphia Chapter American Gold Star Mothers, Chapter 4 and Unit 4 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Auxiliary of the Thomas Roberts Reath Post of the American Legion in memory of departed members.

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PEARLY GATES

In one of Peter Marshall's vivid sermons, he points out that "All GOD'S chillen got trouble" and the only thing that sets GOD'S children apart from other people is *what they do with trouble.* "The Christian treatment of trouble is splendidly illustrated by the oyster into whose shell one day there comes a tiny grain of sand . . . this tiny piece of quartz . . . an intruder . . . imposes pain, distress, and presents a very real problem. What shall the oyster do?

"Well, there are several courses open. The oyster could openly rebel against the Sovereign Providence of GOD and complain bitterly, "Why should this happen to me?" The oyster could conclude, "There is no justice. I'll throw away all the faith I ever had." Yes, the oyster could say that. So many men and women have, in times of trouble. But the oyster doesn't! Or, the oyster could say, with a lot of fortitude and courage and determination: "Now that this hard calamity has overtaken me, I must endure to the end. I must show them I can take it, and I won't give in." Now, there is something noble in that. But the oyster does not say that.

"No, the oyster recognizes the presence of the grim intruder, and right away begins to do something. Slowly and patiently, with infinite care, the oyster builds upon the grain of sand, layer upon layer of a plastic, milky substance that covers each sharp corner and coats every cutting edge . . . and gradually . . . slowly, by and by a real pearl is made . . . a thing of wondrous beauty wrapped around trouble. The oyster has learned—by the Will of GOD—to turn grains of sand into pearls; cruel misfortune into blessings—pain and distress into beauty." And that is the lesson we are to learn along this pilgrim way. The grace of GOD, which is sufficient, will enable us to make of our troubles the pearls they can become. It is no figure of speech. It is something more than a simile to say that one enters heaven through pearly gates. "One enters into the Presence of the LORD through gates bedecked with pearls, and every pearl—a trouble, a heartache, a misfortune, which by the grace of GOD, has been changed into a beautiful, lovely thing." No wonder they speak of pearly gates!

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The November issue of *Woman's Home Companion* features a splendid article about an Episcopal family and the meaning of religion in their lives, entitled "God Blessed Our Home."

On Monday evening, November 16, over the CBS national TV network, 10:00 P. M., E. S. T., Studio One will present a dramatic play about an Episcopal priest, entitled "A Bargain With God."

On Sunday afternoon, November 22, over the CBS national TV network, 5:00 P. M., E. S. T., OMNIBUS will feature a concert by the CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF ST. PAUL'S, LONDON.

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The Rev. Mr. Meckling and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing wish to thank all those persons who contributed or helped make their Fifteenth Annual Bazaar a success. The profit of the Bazaar was $1766.74.

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Our grateful appreciation goes to Nicholas L. Todd, Mrs. John Bealmear and the Misses Bealmear, and to Mrs. Mary McEwen for their Church Bulletin Subscriptions. Our appreciative "Thank You" also goes to Miss Katherine Kennedy for her Prayer Book and Hymnal Memorials for her mother, MRS. BLANCHE VIRGINIA HERSHEY KENNEDY, and for her loving and thoughtful floral contributions on Thursdays for the Healing Services.

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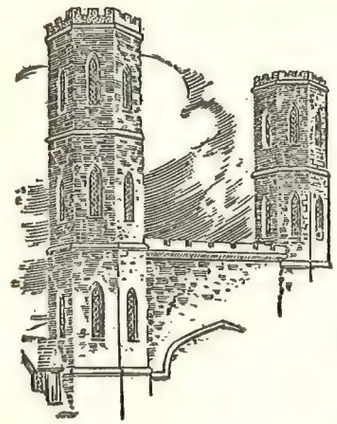
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 590 .....*Alford*

KYRIE .....*Edward Shippen Barnes*

ANTHEM: (From "The Requiem").....*Brahms*
"Ye now are sorrowful, howbeit ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful, and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea I will comfort you, as one whom his mother comforteth. Look upon me; yea know that for little time, labor and sorrow were mine, but at the last I have found comfort."

SERMON: "The Rich Man and the Beggar" .....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 126 .....*Sarum*

SANCTUS .....*Edward Shippen Barnes*

COMMUNION HYMN 208 .....*Penitentia*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

POSTLUDIUM—Rest in Peace.....*Schubert*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 125 .....*Moultrie*

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MILLIONS HAVE DONE IT

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But the Bible does not feed you on make-believe. You read the 11th chapter of Hebrews last Sunday—it did not say "Let's pretend that everything's all right." Rather it called your attention to a great fact. It trumpeted out name after name of those who through their faith in the living GOD had overcome the fears and dangers and obstacles in their way. And it spoke not only of the heroes of old, but also of the hosts of nameless men and women whose lives were never "spotlighted" in history, but were humble members of "the blessed company of all faithful people." Having looked at the radiant fact of the victory of faithful people, that chapter sang out "Seeing we also are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses, let *us* lay aside every weight . . . and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

How do we get started? How do we get on with the race? The story is told of an English nurse who was being trained to make parachute jumps with medical supplies. As her turn came, she hesitated, and the training officer spoke out: "The girl in front of you has jumped. The girl behind you is waiting to jump. So you jump!" So it can be in your life. Hosts of people before you have taken that leap of faith, that decisive step forward which puts its whole trust in GOD'S sustaining power. Others after you will be taking that same great step. So you take it, assured by their witness.

JESUS did not come to train a few super-saints. He came that every man might have life and have it abundantly. He did not come to choose and train a few spiritual geniuses as a coach selects and trains DAVIS CUP TENNIS PLAYERS, or OLYMPIC TEAM ATHLETES. He came to bring victorious living within the reach of every humble, teachable human being.

So when your road seems steep and sharp, and your burden heavy, you need not take refuge in day-dreams or make-believe. Take refuge in the truth—in the cloud of witnesses that have proved "that GOD helping, every man can find the triumphant way." When you are tempted to say "This is too much—I just can't take it."—turn your thoughts to that great host of ordinary people, who, GOD helping them, have been able to take it. As the harassed driver approaches an extremely narrow pass on a tortuous road in the Rocky Mountains, he is confronted by the reassuring sign, "Oh yes you can! Millions have done it!"

The Rector will dedicate a beautiful Book of Common Prayer and Church Hymnal this Sunday for the use of the clergy of the Church in the conduct of public worship. These lovely memorials have been presented by Miss Katharine Kennedy, in memory of her mother, BLANCHE VIRGINIA HERSHEY KENNEDY. We thank GOD for all that was pure and true, beautiful and good, in the life commemorated by these memorial books; and for the hope we have, through CHRIST, that she has entered into life eternal.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1953

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on Sunday, November 1st.

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Anna C. Rumrill
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Adeline M. Crainey
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William Langhorne
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EDNA H. MEYERS

The Parish was saddened on October 26th when GOD in His infinite wisdom called from her life to the life of higher service EDNA H. MEYERS. Her passing causes a great loss to the Church she loved so devotedly. President of our Altar Guild, she brought to her work a personal consecration and a skill in needlework and a knowledge of the Church that not only added to the richness of our vestments and Altar linens but also served as an inspiration to her associates in the Guild in the conduct of their valued services to the sanctuary. May she "go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service."

U. T. O. FALL INGATHERING 1953

Sunday, November 1st, will be St. Stephen's Fall Ingathering for the UNITED THANK OFFERING.

The Women of St. Stephen's Church have always been most active and generous in their support of the U. T. O. Last Spring, for example, there were 74 contributors for a total of $258.99; a splendid response, you will agree.

This Fall Ingathering gives us Women another opportunity to show our "united thanks" to Almighty GOD for His great and many blessings.

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ORGAN PRELUDE' "Chorale Prelude on St. Ann" .....*J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 544 .....*St. Cecilia*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 119: *V. VI*, page 492

Excerpts from "THE CITY OF GOD", by H. Alexander Matthews. This Cantata, written in commemoration of the Quadricentennial of the Protestant Reformation, 1917, was officially approved by the Joint Lutheran Committee as a feature of the Celebration. It was first performed in the Academy of Music, October 1917.

PART I, FOUNDATION (In place of Te Deum)

Chorus: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion; the city of the great King. Walk about Zion; go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts; God will establish it for ever.

PART II. DECAY (In place of Benedictus)

Soprano Solo and Chorus: Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. For they have perverted Thy way; they have forgotten the Lord their God. Their kings, their princes and their priests have despised His word, and trusted in oppression. The wise among them have gloried in their wisdom; the mighty man has gloried in his might, and the rich man in his riches. Darkness hath covered the earth, and gross darkness the people. If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. *Chorus*: Hear me when I call; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer. O God, lift up Thine hand; of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord? Our fathers trusted in Thee, and Thou didst deliver them. They cried unto Thee, and were delivered. They trusted in Thee, and were not confounded. Arise, O Lord, and help us: and redeem us for Thy mercy's sake. Let not our enemies triumph over us.

PART III. THANKSGIVING (Before Sermon, in place of Anthem)

Soprano Solo: Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem, He healeth those that are broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, City of God. Thou shalt call thy walls salvation, and thy gates praise. O Lord, let there be peace in Thy strength, and abundance in Thy towers. Peace be within Thy walls, and prosperity within Thy palaces. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let Thy saints shout for joy. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her.

SERMON: "The Spiritual Roots of the Reformation" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 551 .....*Ein Feste Burg*
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SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
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UNITED THANK OFFERING

The U. T. O. ingathering will be held on Sunday morning, November 1st, at 11:00 o'clock. All St. Stephen's women are asked to empty the contents of their Blue Boxes into the Blue Envelope and sign their name on the back of the envelope. Mrs. Wilson Leithead, St. Stephen's Custodian, asks that you bring your envelopes to the service on November 1st. If for any reason it will be impossible for you to attend this service, you are asked to mark it plainly and place it on the Alms Basin this Sunday and mail it to the Church Office.

1517—REFORMATION DAY—1953

On October 31, 1517, a young Augustinian monk named Martin Luther posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among the Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon the fundamental Christian conviction. October 25th will be observed throughout the world as "Reformation Sunday." The Rector's sermon is "The Spiritual Roots of the Reformation."

WHERE DOES IT GO?—$2,500,000 Offering Helps Church in Many Fields

Nearly two and a half million dollars was contributed by the women of the Episcopal Church through their United Thank Offering for missionary work. After careful study of a tentative budget prepared by the National Executive Board, women delegates of the Triennial Meeting adopted the budget of the Offering for the next three years. In addition to capital grants for projects and outstanding needs among missions, a large part of the budget supports scholarships for training missionaries, salaries and pensions for women missionaries, and equipment necessary for their work. The budget also allows for a substantial emergency fund for missions.

A DEDICATION FOR A HOME

Recently the Rector was invited to dedicate the new home of one of our parishioners. For those of you who have moved recently, or are about to move; yes, and for all the rest of us, too, we print this beautiful poem by John Oxenham:

"O Thou Whose Gracious Presence blest the home in Bethany,
This shelter from the world's unrest,
This home made ready for its Guest, we dedicate to Thee.
We build an altar here, and pray that Thou wilt show Thy Face.
Dear Lord, if Thou wilt come to stay,
This home we consecrate today will be a holy place."

Just read that poem again carefully, will you? Did you get what he said in the second line? He called your home—new or old—"This shelter from the world's unrest." It can be just that. But not if there is continual arguing and fighting and selfishness there! The home where CHRIST is, is just that, a "shelter from the world's unrest." You see, that is what the author implies in the very next line. "This home made ready for its Guest." Father and Mother, did you ever clean your house for this "Guest"? You wouldn't use your Hoover electric, the dust pan and broom, the pail and mop. You would use character and love and joy and the fruits of the Spirit to clean house for "Him". How about your "Fall cleaning", mothers; have you done it yet?

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH RANKS SEVENTH IN MEMBERSHIP

The Episcopal Church ranks seventh in membership in American churches, according to the 1953 Yearbook of American Churches, published Sept. 14 by the National Council of Churches.

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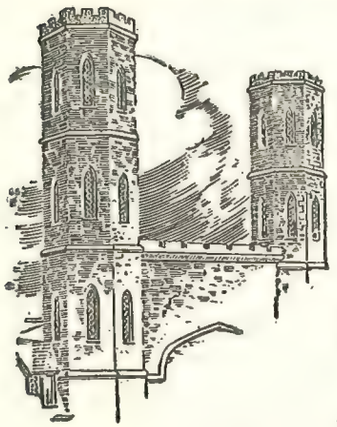
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*
VENITE ..... *Chant*
PSALM 91, page 454
FIRST LESSON, Ecclesiasticus 38: ~~475~~ 1:14 ..... DR. HERBERT OLD
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE ..... *Hyde*
SECOND LESSON, Colossians 4:2 ..... DR. LEIGHTON APPLEMAN
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Now That The Daylight Fills The Sky" ..... *Robert Elmore*

Now that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to GOD on high,
That he, in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm today:

2

Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife;
From anger's din would hide our life;
From all ill sights would turn our eyes;
Would close our ears from vanities:

3

Would keep our inmost conscience pure;
Our souls from folly would secure;
Would bid us check the pride of sense
With due and holy abstinence.

4

So we, when the new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on,
With conscience by the world unstained
Shall paise his Name for victory gained.

5

All laud to GOD the Father be;
All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To GOD the holy Paraclete. AMEN.

SERMON: "Faith and Health" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 516 ..... *Stoerl*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 472 ..... *Pilgrims*

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WELCOME TO DOCTORS

Realizing the cloce connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating ST. LUKE'S DAY. ST. LUKE was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of a fellah has a germ than what kind of a germ has a fellah."—Shattuck

" 'Tis not the body but the man is ill."—Dr. Weir Mitchell

FINDING GOD

Back, several centuries ago, when surgery was in its infancy, a certain man found himself upon the operating table, with two surgeons discussing what they planned to do with his insides. He was down and out, a very bedraggled human being. So the two decided that this was a grand chance for an experiment, a brand new operation they had never tried before—"We can venture it on this vile critter, and he can't do anything about it." They were talking in Latin, so that "the bum" would not understand them, but he was actually a well educated man who had come upon bad days. So he understood their Latin easily, and startled the surgeons by protesting in Latin "Call thou not vile one for whom Christ died."

In other words, you are important to GOD; and you cannot honestly say, "It makes no difference to anyone what I do with myself." Actually, there is only one of you in all the universe, in all the centuries, and GOD is counting on you for certain acts of love and understanding and witness, which no one else in all time, can do. You are unique, and greatly loved by GOD Himself. When you say your prayers, and have your quiet time each day, GOD will give you special tasks to do, to care for certain needs. And He hasn't anyone else to take your place. What you do, you do for the MASTER Himself—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me."

In Edwin Markham's poem, THE SHOES OF HAPPINESS, Conrad the Cobbler dreams that the MASTER will be coming as his Guest. So vivid was the dream that Conrad woke early in the morning and swept and cleaned the shop until it shone. He went and bought food and planned that when the MASTER came he would wash His feet, and kiss His hands where the cruel nails had been, and then they would break bread together. So he sat waiting with a fast beating heart, and when he heard the door open, he started eagerly to meet his Guest; but it was just a beggar. Conrad gave him a pair of shoes and sent him on his way. Presently an old woman came, bent with years, and a heavy burden of faggots on her back; and he made her sit down and rest; and he gave her some of the food. Conrad waited all day, and finally, late in the afternoon a child came in, weeping bitterly. She had strayed from home and was lost. He dried her tears and took her back to her mother. But the MASTER never came, and Conrad sobbed in his little shop with a heavy heart:

"Then soft in the silence a Voice he heard,
Lift up your heart, for I have kept My word.
Three times I came to your friendly door;
Three times My shadow was on your floor.
"I was the beggar with the bruised feet;
I was the woman ye gave to eat;
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Keep "Inasmuch" ringing in your heart; and all you do today and every day, will be full of meaning!

THE WITNESS, a National Magazine of the Episcopal Church, has published an article "The Layman—He Is Spiritual Too!" written by Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, Vestryman of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

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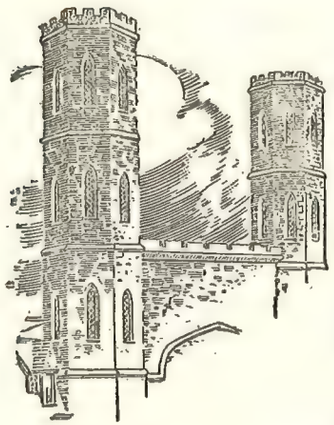
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Adoration" ..... *Richard Purvis*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 ..... *Melcombe*
PSALM 57, page 409
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" ..... *Webbe*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, Who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

SERMON: "When Titus Comes" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 560 ..... *Pentecost*
AMERICA, PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 433 ..... *Langran*

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DARE TO TRUST GOD

People forget that there is no time limit to GOD'S treasures. People forget that there is no limit to His love. People forget that He wants to share His treasures with them; and that He does with every soul that dares to trust Him. Marguerita Harmon Bro tells this story:

"In Northern India, in the terrific famine of the '80's, Miss Anna was in charge of an orphanage. After she had been ordered to admit no more children, and to prepare to close the place, the Bishop and the Mission treasurer went to see the final closing. They found the orphanage crowded to the doors, with children sleeping in the courtyard and the halls. When they demanded to see the stores of provisions, Miss Anna reluctantly took them to her own bedroom. She passed to a door which they supposed to be a clothes closet.

"I admit that I was ordered to close the orphanage," Miss Anna said to them stiffly; "But the children came. I admit that at the moment our rice bins are empty, and we have neither vegetables nor fuel. But up to this very morning, we have been able to serve two small meals a day to each child. I do not think we shall fail now. Gentlemen"—and she threw open the door—"the storeroom!" They saw an empty closet with a small closet looking toward the hills; on the floor a cushion for kneeling; on the wall a picture of JESUS in the Garden. And, as they looked speechless into the courtyard below, they saw the outer gate swing open, and a line of coolies filed in, carrying great baskets of grain, vegetables, and supplies of all sorts.

"Later, they learned that the servant who slept in Miss Anna's room to care for the babies had reported Miss Anna's nights of prayer to the wife of an illustrious Braham official; and the great lady had sent quantities of provisions to the orphanage, so that she might lay up merit for herself. The Bishop then left the orphanage to Miss Anna's direction, and it became one of the best girls' schools in India."

Dare to trust GOD! Dare to ask Him to do great things for you. Especially, dare to ask Him to do great things *through you!* Dare to ask Him to use you for His purposes. Many of the most breathtaking answers to prayer—like Miss Anna's—come when someone prays lovingly, self-forgetfully, for the urgent needs of others. GOD seems to be able best to answer such caring prayers.

If, day by day, you will learn to trust GOD with childlike certainty, then you will find the joy of wonderfully answered prayers. Then you can say with the Author of Romans, "O, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of GOD!" You will be able to pass on to others with Deuteronomy: "The Lord will open for you His rich treasury . . ."

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1942	9.4	140			62.8	40.5	24.6
1943	13	172.7			54	35	41
1944	14	217.7			29	64.7	31
1945	13	169			43	41	25.6
1946	17.6	185.8	71.3		40.6	43.2	25.5
1947	16.6	206.6	81.7		40	53.5	28
1948	16.8	189.2	85.3	36.5	34.8	77	30
1949	18.8	196.8	68.8	54	49	116.3	30
1950	22.3	218	67	44	41.5	173.5	32.7
1951	22.9	212	63	49	46	183	32.7
1952	22	190	59	36.8	38	191.6	28

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Wallace Beard will conduct a Spiritual Healing Mission in ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH on Monday and Tuesday, October 19 and 20 at 10:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M. daily. Bring a friend.

The Rector will give an address to the members of the Junior Class at the PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL on Tuesday, October 13 at 9:00 A. M.

ST. LUKE'S DAY

St. Luke's Day is celebrated each year on October 18th. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician. We will have a *special service* commemorating St. Luke on Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 A. M. Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller cooperation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we are extending an invitation to the doctors in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in this annual service. *Cards are available in the vestibule for those who wish to mail an invitation to nurses or physicians.*

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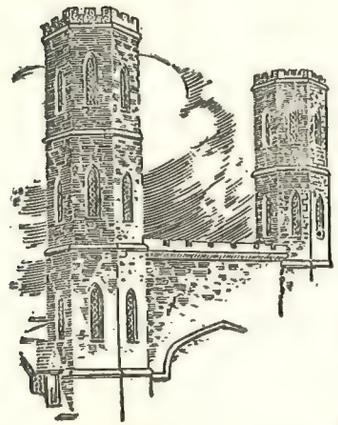
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*
KYRIE ..... *Tertius Noble*
ANTHEM: "Ave Verum" ..... *Mozart*

Jesu, Word of GOD Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;
On the Cross Thy sacred Body, for us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the Blood and Water streaming from Thy pierced side,
Feed us with Thy Body broken now and in death's agony.

SERMON: "A Meditation On The Communion" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345 ..... *Dominus regit me*
SANCTUS ..... *Tertinus Noble*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*

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It is unfortunate that the impression has been given that inter-faith conversions are a one-way street.

During the past ten years seventeen Roman Catholics have been confirmed in ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. The Rector does no active proselyting, he simply takes them as they come. Across the country, thousands of Protestant ministers have received Roman Catholics into membership of their Protestant Churches. These ministers have not publicized it—nor made it an issue. The suspicion of many of us is that the predominance of traffic is in fact on the Catholic-to-Protestant direction. Whether or not this is the case, a simple survey CHRISTIAN HERALD is making will uncover the facts.

We get some very fine letters from people who have found our services helpful. Here is one from a Captain, U. S. Marine Corps:

"This is just a few short lines to inform you that I have been transferred from Philadelphia Naval Base and wish to be removed from your mailing list. I wish to commend you on your church services and say that they were a tremendous comfort to both my wife and I during our stay in Philadelphia. It is indeed fine to know where one may go in a strange city and share so many things with others in the common cause . . . again let me express my sincere gratitude to you and your church for your guidance and fellowship while in Philadelphia. (Signed) Roland Mason."

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I AM YOUR HYMN BOOK

Hold me in your hand on Sunday when you prepare yourself to sing. Let your heart listen to what has been enshrined within me. Hear the songs and the triumphant words of the martyrs, dying for a faith the same as yours. Give heed to the prayers of the mystics who have found the Heart of GOD. Follow the missionaries of the Cross on their way to the ends of the earth. Listen to the mighty minds of the Church as they think out with you the deep mysteries of the plan and purpose of the Eternal GOD. Sit at the feet of the musicians and poets, of the saints and the redeemed in all lands and times, of those who have seen from afar the coming of the Kingdom of our LORD in the hearts of men. All these I have treasured . . . for you. I am your hymn book.

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WORKERS' COMMUNION

Sunday, October 4th, is World Wide Communion Sunday. We combine our annual "Workers' Communion" with this great day, and invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the Fall Season at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask GOD'S blessing upon all we do.

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HOW ABOUT MOVING YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

"I don't know how long I'll be here." None of us do, We don't even know how long we will be alive. The very uncertainty of time makes it all the more imperative that you move your membership and go to work now. Make your life count for CHRIST while you are here.

"I don't know anyone here." You never will, unless you give yourself a chance. But if you will "join up," you will find that the people here love the Lord and will love you just as much as the folk in the church you left behind.

"I want to visit around and see which church I like best." It's all right to visit to find out where you have the greatest opportunity to serve. But be careful lest you degenerate into a religious tramp, drifting as a visitor from church to church, receiving constantly but serving nowhere.

"I want to wait until I get my letter." Don't do it . . . sometimes letters are slow coming. You could be at work in our church all the time it takes to secure the letter. If "for every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." What about the idle days and weeks?" Join here and let us send for your letter.

"I hate to leave the old home church." You have already left it. All they have there is your name on the roll! They don't want your name without you. Your church membership left behind is evidence to the loved ones back home that you are not serving the Lord here.

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Baptisms

"A member of Christ, the child of GOD, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."
September 6—Robert William Achuff

Marriages

"Those whom GOD hath joined together."
September 5—Archibald E. Chinn
Lillian V. Raybold
12—Lorenzo F. Milliken
Tilly S. MacGoldrick
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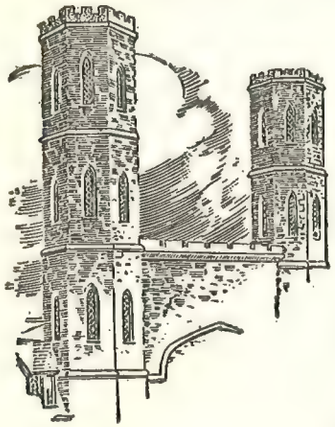
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "The Passing of Summer" .....*H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579 .....*Marion*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 121, 122, page 502
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*Thiman*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*
ANTHEM: "O Come Let Us Worship" .....*Mendelssohn*

O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord, and bow down to Him, the Lord our Maker. For He is our GOD, and we are the flock of His pasture, and the people of His hand. O come, let us worship and kneel before the Lord, come, bow the knee to the Lord, our Maker.

SERMON: "The Lost Art of Devotion" .....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 572 .....*Maryton*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 570 .....*Day of Rest*

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by Miss Dorothy E. Kohl in memory of her mother.

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER & SERMON BY DR. ROBERT D. HERSHEY
(Kiwanis Club Memorial Service)

TURN BACKWARD, O TIME

Midnight, September 26th, marks the end of Daylight Saving Time for the Year 1953. Remember *to set your clock back ONE HOUR!*

15th ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Chapel For The Hard Of Hearing of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH is giving their Annual Bazaar in the Community House on Thursday, October 1st. A tasty luncheon will be served at noon and a delicious dinner in the evening. Come To The Bazaar!

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Kiwanis Club which is having its annual National Memorial Service in ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH tonight.

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BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the annual appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. Last year, the Benevolent Society sent 3017 pieces of sewing to Jefferson, Presbyterian, and Episcopal Hospitals and the Visiting Nurses Society. The material for these garments is supplied by the hospitals and the Benevolent Society pays women to sew these articles in their homes. Five hundred dollars will just about cover estimated expenses for the season 1953-54. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing, and also the hospitals who desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convience.

"MARTIN LUTHER", the significant new motion picture of the REFORMATION and the birth of Prostestantism comes to the Stanton Theatre, 16th and Market Sts., beginning September 25th. This is a magnificent film. The Rector has a number of coupons which will entitle a person to a 25% discount on the regular price of ticket admission.

Miss Elizabeth F. Gallagher was married to Mr. Fred S. Anderson, a student in the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, in the Chapel of the BURD SCHOOL by the Rector on Friday, September 18th.

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The Rev. Mr. Attenborough will conduct Chapel Services with instruction at the BURD SCHOOL every Tuesday at 5:45 P. M. He will also conduct an instruction class on the Holy Communion every third Sunday in the transcept of the Church at 8:30 A. M. The older BURD SCHOOL girls will attend these classes, and all others of the congregation are invited to join this worthwhile class. The instruction lasts a half hour and the 9:00 A. M. celebration of Holy Communion follows.

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The Choir of ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL of London, which sang at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, will be presented at the Academy of Music at 8:30 Wednesday, October 7. Founded 800 years ago, the famed choir is made up of 48 male voices. The invitation to tour this country was extended to the Dean and Chapter of ST. PAUL'S through a distinguished committee in the United States, headed by Owen J. Roberts, former Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Tickets, at $1, $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3, $3.50, and $4, are on sale now at the Academy of Music Box Office. Mail orders should be sent to Academy of Music Box Office, Philadelphia 2, Pa.

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CHEER UP

If power has gone out of our lives, it is probably because praise has gone out of our prayers. Some who read this will say: "Oh, but what have I to praise GOD for? The circumstances of my life make me more conscious of my disappointments and my griefs than of my blessings." The psalmist has a perfect remedy against depression: "Ye that by *night* stand in the house of the Lord, lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord." Lift up your hands in the dark sanctuary of your soul when you are tempted to wonder what is the good of it all, and *praise the Lord.* Praise Him specially when blessings are *not* being felt: that is a sure way of overcoming depression.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in GOD my Saviour." When did *your* spirit last do that? The "recipe" for joy—a selfless delight in GOD—is:

1. Stop hugging your griefs.
2. Don't wait until you see results before praising GOD.
3. Associate yourself with your blessings, and with JESUS, Himself—not with your weaknesses and misfortunes.
4. Get busy doing things for GOD.
5. Make love your aim.

Joy is a fruit of the spirit, not of the gratified emotions. The real sign that GOD, the Giver of Life, has been received into your soul is, not more energy, but more joy. Prayer, if it is a true prayer, must be joyous, for if there is no joy, it is a sign that the intention of the heart is focused on the need, instead of the answer, regardless of how high the thoughts may be.

We of today wait to have our prayers answered, then if we are satisfied, we praise the Lord. But to JESUS and the Hebrews, prayer itself was an attitude of song and dance and praise. In the Old Testament the words which are translated "to pray" or "prayer" differ in meaning.

Prayer with the meaning of "bowing down" appears only three times. Prayer as a "petition" or an "entreaty" or as "asking" appears only five times. Prayer as "meditation" is used only twice. But the other word which is translated seventy-six times as *prayer,* means "to sing and dance in praise of the Lord for the things He is giving you."

Go into each day's work with the joyous expectancy that something good is coming to you. Say to yourself, I know this perfect condition is on the way to me. I'm opening every channel for it. I'm doing everything I can to bring it about. I'm expecting it, for I know that *LIFE* will not fail me.

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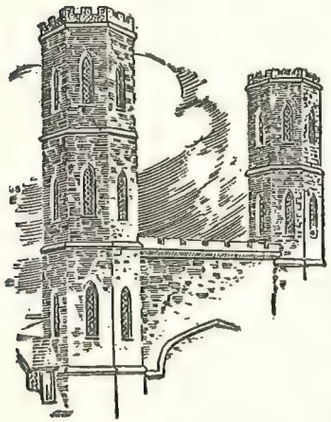
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 267 ..... *Regent Square*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 103, page 466
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "To Whom Then Will Ye Liken GOD?" ..... *Horatio Parker*
To whom then will ye liken Me? saith the Holy One, to whom? Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the Everlasting GOD, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard that the everlasting GOD, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? Praise Him and magnify His Holy Name forever. AMEN.
SERMON: "The Reality of GOD" ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 310 ..... *London New*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 434 ..... *St. Oswald*

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BLANCHE V. KENNEDY

We have all been saddened by the death of Mrs. Blanche Virginia Kennedy, a faithful member of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH most of her life, and our sympathy goes out to her daughter, Katharine Kennedy. We all recall the bright twinkle in her eyes and her warm friendliness. She was a charming, cultured, spiritual, interesting Philadelphian. May she "go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service."

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We congratulate Roy Miller who has matriculated in the CHURCH FARM SCHOOL, Glen Loch.

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Our hearty "Thank You" to Mrs. F. M. Smyth, Mrs. Benjamin Reath and Mrs. Claire Card, R.N., for their Church Bulletin Subscriptions.

DAILY PRAYER

Three of the most important characteristics of prevailing Christian prayer are as follows:

1. *Our Prayers Should Be Disciplined*
   Christians do not just pray when they feel like it. They have set times morning and evening daily, with which they allow nothing to interfere.
2. *Our Prayer Should Be Informed.*
   Prayer becomes difficult and distasteful when we have nothing to pray about. The supreme aid to informed praying is the BIBLE. Always read the BIBLE before you pray. Always pray after you read the BIBLE. Prayer is our response to GOD'S Word, and BIBLICAL PRAYER is sure to be answered. (John 15:7).
3. *Our Prayer Should Be Balanced.*
   It should include:
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   (b). *The Look In* (at yourself) which is confession. Bring into consciousness your sins, both as revealed in the passage and as committed during the day. Then humbly confess them, definitely forsake them, and confidently claim your FATHER'S forgiveness. (I John 1:9).
   (c), *The Look Back* (to the past) which is Thanksgiving. Do not be content with generalities. Bring to remembrance His mercies to you, and give Him thanks for each. (Psalm 103:1-2).
   (d). *The Look On* (to the future) which is Petition. Commit the coming day to Him, in detail. Seek His guidance for your future, and be surrendered as you do so. Pray for His power to forsake the sins and to practice the virtues apparent in the passage you have read.
   (e). *The Look Round* (at your friends) which is Intercession. Do not be vague regarding either those for whom you pray or what you pray for. Keep a list of those for whom you ought to pray. Then be definite. Pray for the healing of the sick. Pray for the conversion of the unconverted and for the increasing sanctification of those who are true Christians. Pray for them the Christian graces which are outlined in the passage and which you have already prayed for yourself.

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MATILDA MAULSBY

The passing of Matilda Maulsby in her eighty-eighth year causes a great loss to the church she loved so devotedly. Although a shut-in during the past decade, Miss Maulsby kept her interest in the church she loved. Always quick to respond to any and all financial appeals of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH as well as a generous contributor to the operating expenses of the church, she was interested and concerned in the spiritual, educational, musical and material causes and advancement of the Episcopal Church. The interest from her generous bequest of ten thousand dollars to ST. STEPHEN'S will perpetuate her life-long deeds of helpful service to the cause she loved.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

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The Will of Matilda Maulsby, a valued member of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH for many years, contains the following bequest:

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

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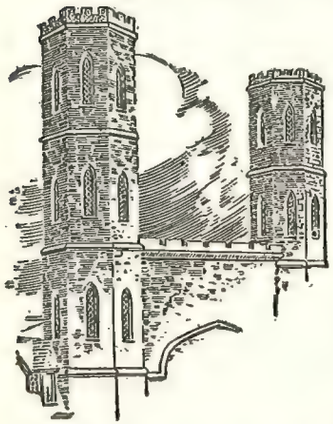
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ANTHEM: "With A Voice Of Singing" ..... *Thiman*
With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard. Alleluia. Utter it unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. O be joyful in GOD all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.
SERMON: "When The Wind Is Against Us" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 419 ..... *Shaddick*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 568 ..... *Hermas*

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THE BASIS OF RESENTMENT: AN UNSURRENDERED SELF

(Acts 7:59-60; Matthew 14:3-12)

While the central and fundamental motive for forgiving injuries against us is that GOD forgives us, and we therefore copy GOD as His children nevertheless, there are minor motives and techniques which we can use with dealing with resentments.

1. *Remmber that the basis of most resentments is a touchy, unsurrendered self.* The fact that we have been able to hold the resentment shows that there is a self that is over-sensitive because unsurrendered to the Will of GOD. When surrendered to the Will of GOD, we throw off resentments as a healthy skin throws off disease germs. Unless there is inner disease or abrasion of the skin, the disease germ can get no foothold. So, when resentments have gained a footing, it shows that there is a raw, sensitive sense underneath that has become a culture soil for the rooting and growth of resentments. Suspect a self that can grow resentments—it is probably diseased with self-centeredness.

2. *Raise the question with yourself as to whether your resentments aren't rooted in imaginary slights, insults and wrongs.* A self-centered person can imagine a group is talking about him when that group is talking about everything else but; he can read into actions and statements meanings never intended. He can go around with a suspicious, looking-for-slights attitude, and will find imaginary ones aplenty. A sensitive person can, by his very mental attitude, throw people around him into unnatural, closed in attitudes which he interprets as intentional hurts and slights; but all the time he is oblivious of the fact that his own attitudes of self-centered sensitiveness created the very things in others against which he re-acts.

Remember that "when you go around with a chip on your shoulder, the chip is probably from the block above."

O GOD, my Father, help me to see myself clearly, for I defend myself; I gather self-defensive arguments around myself as a magnet. Let me then lay this resentment—gathering self at Thy feet for cleansing and release. In Jesus' Name. AMEN.

DISSOLVE RESENTMENTS THROUGH PRAYER & APPRECIATION

(Romans 12:17-21; Matthew 5:38-48)

We continue our steps to get rid of resentments and hate.

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4. *Say everything good you can about the person or persons with whom you are unfriendly.* The probabilities are there are many fine things in them. Fasten your mind on those fine points instead of on the resentment points. The outcome will be, in all probability that the good will so over-power the bad that you will find yourself thinking more and more of the overwhelming good and less and less of the insignificant bad.

5. *When you do have to speak of the faults of a person, don't say "I don't like that person."* Rather, say, "I don't like certain things in that person, and they are these." After stating those faults, proceed to say, "But I do like these things in him." And name them. End on the positive note. Negative thinking makes a negative person; positive thinking makes a positive person. If I have mentioned mothers-in-law in a derrogatory way in many of my instances, let me end my thought of them as mothers-in-love, as one couple does.

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O GOD, my Father, I would be rid of all that corrodes my soul. I know that my attitudes of resentment and criticism eat like acid into my moral nature. I would ask Thee to deliver me completely from the last tiny root of resentment. Root it out. AMEN.

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I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along;
But I felt kind of sneaking lie, 'cause I knew I'd done Him wrong.
One day I needed the Lord, needed Him right away—
And He never answered me at all, but I could hear Him say,
In my accusing heart, 'Mister, I've got too much to do.
You get somebody else—or wait till I get through.'
Now, when the Lord has a job for me, I never try to shirk;
I drop whatever I have on hand and do the Lord's good work.
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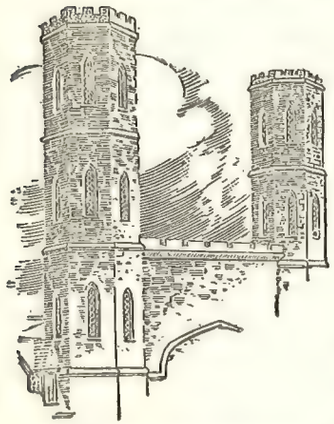
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Communion" ..... *H. Alexander Matthews*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*
KYRIE ..... *Tallis*
ANTHEM: "Lead Me, LORD" ..... *Wesley*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness,
Make Thy way plain before my face.
For it is Thou, Lord, only,
That makest me dwell in safety.

SERMON—"Workers Together With Him" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 576 ..... *Ora Labora*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
HYMN 345 in place of Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Dominus regit me*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
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THE OPENING DATE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE SEPT. 20th

THE BLESSING OF THE TOOLS

In an effort to redeem Labor Day Sunday from the usual depressing experience it usually is, the Rector has planned a special service called "The Blessing of The Tools." Usually this is a week-end when church activity is at the lowest ebb. It is summer's last fling, and no one who can get away from home is to be found in church. But Labor Day Sunday is a most important occasion and has real Christian meaning. To bring it home to everyone we are asking every worshipper to bring some one tool or implement that will be symbolic of his or her daily work. A carpenter could bring a hammer or a rule, a mechanic could bring a wrench, housewives could bring some little thing from the kitchen that would be representative of their work. Everything from a dish towel to a portable typewriter will be placed on the Altar for the "Blessing."

LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TOOLS

Minister: For all our daily blessings, for health, for homes and food for ourselves and those we love,
People: Our GOD, we thank Thee.
Minister: For strength of body, and clearness of mind, for work to do and strength to do it,
People: Our GOD, we thank Thee.
Minister: For freedom to choose the work for which we are fitted, and in which we find a challenge to do our best,
People: Our GOD, we thank Thee.
Minister: For these tools which Thou hast placed in our hands, for the quality of their material and workmanship,
People: Our GOD, we thank Thee.
Minister: For their reminder of the sacramental nature of our work; for their constant demand that we do our best; for the joy of work well done,
People: Our GOD, we thank Thee.
Minister: Mindful of our place in that great fellowship of those who labor, joining hands with our fellow laborers throughout the world,
People: FATHER, we pray Thy blessing.
Minister: For those who labor in difficult places; for those who must do monotonous and uninteresting work,
People: FATHER, we pray Thy blessing.
Minister: Upon all organizations and agencies working for the betterment of the lot and the enriching of the lives of those who labor,
People: FATHER, we pray Thy blessing.
Minister: For a better understanding between employer and employee, and for a deepening realization of the divine nature of daily labor,
People: FATHER, we pray Thy blessing.
Minister: Upon our own tools, whatever they may be, whether exalted or humble, as we are joined by them in the true democracy of labor, and knowing that all service is holy in Thy sight,
People: FATHER, we pray Thy blessing.

PRAYER (unison)

So, our FATHER, as we stand here in Thy House humbly conscious of Thy presence, holding up before Thee these tools of our trade, proud of the fact that we have been called to be fellow-workers with Thee, in the service of mankind and of the world, we pray Thy blessing upon these, our tools, that as we carry them out into the world, and use them in the days to come in earning our daily bread, we may go with Thy benediction. May each passing day of labor be a sacrament in Thy sight. We pray in the name of Him Who Himself labored with the tools of His trade in the carpenter's shop in Nazareth, Thy Son, Jesus CHRIST our Lord. AMEN.

The Rector has been appointed one of the Sub-Wardens of THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN and Associate Editor of the healing magazine, "SHARING."

A reprint of "SPIRITUAL THERAPY" in Philadelphia from the June 13, 1951, issue of "PATHFINDER" appeared in the "NEW LIFE" Magazine of Kearnsey, Natal, South Africa. The article was translated in the Dutch language.

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July 19—Richard Allan Blomquist

Burials

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy Heavenly Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

June 26—Adelene M. Crainey
June 29—Elizabeth Moerder
July 14—William A. Fraser
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August 27—Matilda Maulsby

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

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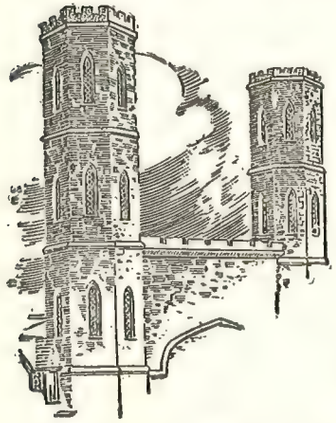
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367.....*Laudes Domini*
VENITE, page 9.....*Chant*
PSALM 132, page 508
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM: "O Lord Most Holy".....*Cesar Frank*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; Father, Father, guide and defend us, Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts. In all our sorrow, let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power. Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

SERMON: "White Birds Of Prayer".....THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 419.....*Shaddick*
PRESENTATION OF COLORS
RECESSIONAL HYMN 570, "Day of Rest"

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LAST ISSUE

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The Rector will preach on Sundays during July and the first Sunday in August. The Rector's Assistant, the Rev. Mr. Attenborough, will preach on Wednesdays during July and August and on Sunday mornings August 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. The Rev. Mr. Meckling will celebrate the Holy Communion on Fridays during July and August, and on Sundays at 9:00 A.M. on August 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

The Sunday Evening Services will continue during the summer at the usual hour of seven-thirty.

The entire winter schedule of worship services continue throughout the summer with the exception of the Tuesday Noon-Day Services and the Thursday Services of Spiritual Healing.

The Rector's booklet "HEALING, The Gift of God" was generously quoted in the July issue of the magazine "SHARING".

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LIFE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT

The traveler made his way up along the lonely road from Jericho to Jerusalem—a steep climb it was, for there is no water from Jericho to the Mount of Olives. It threads its way up among blistered limestone rocks and curious red streaks appear from time to time, so that it is called THE ASCENT OF BLOOD. There was another reason for that name—there were wild Arabs in those hills, and as had happened many times before, a band of them pounced upon our wayfarer, beat him unconscious, robbed him, and left him lying by the roadside. Those brigands made that road a bloody way. But, later in the day, another traveler came slowly up the mountainside, found the unfortunate victim of the robbers, applied first-aid; and took him to the nearest inn to be cared for until he was strong enough to continue his journey. The second traveler, the good Samaritan, made the road a way of kindness.

In that simple tale, Jesus told a great truth. In the long run, life is what we make it. If we are forever full of quarrelsomeness, we shall wade through quarrels wherever we go. If we are warm-hearted, we shall discover warm hearts wherever we happen to be. Most human beings are enough of a mixture of kindness and selfishness, so that we can bring out either their best or their worst! As the American poet, Edwin Markham, put it:

"Once where a prophet in the palm shade basked,
The traveler chanced at noon to rest his mules.
"What sort of people may they be," he asked,
"In this proud city on the plain o'erspread?"
"Well friend, what sort of people whence you came?"
"What sort?" the packman scowled, "Why, knaves and fools!"
"You will find the people here the same," the wise man said.

"Another stranger in the dusk grew near,
And pausing, cried, "What sort of people here,
In yon bright city whence the towers rise?"
"What sort of people whence you came?"
The pilgrim smiled, "Good, true and wise."
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May 27—Henry G. Mitchell

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."
Mr. Arthur C. Comby
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"IN FERTILE SOIL"

"In Fertile Soil," a motion picture production of the Episcopal Church National Council, will be shown at the Evening Prayer Service, Sunday, June 28th, 7:30 P.M. All are welcome to see this missionary work of our church.

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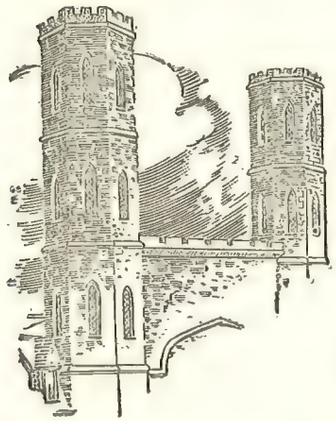
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The Collect, Epistle & Gospel on pages 192-193.

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Our Father" ..... *J. S. Bach*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 155 ..... *Melcombe*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 105: 1-22, page 470
BENEDICTUS ES ..... *Ward*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" ..... *Bach*

(1) Now let every tongue adore Thee! Let men with angels sing before Thee! Let harps and cymbals now unite! (No mortal eye hath seen, No mortal ear hath heard such wond'rous things; therefore with joy our song shall soar in praise to GOD forevermore.)

(2) All Thy gates with pearl are glorious; where we partake thro' faith victorious With angels round Thy throne of light.

SERMON: "Bright Brass For The Temple" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 396 ..... *Aurelia*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Marion*

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7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION & SERMON BY THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING
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KNOWING WHAT TO DO

"It's knowing what to do with things that counts." GOD intends that we use our Christian faith to change us into better neighbors, more understanding parents, more refreshing friends, more radiant disciples. We live among people for whom life has grown dull and flat. The Spirit of GOD, working within us, can restore their zest and relish of life.

Of course, most people know (in their heads) what to do with familiar things. Every sane man knows, in his mind, that the first and most important use for his money is to care for his family. But, deep down, his difficulty is that he has never decided what to do with his *life, himself!* He has not even stopped to think what his life is *for*, for what purpose it was created; what it was designed to do. So he slips into the easy rut of acting as if his life belonged to himself. He does what he wants to. Because he does not really know what his life was created for, he spends his pay check at the race track window and his family goes short on food.

Shortly before He died, Jesus told a story which leaves no doubt as to what your life was designed for. A nobleman, looking ahead to a trip abroad, entrusted sums of money to three servants he relied on and bade them to invest it in his interest. Upon his return, he called them in to give an accounting for it was *his* money that had been entrusted to them. Jesus makes it clear that your first task in life is to be a servant of GOD, and that your life is entrusted to you to be used in GOD'S interest.

The big problem for every man and woman is to face that challenge and to come to terms with GOD. When one stops running feverishly away from the problem and quiets down, it is not too difficult to see that each one of us, and all our possessions *belong* to GOD. It does not take a mighty brain to understand that the only worthwhile career is to become a good and faithful servant of GOD. It does take a brain and wrestling of soul to be willing to accept the job. It takes Bible reading. It takes humble study and adoration of Jesus CHRIST. You have to open your eyes to see that the loveliest and most useful people you have ever known were the good and faithful servants of GOD; that the greatest statesmen and leaders have been, like our Abraham Lincoln of the 19th century, and that earlier Abraham of 30 centuries before—servants of GOD.

When the Light suddenly breaks into your heart, and you decide to go to work as GOD'S servant, that is called "conversion." In every day language "conversion" means simply that you have turned away from the stupid, unhappy serving of yourself to the glorious and radiant serving of GOD. That is what He gave you your life for. "It's knowing what to do with things that counts."

Mr. Charles K. Hay has become Principal of the AUDENRIED JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. Congratulations!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH FLAG

Our Church's flag was designed by Pierre la Rose, heraldry expert of Harvard University, and was adopted by General Convention at Kansas City in 1940. The red cross on a white field is the oldest Christian symbol. The white represents the purity of the Christian religion; the red cross the sacrifice of our Lord and of the martyrs, past and present; the madonna blue of the upper lefthand corner symbolizes the human nature of our Lord received from His Mother. The three colors of red, white and blue are our national colors and also those of England, showing the English origin of our church. The nine cross-crosslets commemorate the original nine dioceses in America when the church was organized after the Revolution in 1789. These crosses are in shape of a St. Andrew's Cross to indicate that our first Bishop, Samuel Seabury of Connecticut, was consecrated in Scotland at Aberdeen Cathedral, November 14, 1784. Our Communion service is based on the Scottish liturgy more than the English.

RULES FOR WORSHIPPING IN—

An Episcopal Church are simple.

1. *Kneel* when praying.
2. *Stand* when singing hymns and chants. (Praise) or reciting the Creed.
3. *Sit* while being instructed, e. g. during the sermon and the reading of Scripture, etc.

Follow these few simple rules and you will find worshipping in an Episcopal Church more helpful, inspiring and reverent than any other.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR WORSHIP

1. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the Blessing refuse to wait.
2. When speaks the organ's soft refrain, thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain.
3. But when the hymns are sounded out, thou shalt lift up thy voice and shout.
4. And when the anthem thou shalt hear, thy sticky throat thou shalt not clear.
5. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more must share the pew with thee.
6. The offering plate thou shalt not fear, but give thine uttermost with cheer.
7. Thou shalt the minister give heed, nor blame him when thou art disagreed.
8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend, and, if a stranger, make a friend.
9. Thou shalt in every way be kind, Compassionate, and of tender mind.
10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace, thou shalt show GOD within this place.

—From an Old English Church

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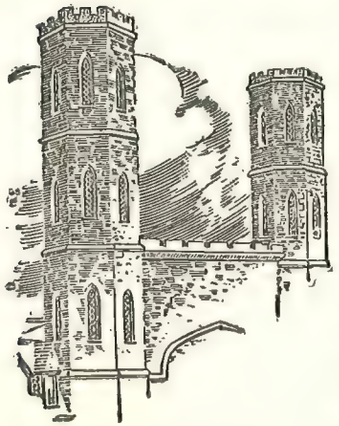
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 72, page 426
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Ward*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Hymn To The Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and to ages of ages. Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become incarnate of the Holy Mother of GOD, the blessed and ever Virgin Mary. Changeless ESSENCE, lo Thou wast made very Man, and crucified, Thou the GOD-Man, to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.

SERMON: "The Root Of The Matter" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 271 ..... *Moscow*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 269 ..... *Moultrie*

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RELY ON GOD

The Twenty-third Psalm is most often thought of as a Song of Comfort. It also opens our eyes to the urgent business of "growing up," tracing the three stages of becoming a mature servant of GOD.

The first three verses picture the little child who expects his father to provide for all his needs. It is natural that my ten-year old daughter should look trustingly to her father and be confident of three meals a day, a warm bed at night, and understanding help in troubled moments. Small Jean can say confidently, "I shall not want." In our own spiritual lives we all begin by expecting our Divine FATHER to take care of everything; and we enjoy the comfort of leaning entirely on him. Some unfortunate people never outgrow this childish stage. As we begin growing up in character, we find that we must walk our own feet and choose our way. We find delight in this, as Jean does. We must learn to shoulder heavy loads and find strength to carry them. We are no longer content to be carried by strong arms; but we find that we do not have enough wisdom and courage to go the way alone. We turn back to GOD, that He may help us to carry the loads we have chosen. In verses four and five, the Psalmist pictures the man who has learned to walk the path he has chosen, in the strength of GOD'S help. Many people stop their growing at this point.

In the last verse, we come to the "grown-up life". Here I begin to see that I am not very wise—and too often choose the wrong load, burdening myself with tasks GOD would never have given me. So I take a large step forward—"I will dwell in the House of the LORD forever." I will become one of His servants and accept His bidding with joy. No longer hampered with countless duties and pleasures of my own choosing, I can settle into the peace of a servant of GOD; and carry out in strength the simple tasks He chooses for me.

So, the preacher who relies on GOD rather than himself says, "Thou art the Proclamation, and I am the trumpet at whose voice the people came." The physician who relies on GOD says, "I dress the wounds; GOD heals them." The musician says, "I am the instrument, GOD makes the music." The mother says, "I bear the child, GOD gave him life." And the nation says, "Not unto us, O Lord; not unto us, but unto Thy Name give the glory." That is the first thing it means to rely on GOD—to recognize that all our strength comes untimately from Him and not ourselves, and to behave accordingly.

The Mothers' Meeting under the leadership of Mrs. Trautner has contributed $100.00 to the Organ Fund. The Mothers have given a total of $550.00 to the Organ Fund.

The Church Flag has received a well deserved cleaning.

A beautiful green Burse and Veil were dedicated on Sunday, June 7, to the honor and glory of GOD and in loving memory of Adaline W. Gillou.

THE PREACHER

What does a preacher do, my son? Well, his time is his own, which means he is always on the job. You see, the man who is cursed with punching a time-clock in the morning is also blessed with the privilege of punching one out in the evening. The minister's work is never done. The preacher teaches, though he must solicit his own classes. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, something of an editor, a bit of a philosopher, an entertainer, a lecturer, a salesman, a handy decorative piece at public functions, a local representative for every relief movement in the land. He is supposed to be a scholar as well, and he goes to see people continually, and he rejoices with exceeding joy when in the midst of this an opportunity arises to be of genuine personal, spiritual help. He visits the sick, marries people, buries the dead, labors to console those who sorrow, and to admonish those who sin, and labors to stay sweet when chided for not calling enough. He plans programs, appoints committees, and does their work for them, spends considerable time in keeping people out of each other's hair and more time in trying to scramble out himself with the least possible loss to his dignity and self-respect. Oh yes—and he must find several or more hours to prepare a sermon and preach it on Sunday both to the "faithful" and to those who don't happen to have any other engagement for the Sunday holiday. Then on Monday he smiles when some jovial chip roars, "What a job—one hour of work a week and no worries"???

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ARABIAN PROVERB

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He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is untaught; teach him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep; wake him.
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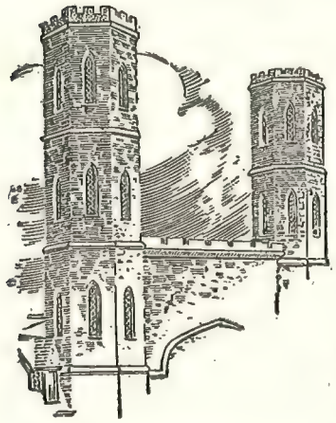
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Chapelle des Morts" ..... *Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*
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ANTHEM: "Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God" ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

1. Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of GOD,
   Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anight;
   O Holy Hope of Immortality, Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of GOD.
2. Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of GOD,
   To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die;
   They are at peace, O fairest liberty, Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of GOD.
3. On earth as children chasten'd by Love's load,
   As gold in furnace tried, so now on high
   They shine like stars, a golden galaxy, Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of GOD.

SERMON: "The Creative Power of Great Memories" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
MASSING OF THE COLORS AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
AMERICA (3rd Verse) ~~Pledge To The Flag~~
PRAYERS—TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM (kneeling): "Rest In Peace" ..... *Schubert*
BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

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CORONATION CEREMONY IS SIGNIFICANT RELIGIOUS SERVICE

The coming Coronation of the Queen of England will be essentially a religious service. The spiritual significance of a Coronation is apparent in the text of the ceremony as it appears in the English Book of Common Prayer. *In it the anointing with holy oil rather than the crowning is emphasized as the central act of the ceremony.* It is then that the sovereign is "anointed, Blessed, and consecrated Queen over the peoples whom the Lord GOD hath given her to rule and govern." Each symbolic rite, ending with the act of Coronation itself, is sacramental in nature. Before the Queen is "lifted up" into her throne, she is presented with the Bible, "the most valuable thing that this world affords." Finally the Queen will make her communion, thus acknowledging her dependence upon GOD and her loyalty to Him in carrying out her duties as Sovereign over the British Commonwealth.

Miss Yeakle's Bible Class which meets regularly on Sundays at 4:00 P. M. in the Community House *will close for the Summer on Sunday, May 31st.*

GARDEN PARTY—Chapel For The Hard Of Hearing

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FOUNDATIONS FOR PEACE

One of the most terrific problems we face is the problem of hate. On this Memorial Day, we recall the brutality of war, we reach out for light on this terrific problem. Our men who have been at the fighting fronts have seen terrible things done to their comrades—starvation and torture; and it is only natural that they should hate the men who have done these barbarous things. Even we, who are only civilians at home, and who have only seen newspaper articles and pictures of Word War II and the present war, have been deeply stirred with hatred. It is natural that we should be. But we cannot stop there. There are many things that are natural and which are not right! To allow hate to breed unchecked in our hearts means that we are willing to have the seeds of other wars take root in us. To enjoy hating others means for any who call themselves Christians direct disobediance to the Master Who plainly commanded them to love all men, even their enemies. What can we do about this hatred? What can we do as followers of Jesus, to build foundations for the peace of the world?

Out in the Pacific, toward the end of World War II, an American warship took some wounded Japanese prisoners aboard. A rather startling thing happened—one of the American medical officers took charge of the care of these wounded Japs, and much to the indignation of his fellow officers, took the same conscientious care of them as he did of our own wounded. In the ward room, other officers criticized him angrily; some said it would be better to leave the Japs below decks without any care, and let them die as they had let our men die. Finally, one of them "sounded off" with scorching words of scorn over his decent treatment of the wounded enemy prisoners. The doctor waited until the hot-mouthed officer stopped, and asked, "Are you through?" "Yes." Did you go to Mass last Sunday?" "Yes." "Did you go to Confession before-hand?" "Yes." "And you belong to a Christian church?" "Yes." "Then," said the doctor, with a ring of steel in his voice, "you are a d - - - - hypocrite." The ward room grew tense, as the doctor continued; "Let me tell you what I mean. When we went to war we said a lot about Four Freedoms, and playing the game according to the rules of decency. I propose that we keep on playing the game according to those rules, even if the other fellow doesn't. What is more—there are some good Japs down there, among the bad ones, and when the Japanese war-lords have been liquidated, and little Ishi goes back to Japan, he is going to say, 'Those war-lords of ours lied to us. They told us that all Americans are beasts. But when I was wounded, I was treated decently aboard an American warship, and given such good care that I got well.' I'm going right on taking good care of little Ishi—and the rest. Has anyone anything to say?" And the ward room was silent. If Christianity can be preached as convincingly by a naval officer, on board ship, in the midst of a war, then civilians like ourselves should be able to obey the command of our Master, to love our enemies for the sake of the peace of the world.

A beautiful red Burse and Veil were dedicated on Sunday, May 24th, to the honor and glory of GOD and in loving memory of Sarah Harrison Mulville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Our picnic will be held at MENLO PARK in Perkasie on Saturday, June 6th. Buses will leave the Church at 9:00 A. M. and from the Burd School at 9:30 A. M. Everyone is invited to attend. Bus fare is $1.00 return.

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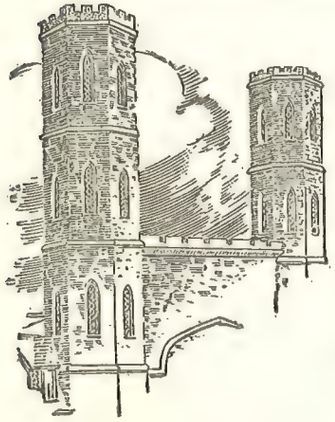
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE, page 9
PSALM 86, page 447
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Immortal Invisible" ..... *Thiman*
SERMON ..... THE REV. JOSEPH H. HALL, PH.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 368 ..... *St. Cuthbert*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
CLOSING PRAYERS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*

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What a day that was! People came and threw down their old burdens, the aches and pains, problems, responsibilities, besetting sins. And then they pawed over the vast heap, each person weighing one and then another, only to find it heavier and more uncomfortable than his old load. In the end, it is said, each man took back his own familiar burden! The simple fact is that any burden is heavy if it is carried the wrong way. And any load, however light, becomes intolerable if you keep thinking about its heft. JESUS said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me . . . and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Is your load *too* heavy? Then you had better sit at the MASTER'S feet and have a lesson from Him. Perhaps you are one of those people whose hearts are troubled about past mistakes, and are also anxious about dangers ahead. Then you surely are carrying too much, for GOD never meant any man to carry the past and the future on his back, in addition to the tasks of today. JESUS reminds you, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Perhaps you are one of the over-sensitive people who will not let anyone help them—but part of being a Christian is to welcome help as well as to give it. Perhaps you have been one of those independent people who pride themselves on being masters of their fate without any help from Almighty GOD. If so, you have discovered that this does not work out well.

You can straighten your back, and carry your load strongly, if you really want to. "Take My yoke upon you," the MASTER bids. In other words, find out from Me what I want you to carry, those responsibilities I have chosen for you to bear. Then carry those, and forget all the needless burdens you have added yourself. Carry GOD'S load for love of Him and of other people. Carry it, trusting His wisdom in giving you that particular load. You will, like all honest men before you, make the surprising discovery that GOD always gives sufficient strength to carry the load He has picked for you. It is as simple as that, "For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

The Rector addressed the Methodist Clergy of the Camden District on May 11th on the subject of the REVISED STANDARD VERSION of the BIBLE.

WELCOME TO DR. HALL

We are privileged to have as our Guest Preacher this morning, the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hall, III. Dr. Hall is the Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Church History of the PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL.

The Rector has been invited by the HEALING COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES to address a Conference on May 18th and 19th to be held in the Pacific Palasades, Los Angeles. He will preach at ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, Beverly Hills, on Sunday, May 17, at the 9:30 and 11:00 A. M. services, and again on Tuesday evening, May 19th. He will speak at ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Monrovia, on Wednesday evening. He will be back in the parish on Friday.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE CRITIC

A critic is like a short-tailed fox; when he sees a fine tail he wants to clip it. Before kicking him who stumbles, examine the burden he has to carry. What this world needs is more people to tell us "how to get on" and fewer to inform us "where to get off." Said the sieve to the needle: "There is a hole in you." Are you certain that you are as good as the one you criticize? Be a harsh critic of your own doings, but generous to the deeds of others. When criticizing another, put a little more sugar in your words than salt. Only love can make a criticism constructive. I have never yet met a critical person who was happy. Have you?

The best praying is seldom done hurriedly.

If you confer a benefit, never remember it. If you receive one, never forget it.

A WOMAN'S PRAYER

The following was written by Miss Mary Stewart of Washington, D. C., a good many years ago, and has been adopted by many Business and Professional Women's Organizations all over the United States, as their official prayer:

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"Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

"May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face—without self-pity, and without prejudice.

"May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

"Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, and gentle.

"Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

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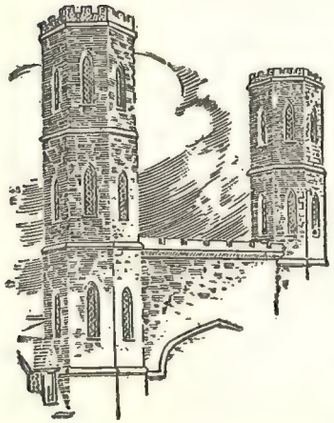
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Music & Choir Under the Direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Lente from Violin Sonata".....*Handel*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 104.....*Ascension*
VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*
PSALM 50, page 401
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11.....*Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14.....*Chant*
ANTHEM: "Praise To Our God".....*Vulpius*
SERMON: "Crown Him With Many Crowns".....The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 352.....*Diademata*
AMERICA—Presentation of Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 105.....*Coronae*

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RIDING OUT THE STORMS

In a guest room where I slept once, I found this "Fisherman's Prayer"—
"Lord, suffer me to catch a fish so big that even I,
In telling of it afterwards shall have no need to lie."

That humorous prayer is a good example of the silly way we often pray. We ask GOD to fix the outside of life—to make the fish bigger, to make our friends more thoughtful, to take away our troubles. But GOD does not say "yes" to such prayers. What GOD waits for is our prayer that He will make us more truthful, more loving, more self-forgetful.

The great Phillips Brooks once wrote, "Oh, do not pray for easy lives. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks." GOD does say "yes" to the person who prays for help in overcoming self-pity, in conquering an unworthy habit. He makes our strength equal to the heaviest loads we carry for others. He makes our courage equal to the worst nightmares that stand in our way. He always stands by the willing bearer of burdens. The person who, though scared, still meets life breast-forward. In the strange, tumultuous day in which we live, there is no use in asking Him to ease up our lives; but it is well worthwhile to ask Him to stiffen our nerve, to enlarge our hearts.

He does not always give us the answer which our prayer expects. As Colonel Fitzhughes said, "He asked for strength that he might achieve; he was made weak that he might obey. He asked for health that he might do greater things; he was given infirmity that he might do better things; he asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise. He asked for power that he might have praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of GOD. He has received nothing that he asked for, all that he hoped for . . . his prayer is answered.

I once knew a Portguese sea captain who was at his best in a storm. He had learned that any landlubber could go fair weather sailing on a soft June day, but that it took a real man to ride out a heavy northeaster. I remember his describing a typhoon in the Gulf of Mexico. He said, "Them that knew how to pray, prayed. Them that didn't, learned." The prayer of a true Christian, like the prayer of a sea captain is for wisdom and strength to meet the worst gales that life can fling at us—not for calm seas, but to be able to ride out the storms and to bear our loved ones through them to more peaceful days.

ASCENSION DAY, one of the five great Festival Days of the Church year, is on Thursday, May 14th. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 12:15 P. M.

A B C's of the U T O

A. An offering of money and self made by thousands upon thousands upon thousands of Episcopal women is the United Thank Offering.
B. Blue box or the United Thank Offering box is the individual woman's day by day alms basin.
C. Coins dropped into the UTO box and a prayer make each day a little thanksgiving day.
D. Day by day we use this means of expressing thanks to GOD.
E. Envelopes are sent to all Churchwomen and twice a year, in November and in May, the contents of the UTO boxes are emptied into these envelopes and presented at a service of the Holy Communion.
F. Furniture, stoves, water systems, bathrooms, and a deep freeze unit have made life safer and more effective for our missionaries, through the help of the United Thank Offering.
G. Gifts have been made to the American Bible Society and the World Council of Churches by the UTO.
H. Half of the two million received in 1949, and more, went to the National Council to help our Church maintain women missionaries.
I. Ida W. Soule Pension Fund, from which pensions are drawn, has now reached an amount in excess of one million dollars.
J. Japan, last year, received the largest share of the United Thank Offering to go to any one people.
K. Know about the work the Church is doing. Then you will be all the happier to know that your thankfulness has helped forward this work.
L. "Let us give as we are most bounden, continual thanks." These are words from our Prayer Book.
M. Migrants, sharecroppers, and other underprivileged groups are helped by trained social service workers, through the help of the United Thank Offering.
N. Nurses, doctors, teachers, office workers, and evangelists are sent overseas to work for the Church through the United Thank Offering.
O. Offerings in 1889 amounted to $2,000. In 1953, at the Triennial, the offering totaled $2,488,193.30.
P. Practically every field in which the Church is at work is helped by the United Thank Offering.
Q. Quiet, continuous, and romantic is the work of the United Thank Offering.
R. Rarely does missionary work make news but evil always makes the headlines. Missionaries take care of the work and the Offering takes care of the missionaries.
S. Sponsoring the United Thank Offering in 1889 was the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Ida W. Soule and Miss Julia C. Emery launched the project.
T. Thanksgiving is not an act but an attitude.
U. United, a reminder that the value of the United Thank Offering comes not from a few large gifts but from the united power of many small ones.
V. Very few realize that in these many years, no happening of any kind, whether it brought joy or sorrow, gain or hardship, has stopped the progress of the United Thank Offering.
W. Women of the Church have put their thankfulness into action in all these ways.
X. Is the unknown number of contributions.
Y. Young and old, rich and poor, professional and business women, wives and mothers, women living in large cities and in small towns and in isolated places know that the United Thank Offering is an instrument of usefulness and are thankful that they have a share in it.
Z. Zones, everywhere, North, South, East, and West are benefited by the United Thank Offering.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 599 ..... *Vigeles et Sancte*

KYRIE ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*

ANTHEM—"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled" ..... *Foster*
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; ye believe in GOD, believe also in Me. In My FATHER'S house there are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am, there ye may be also. (St. John 14:1-3). My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Come unto Me all all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (St. Matthew 11:30, 28)

SERMON—"The Resurrection of the Body" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 88 ..... *St. Albinus*

SANCTUS ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*

COMMUNION HYMN 213 ..... *St. Agnes*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 361 ..... *St. James*

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"OLD AGE CAN BE THE CROWN"

Many sincere Christian people who have no fear of physical death shudder at the thought of old age, fear seizes hold of them and shadows their daily living, making them fearful, irritable and jumpy.

Stanley Jones tells of a woman, a very intelligent and accomplished person, who became beset with many fears. She feared that some one was trying to steal her important papers; that some one was forever attempting to snatch her purse; in fact, it almost seemed that some one was trying to steal everything she had. Down underneath all those fears was one central fear—the fear that life was snatching away her youth, and with it, her powers. She was fighting old age. And to fight old age is to give old age a fighting attention, and *what gets your attention gets you.* So old age got her—sent her into the jitters.

But old Job had more common sense. He gave his attention not to physical powers which diminished with the years, but to the GOD of all ages; lifting up his face to that sustaining GOD. Thus Job could promise aging people, "thine age shall be clearer than the noon-day . . . and thou shalt be secure, because there is hope. Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid."

I well remember a woman of ninety-one who had a very serious heart attack a couple of years ago. We all gathered at her bedside to bid her a loving farewell. She was ready and eager to leave her worn-out body and to go on to her Maker. She and I talked about it together. But GOD had other plans. She recovered and lived another year. Again and again in that year the vivid autumn colors of her life flamed out before our eyes—as she met the many and grievous vexations of old age with gallant courage. Her son had her portrait painted that year—her strong and steadfast face a shining witness to Faith's triumph over all old age can do!

Stanley Jones sums it up: "The thing to do is neither to fear old age, nor to fight it, but to accept it and use it. When I say "use it," I mean take hold of it and make something beautiful out of it. That's what Nature does—she does not die drably; she puts on her most gorgeous robes in autumn, her yellow and her flaming reds, and dies gloriously. She goes down with her gay banners waving. So can we face approaching age with serenity and gayety, and make the last years the most beautiful. Old age can be the crown.

U. T. O. SPRING INGATHERING

The Semi-Annual Ingathering of THE UNITED THANK OFFERING which occurs each spring and fall, will take place on Mother's Day, May 10th, at the eleven o'clock service. Women of ST. STEPHEN'S are asked to complete their offering by that date, enclose it in special envelopes furnished for this purpose, and bring it to church at that time. Mrs. Ruth Leithead, our Parish Custodian, will present the parish offering at the DIOCESAN U. T. O. SERVICE at THE HOLY APOSTLES AND MEDIATOR on May 18th. We hope that all women of the parish will want to share in this missionary work of the Church both at home and abroad.

PERSONAL PRAYERS

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I nobly do my part,
To win that soul for Thee. Amen

O Lord Jesus CHRIST, ever deepen the spiritual life of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH through the example, consecration and leadership of its members, beginning with me.
Amen.

The Rector willl speak at a FORUM FOR CLERGY AND LAY PEOPLE in the Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Penna., held under the auspices of THE WYOMING VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES on Monday evening, May 4th.

The Rector will conduct a QUIET MORNING RETREAT for the women of ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Ardmore, Wednesday, May 6th.

MAGAZINES? PUZZLES? GAMES? TOYS? VIEW-MASTER SLIDES?

All will be cheerfully delivered by Miss Maude Hess to our city hospitals. We are dependent upon your thoughtfulness for those who must do their spring traveling indoors. "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us....."

LET THE BURDEN GO

I came across the story a while ago of a woman carrying a suitcase. You could see that she was in a hurry. Finally she broke into a run, and just caught the car. A man on board had been watching her. When she got aboard he continued to watch her, because she still held that suitcase. You could see she was clutching it almost fiercely. Finally, the man touched her and said, "You can put the suitcase down now, lady; the car will carry it for you."

Isn't this a moving picture of what so often happens in our lives? In our anxiety, in our hurry and worry, we keep on carrying things which might so much better have been laid down. We keep carrying loads which GOD could so well carry for us. We believe that "underneath are the everlasting arms," but we so often forget.

Now is the time to let go some of this extra baggage that tires us so. Drop it. You'll be surprised and, sometimes, I fear, a bit chagrined, to find out how things will go along just the same, even though you don't hold them up.

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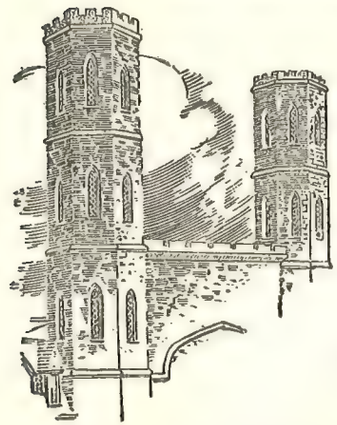
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PSALM 119: *XIV, XV*
TE DEUM, page 10 ..... *Stanford*
JUBILATE, page 15 ..... *Stanford*
ANTHEM—"From Thy Love As A Father" ..... *Gounod*
From Thy love as a Father, O Lord, teach us to gather that Life will conquer Death. They who seek things eternal shall rise to light supernal on wings of lowly faith. (From THE REDEMPTION)
SERMON—"How A Chrstian Meets Death" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 345 ..... *Dominus regit me*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 347 ..... *Alleluia*

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EVERY GATE A PEARL

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls," Dr. Edward T. Sullivan once took for his text; "every gate a pearl! Every entrance into the heavenly life is through a pearl! What is a pearl? A wound is made in a shell. A grain of sand, perhaps, gets imbedded in the wound. And all the resources of repair are rushed to the place where the breach has been made. When the breach has been closed, and the process of repair is complete, a pearl is found closing the wound. The break calls forth unsuspected resources of the shell and a beauty appears that is not otherwise brought out. A pearl is a healed wound! No wound, no pearl!"

He went on to show how, in our lives, misfortune can be transformed into blessing, hurts changed into pearls of precious value. Even a grievous handicap may become a life-saving power. He tells a story of Nydia, the blind flower girl in the LAST DAYS OF POMPEII. She had not become bitter about her blindness; nor had she sulked nor sat at home. She had gone about the business of living; and had earned her livelihood as best she could. Then came the awful day of the eruption of Vesuvius, with "The doomed city as dark as midnight beneath a thick pall of smoke and falling ashes; the terror-stricken inhabitants rush blindly to and fro, and lose themselves in the awful blackness." But Nydia does not get lost; because of her cross of blindness, she had learned to find her way by touch and hearing, and now she could go straight to rescue the life of the one she loves best. By learning to walk swiftly and surely in the dark, she had made of her handicap a treasure and a GOD-send in the dark hour.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME—ADVANCE YOUR CLOCK ONE HOUR!

So—don't be late to Church this Sunday, April 26th.

HAVE YOU EVER PRAYED THIS PRAYER?

"Almighty GOD, as I lie here on a sofa this lovely Sunday morning, surrounded by the Sunday paper and half listening to one of the preachers over the radio, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I did not feel well enough to go to Church. That was not true. It was not ambitious enough. I would have gone to my office had it been Monday morning. I would have played golf had it been Wednesday afternoon. I would have been able to go to a picture show if it had been Friday night. But it is Sunday morning. Sunday illness covers a multitude of sins. GOD, have mercy on me. I have lied to Thee and to myself. I was not ill. I am lazy and indifferent. AMEN.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH GROWS

The largest parish in the Episcopal Church continues to be ST. PHILIP'S in Harlem, New York. It reports 3764 communicants as compared with 3707 the previous year. This is the second consecutive time that ST. PHILIP'S, of which the Rev. S. H. Bishop is Rector, has held top place. Total membership in Church (all baptized persons in the Episcopal Church in the United States and overseas missions) reached a record high of 2,715,825, as compared with 2,643,488 the year before. These figures are reported in the 1953 Episcopal Church Annual. Statistics in the 1953 Annual are generally for the year 1951. They are gathered from records throughout the Church in 1952. Increase in 1951 giving, as reported by the Annual, was more than double the increase in 1950. Contributions into the Church in 1951 climbed 11.76% above 1950 to reach a total of $91,583,112. Total in 1950 was $81,946,472.10, and in 1949, $73,844,880.41. Other increases: Parishes and missions: 7954, as compared to the previous 7851. Clergy: 6958, as compared to 6805. Lay readers: 6971, as to 6447. Candidates for Holy Orders: 589, as compared to 566. Postulants: 1246 and 1210. A total of 585,098 young people were enrolled in Church schools, the largest number on record.

The Rector conducted a QUIET DAY for clergy at St. Martin's Retreat House, Bernardsville, New Jersey, on Tuesday, April 21.

GARDEN DAY

Benefit of Episcopal Hospital, Sunday, April 26, 1953,
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Homes and Gardens to be opened to visitors:

The Misses Paxson ..... 8764 Frankford Avenue
All Saints' School ..... Andalusia
Mrs. Charles J. Biddle ..... "Andalusia", State Road
Mrs. Edward T. Taws ..... "Chestnutwood", Station Road, Andalusia*
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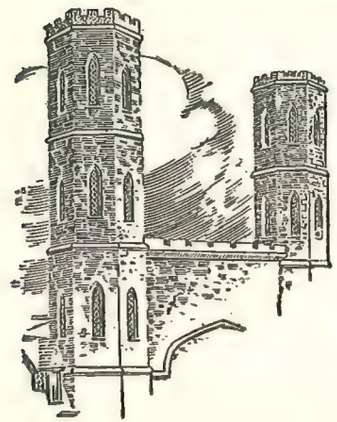
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INVITATION

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The Collect, Epistle & Gospel on pages 171-72.

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ORGAN PRELUDE—"Chorale" ..... *Vierne*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*
CREED AND PRAYERS
HYMN BEFORE CONFIRMATION, 375 (verses 1, 2) ..... *Nova Vita*
THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION, page 296 in the Prayer Book
HYMN AFTER CONFIRMATION, 375 (verses 3, 4) ..... *Nova Vita*
ANTHEM—"Come, Holy Ghost" ..... *Thomas Attwood*
SERMON ..... THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG, D.D.
OFFERTORY HYMN 409 ..... *Wordsworth*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
CLOSING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

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"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come unto you."

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EXCITING NEWS

Major General Charles I. Carpenter, USAF, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, has written the following letter to the Rector:

Dear Dr. Price:

The Office, Chief of Air Force Chaplains, plans to conduct a Protestant Preaching Mission tour of Air Force bases in France and Germany during the period 1 March to 21 April 1954. The mission would require approximately fifty-three (53) days and would reach most of the United States Air Force bases in Europe. For these missions, which are normally conducted for a five (5) day period at each base, we invite representative civilian clergymen for the purpose of affording our personnel dynamic preaching, to help them acquire or to deepen their religious faith, and to strengthen the ties between the Air Force community and the civilian denominations.

We believe you to be especially qualified to accomplish the objectives of our mission program, and invite you to be one of four civilian members of a Protestant Mission Team to conduct missions for the United States Air Forces in Europe from 1 March to 21 April 1954. Your church would make a significant contribution to this project through your ministry. I trust that you and the officials of the church will prayerfully consider this matter, and that we may anticipate your favorable reply.

(Signed) Sincerely,
Charles I. Carpenter

At the Vestry Meeting of March 24th, the Rector was given permission to accept this unusual opportunity.

The BURD SCHOOL WOMAN'S COMMITTEE is having a Rummage Sale in the BURD SCHOOL, 4226 Baltimore Avenue, on Saturday, April 25th. Contributions of usable articles for the sale will be greatly appreciated. They can be sent to the Church or the BURD SCHOOL on or before April 23rd.

LAST CALL FOR DINNER—Your Committee on the Men's Adult Educational Program has planned a dinner and an excellent speaker for Tuesday evening, April 28th. At 6:30 we will serve promptly a delicious chicken pie dinner in the Community House (rear of Church) and the cost is only one dollar. The reservations must be in our hands by April 21st, so will you please let the undersigned know promptly and at the time of writing, kindly enclose your remittance of $1.00 to facilitate the handling of these reservations.

Address:
5314 Cedar Ave., Phila. 43, Pa.

Wilson C. Leithead, Chairman
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community House *immediately* following the morning service, Sunday, April 19th. There will be held the Annual Election to the VESTRY. A Buffet Luncheon will be served. A Reception to the newly confirmed members of our Church will follow the election. Plan to attend this happy social hour!

COMMUNICANT'S PACKET

The members of the Confirmation Class of 1953 have received a packet containing the following:

1. A copy of the Diocesan News.
2. A copy of our national missionary magazine "Forth".
3. Forward Movement Bible Readings.
4. Book of Common Prayer.
5. Confirmation Certificate.
6. "Instruction in the Life of Prayer"—The Forward Movement.
7. "Self-Examination"—The Rev. Lewis Sasse, II.
8. "The Ideal Layman"—The Rev. William Galpin.
9. "Some Common Sense Reasons Why"—The Rev. William Galpin.
10. "The Episcopal Church"—The Forward Movement.
11. The Church And Our Dead"—The Rev. Allen Brown.
12. "Why I Prefer the Episcopal Church" by a former Methodist.
13. "The American Church of Apostolic Origin"—The Rev. William Galpin.
14. "My Own Steps Forward"—The Forward Movement.
15. "The Charm Of The Prayer Book"—Parish Printery.
16. "The Holy Communion"—The Rev. William Galpin.
17. "The Episcopal Church"—The Presiding Bishop's Committee.
18. "Why I Love The American Episcopal Church"—Francis C. Capozzi.
19. "Our Home"—The Forward Movement.
20. "Why Export Christianity?"—The Forward Movement.
21. "Prayer Is Power"—Alexis Carrel.
22. "Before Lunch"; 23. "Before Breakfast";
24. "Before the Ending"; 25. "Before The Altar";
26. "Before You Get Well"; 27. "Confirmation"—The Forward Movement.
28. "The Split Between Roman Catholicism and Christ"—The Lutheran Press.
29. "History of St. Stephen's Church"—A. W. Price.
30. "Handbook of Activities of St. Stephen's Church."
31. "The Story of the Prayer Book."
32. Duplex Envelopes; 33. "Brother Lawrence"; 34. Family Worship Card;
35. "How to Pray"—Bishop Jones; 36. "How to Read The Bible";
37. "How We Got The Prayer Book"; 38. "How To Use The Prayer Book";
39. "I Believe In Tithing"; 40. "In GOD'S Hands";
41. "Office Of Instruction"; 42. "On The Way";
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47. "How To Say Your Prayers"—Bishop Hatch.
48. "Is The Episcopal Church Protestant or Catholic?"
49. "Don'ts For Church Folks."
50. "Some Why Nots Of The Church."
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53. "Ten Rules For Christian Living."
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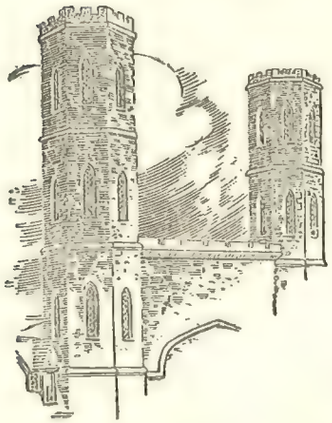
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 94 ..... *St. Kevin*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 62, page 413
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—"Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky" ..... *Robert Elmore*

O GOD on high! Now that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to GOD on high, That he in all we do or say,
Would keep us free from harm today.
Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife,
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From all ill sights would turn our eyes, would close our ears from vanities,
Would keep our inmost conscience pure, our souls from folly would secure,
Would bid us check the pride ofsense with due and holy abstinence.
GOD on high! So we when this new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on, with conscience by the world unstained
Shall praise His Name for victory gained.
All laud to GOD the Father be. All praise, eternal Son to Thee;
All glory as is ever meet, to GOD the holy Paraclete. AMEN.

SERMON—"After Eight Days—Thomas!" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 91 ..... *Victory*
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SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 92 ..... *Lux Eoi*

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WEEK FOR THE BLIND

The members of our Mothers' Meeting will have an active part in the Annual Week for the Blind held in Gimbel's Auditorium, April 13-17. Mrs. Trautner and her mothers will help serve the luncheon on Monday, April 13th, and will operate a Booth for the Philadelphia Lighthouse on Friday.

The Rector will substitute for Dr. Spurgeon English, Psychiatrist, at Temple University, from 11:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M., on Monday, April 13th, in his class for graduate students in the School of Theology.

GIVE YOURSELF

"Let your light so shine before men—" What do those words bring to your mind? I suspect that your hand almost reaches for your purse, as you are reminded of the offering in church! Yet those words of Jesus, used so often as an offertory sentence, were not meant by Him to refer to the personal act of giving money for GOD'S work. They were meant to picture the constant giving of ourselves to GOD —people touched by the power of His resurrection—so that His light, His love, which shine through us may make others see GOD.

After all, our own saints—whom we remember, especially at Eastertide—were simply people through whom GOD had a chance to shine. Over and over again they forgot what they might get out of life for themselves, and simply gave themselves to take care of the needs of others around them. Thy kept giving themselves away to people who needed them; kept giving themselves to GOD'S purposes. They let their light shine—though, of course, it was His light, not theirs that shone so gloriously through their lives.

Late one Sunday afternoon, a traveler came to a little village in the Alps, just as dusk was falling. He asked what time the evening service would be held in the little village church, and found that it would be in about an hour. So he went in to sit quietly and pray. As he looked about him, he was surprised to find that there were no lamps or lighting fixtures at all; and dusk was coming on fast. Soon the people began to arrive—and each worshipper carried a candlestick that held a lighted candle—and the congregation kept coming in until the church was ablaze with light. He learned that the man who had given that church to the village had also provided the candlesticks and candles for all the people; and had asked the village to promise that there would be no other light in the church.

That wise giver wanted the people to remember, vividly, that they came to church to *give out* their praise and gratitude, to give the joy of their presence in GOD'S house, and not chiefly to get something for themselves. It helped them to remember Jesus' bidding—that the greatest opportunity in life is to let a bit of the splendor of GOD catch fire in our hearts, and burn for others in the honest love we have for them, and for GOD our Father.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community House *immediately* following the morning service, Sunday, April 19th. There will be held the Annual Election to the VESTRY. A Buffet Luncheon will be served. A Reception to the newly confirmed members of our Church will follow the election. Plan to attend this happy social hour!

CONFIRMATION

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MEN'S DINNER AND MEETING

The men of St. Stephen's Church are again invited to enjoy a delicious chicken pie dinner and to hear an excellent speaker. Cost—only one dollar. As usual, our dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 P. M. in the Community House (rear of Church)—Tuesday, April 28, 1953, and the meeting will follow immediately. We must know who are coming by April 21st, so will you please advise the undersigned promptly, enclosing your one dollar with your reservation?

Address: 5314 Cedar Ave., Phila. 43, Pa.

Wilson C. Leithead, Chairman
Men's Adult Educational Program

The Church and the Organ of the CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND CENTER, 10th and Spring Streets, will be dedicated on Sunday, April 12th, at 4:00 P. M.

"An Evening With Charles Laughton"

Tickets for "An Evening With Charles Laughton" at the Academy of Music, Friday evening, April 17, now on sale at the Academy of Music Box Office. The Endowment for the Episcopate of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will benefit by your attendance.

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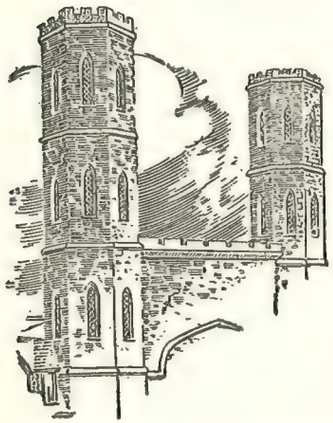
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The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Adoration" ..... *Purvis*
(chorale Prelude on plain song theme)
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 24, page 368
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Marks*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Gallia" ..... *Gounod*
SERMON: "The World's Most Decisive Battle" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 65 ..... *Horsley*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 64 ..... *St. Drostane*

The Palms on the Altar today are given by the Mothers Meeting, by Mrs. Lillian Barlow in memory of her husband, Mr. John W. Barlow, by Miss Betty Elder in memory of her mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Elder, by Mrs. Helen LeDent in memory of her husband, and by Mr. Eugene Glaser in memory of his parents. The Flowers on the Altar Maundy Thursday will be given by the James Carrigan Memorial Fund in memory of Mr. James Carrigan.

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On April 19th Bishop Armstrong will make his official visitation to this parish for the purpose of administering the Rite of Confirmation, or Laying-On-Of-Hands. Rather than be technical or theological about this, anyone seeking entrance into the Episcopal Church may do so by being confirmed.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

(The North Aisle of the Church will be reserved for men on GOOD FRIDAY)

Monday through Thursday:
12:30 P. M.—The Very Rev. Frederick M. Adams, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.

Maundy Thursday:
Holy Communion at 1:00, 5:15, and 8:00 P. M.
Music with St. Stephen's Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening services.
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Good Friday:
10:30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by the Rector
12:30 P. M.—Address by the Rector on the Seven Last Words
1:00 P. M.—Stainer's "Crucifixion" under the direction of Dr. Matthews
2:00 P. M.—3:00 P. M.—Meditations by the Rector

Saturday:
12:30 P. M.—The Rector will preach.

The final of the preachers in our 1953 Lenten Series is the Very Rev. Fred M. Adams, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey, who will again inspire a crowded church, as he has for many years, Monday through Thursday. Bring your friends.

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their confirmation class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together over two hundred persons who have been confirmed here over the past eleven years.

THE HARD DECISION

What was it that so agonized Jesus in the Garden that He prayed, "My Father, *if it be possible,* let this cup pass from Me!" Certainly it was not death that He dreaded, for He was always willing to trust Himself in His Father's hands. Nor was it, I think that He wanted more time for the training of His disciples, for He had taught them enough. What *was* it then, that so tore Him with agony that the sweat poured down His face?

Stanley Jones has, I believe, put his finger on the answer. "Was it not that He, Who came to save men from sin, was causing men to sin by going on and making them take sides, knowing that they would decide against Him?" He knew that His enemies were gathering; that they would come for Him. There would be a trial. His judges would have to make up their minds for or against Him; and the crowd would have to decide where *they* stood, for Christ or against Him. Jesus knew those flinty-hearted leaders, so jealous of Him; and He knew their cleverness in swaying the people. They would call Him an unpatriotic agitator who upset the people from the old ways. And He knew that the simple, muddleheaded people could be easily fooled. What He was pleading for in the Garden was that this awful moment—when the people would have to decide for, or against, GOD—would be put off! But His Father bade Him go forward. For men must learn to see which is the devil's way, and which is GOD's, so Jesus bowed His head to the Father's Will, and went forward. His heart was heaviest, I think, when he heard the hoarse cry break from the crowd "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" GOD help them, they had decided.

Still Pilate's question calls for a decision: "What then shall I do unto Jesus Who is called the Christ?" And this time it is not some faraway people who must answer it. It is YOU who must speak up. Do you prefer to ease along in the old, comfortable grooves of the world's ways—grasping a little pleasure today, dodging a GOD-given burden tomorrow, serving yourself with true enthusiasm? If so, then you had best try to get rid of Him Who makes people-in-selfish-ruts uncomfortable; and shout: "Crucify Him!" But, if you are asking His light on your decision, you may well see that the old ruts have only brought us into a world of chaos and conflict and nightmare. You may, in a flash of certainty understand at last that the only hope of mankind is to scramble out of the old ruts, and walk the great Highway of GOD, following Him Who loves you into GOD's peace.

The living Christ is again in agony this week—for He shrinks from compelling you to the awful choice. But there is no escape—decide you must! It is getting late. Will you cling to the old rut—or will you stand for the Christ?

THE PROTESTANT VS. THE CATHOLIC

One Sunday morning, a Roman Catholic, dressed in his best clothes, met a Protestant, dressed in his loafing clothes and carrying a Sunday paper under his arm. Said the Protestant: "Well, neighbor, I suppose you've done your religious duty for another week. But frankly, now, can you tell me what it was all about? Why don't you go to a Protestant church where they give it out in English?"

"Oh, I couldn't do that," replied the Catholic. "As a devout believer in the one true faith, I have promised never to enter a Protestant church. But let me ask you a question: If you believe that your church is better than mine, why don't you go to it? I can hear the church bell ringing right now!"

"Well, I . . . er . . . you see . . ."

"You belong to that church, don't you?"

"Yes, certainly, but that doesn't mean . . ."

"When you joined, you made some promises about attending church services, didn't you?"

"Well, I guess so, but . . ."

"Then," continued the Catholic, "I can see that you and I are alike in one way and different in another. We are alike because we both avoid Protestant churches. But we are different in our reasons—I have vowed to keep out, while you have vowed to go in!"

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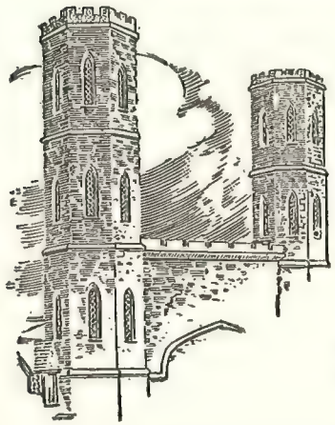
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 580 ..... *Edina*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
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ANTHEM: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs"
(From THE MESSIAH) ..... *Handel*
Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. And with His stripes we are healed.
SERMON: "Jesus, The Rejected" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 336 ..... *Rathbun*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 55 ..... *Heinlein*

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THE HOMELY TASKS

If we *truly* simplify our lives as followers of Jesus Christ, everything else falls into place and makes sense. Our minds are cleared of confusion, and our daily lives are given to tasks that GOD really wants done. The Christian who is honestly "centered down" on GOD'S business does not forget or over-look the homely tasks, the deep-down family ties of a man's life.

There is a peril that we may use the Kingdom of GOD as an excuse to escape GOD-given family chores which we do not enjoy doing. We say to ourselves, "I just don't have time to do the family washing today, with that Church Fair to get ready for." Or, "I'll have to put off that letter to mother, and work for the Community Fund." I remember a woman who greatly disliked her domestic chores; so she became an ardent church worker and bustled about being very important indeed, and letting her home go to rack and ruin. Because she used the church as an excuse for escaping GOD-given responsibility, she later damaged the church, just as she did her family!

Look at Jesus on the Cross. A lesser person might have looked down, his attention fixed solely on the enemies who sought to defeat his kingdom; and might never have seen his mother at all. But Jesus saw her. All through His ministry he had bidden them to put the Kingdom first, but never had He taught them to use it as an excuse to over-look or forget loved ones. In that dark hour, the greatness of His heart could *see* His mother and her need. She stood there, some fifty years old, not understanding why He was there on the Cross, or even what He had come on earth to do. But she *was there,* a true mother, seeing her Son through to the end of the road. Perhaps Jesus remembered the home in Nazareth as filled with the love and peace which makes heaven on earth—the beginning of GOD'S Kingdom! One thing is certain—in His last agony, He gave her into the care of His close friend, John, so that she might have a man to lean on in her old age. His Kingdom was so great that, until His last breath, it included His mother! Someone has written:

"When Jesus walked up to Calvary, I think His heart, remembering,
Turned back to little Nazareth, and every happy childhood thing.
Again He saw the village lights, and heard the happy sound of homeward feet:
Heard Mary call Him softly home, down through the darkening street.
Perhaps He longed for waving grass, for meadows high and still and sunny:
And stood a moment savoring wild grapes, and wild, sweet honey;
And dreamed of peace, of men serene, of happy homes, of warmth and food,
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CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY OFFERING

Episcopal children receive Lenten Mite Boxes for their Easter missionary offering. Each year, the use of the Mite Box helps the children to understand the world work of the Church, and allows them obedience to CHRIST'S command to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The offering box is called a Mite Box. The name is taken from the 21st Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, in which Jesus says that the poor widow who gave the two mites to the Temple gave more than the rich man who heaped great gifts into the treasury, for she had given all that she had. It is in this spirit of sacrifice that the children are asked to contribute to the offering. Because of the comparatively small Sunday School due to our location, we look to the adults to help in this annual project. A special envelope is enclosed with this Bulletin. The Mites Boxes are to be returned by Easter Sunday. Here is your chance to be a child again!

The Rector will preach in TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Trenton, N. J., on Wednesday evening, March 25.

We extend our hearty greetings to the Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., who is to be our Noon-Day Guest Preacher March 23-27.

We welcome as our Guest Preacher for Saturday, March 28, the Rev. Raymond S. Mitchell, Rector of ST. CYPRIAN'S CHURCH, Philadelphia.

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4. I will avoid classifying him, and assuming that he has all the characteristics of the class to which he is supposed to belong.
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8. I will try to remember that GOD'S truth is too big for any one mind; no one man's opinion or judgment is infallible including mine.
9. I will never ridicule another's faith.
10. I will pray for those with whom I differ.

AT A CHURCH SERVICE

GOD bless all those whose membership is here:
Thy people, Lord, who love Thy House and Thee,
And may we find in Thy great Book at last,
Each name recorded for Eternity.
GOD bless the strangers gathered in our midst;
Lonely, perhaps, and far from home they need
The blessed comfort of their Father's House,
The proffered bread of life on which to feed.
GOD bless the one who here propounds Thy truths;
Be in his heart, speak through the words he speaks,
That every listening, eager one may find
The wisdom and the comfort that he seeks,
And when at last, the benediction is said,
May we go, strengthened for the days ahead.

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INVITATION

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Christ Lay In The Bonds Of Death" .....*J. S. Bach*

Processional Hymn 58 .....*Langran*

VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*

PSALM 75, page 431

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*Marks*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*

ANTHEM: Soprano Solo from MESSIAH (Come Unto Me) .....*Handel*
Come unto Him, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, andlearn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

SERMON: "Good Riddance To The Yoke" .....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 407 .....*St. Hilda*

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SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 406 .....*Stephanos*

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THE SCHOOL OF SUFFERING

"Only few lucky ones escape suffering", Weatherhead points out, "and are they really lucky? When I was at school, I heard of boys, who for one reason or another, escaped school. How lucky I though them. But now I don't think they were lucky. For they had to learn later, when it was harder to learn, or else they suffered a permanent loss." Life is like that—ask some one about years of unforgettable suffering they had. Ask whether they wish they had never had that pain. Most people will immediately tell you that it was worthwhile to go through those hard years, which taught them so much, and drew them so much closer to the suffering GOD. On the other hand, take a look at those few "lucky" ones, who have had easy lives—mostly they are soft and flabby people, with little understanding or strength of character. They are not much use in the world, because they have missed out in the school of suffering.

Do not mistake me—I'm not suggesting that any one of us is going to greet suffering with a cheer. Even JESUS prayed in the Garden, "Oh my FATHER, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as THOU wilt." He did not desire to step into that dread experience of utter loneliness and trial; but He had the matchless courage to ask His FATHER if there was something which could be made out of it, something which could come from the Cross to bless mankind. And, because JESUS was willing to suffer for us, you and I look to the Cross as the mark of our worth—it is the sign that GOD Himself was willing to suffer for us. So, when you come to a fork in the road, and you have to choose between the painful way or the pleasant one, remember that you have the opportunity of following your MASTER'S leading. You need not be ashamed because you draw back, shuddering, from that dread path, for He did just that in Gethsemane. But, from your knowledge of His story, you have learned that a person can bless others most richly by being willing to suffer for them. So, if you have turned solely to GOD, you will find yourself saying, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as THOU wilt." And then you will step forward with courage and confidence. And one day, a friend will look back over the years, and say to you, "You know, I began to wake up and really live, when you went through so much for me."

One of the most radiantly helpful lives I've ever known was Anna, who died in this city early in the winter after a quarter of a century of crippling arthritis. She had met her suffering under GOD, and out of that twisted, rigid little body came poetry that opened doors toward victory for all of her friends. In one poem written a few months before she died, she prayed,

"His pathway was a harder way than mine;
His loneliness was far greater than my own.
Oh, let me learn from CHRIST the better way,
To use the rocks with which my path is sown."

So, I do not pray that you will escape the school of suffering. I do pray, that, like Anna, you will go through it in the Companionship of the GOD who can transform your pain intojoy and victory for yourself, and for those about you!

The Rector will conduct spiritual healing services and preach in TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Pittsburgh, at the noon-day services from March 16-20. He will give an address to the Church Club of the Diocese on Monday evening; preach at ST. PETER'S CHURCH on Tuesday evening; ST. STEPHEN'S, Wilkinsburg, on Wednesday; ASCENSION CHURCH, Pittsburgh on Thursday evening.

One of our most popular Lenten Noon-Day preachers, Dean Moor of TRINITY CATHEDRAL, Pittsburgh, will be with us from March 16-20.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Albert M. Holloway, Rector of TRINITY CHURCH, Oxford, who will be the noon-day preacher on Saturday, March 21.

Confirmation Instruction Class meets in the Rector's Study every Sunday at 10:00 A. M. It is not too late to join!

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WHAT DOES CONFIRMATION MEAN?

The answer to that question is contained in the Confirmation Service itself, which consists of two parts. In the first, the candidates ratify and confirm on their own decision and responsibility the promises made for them or by them at their Baptism. Actually, this section of the service stems from the Protestant Reformation, and it distinguishes the Anglican and Lutheran forms from the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Confirmation rites. The second part of the service, which begins in the Prayer Book on page 297, continues the ancient and mediaeval pattern of the Confirmation Office, in which candidates are "confirmed" by GOD for the fulfillment of their promises, by the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit imparted to them by the Laying on of Hands by the Bishop. Confirmation is commonly spoken of as "the ordination of the laity" because in it a spiritual gift for ministry and witness to Christ is conveyed by the Laying on of Hands.

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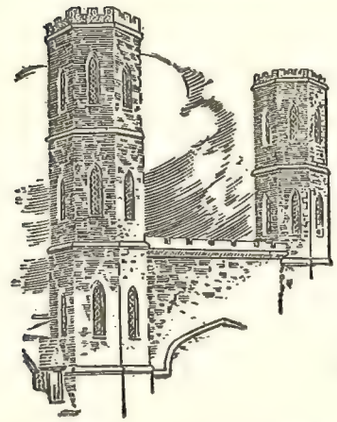
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 39, page 389

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Ward*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: "Into The Woods The Master Went" ..... *Protheroe*

Into the woods, my Master went, Clean forspent,
Into the woods my Master came, Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him;
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him.
Out of the woods my Master went, and He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came, content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last, from under the trees they drew Him last,
'Twas on a tree they slew him last, when out of the woods He came.

SERMON: "The Yoke Means Work!" ..... The Rector

OFFERTORY HYMN 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 563 ..... *St. Dunstan*

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THE THREE CROSSES

We are beginning to look ahead to a dark hill called Calvary. It is well that we remember that there were *three* Crosses on that hill. There were three that suffered and died. To each there came the same pain, the same lonely and torturous dying, but each met his lonely hour in his own way, and their ways were very different.

The first thief had let himself be hardened and embittered by his terrible experience. According to the stern Roman justice, he was receiving "only the due rewards of his deeds"; but he never thought of that and shouted flaming words of cursing and rebellion. To the innocent MASTER dying beside him he cried "If you are the MESSIAH save yourself and us!" He was just thinking of his own skin. When men think thusly, suffering hardens them.

The second thief took his fate quite differently. He admitted the justice of his own punishment, but he had the grace to look with seeing eyes at the man dying beside him who was innocent. His heart and mind had room to think of another's pain, the injustice to JESUS, even in his own last hour. He rebuked his fellow-thief, "This man hath done nothing amiss." And to JESUS he said, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom." Even as you and I, the penitent thief was still thinking of himself; yet in his agony, he gave thought to Him who hung there beside him; and caught a glimpse of His kindly love and majesty. When men suffer thus, their suffering softens and refines them.

Then, there was the central Cross, and there one saw the mighty suffering that redeems. JESUS was not bemoaning His fate; not denouncing His enemies; not hurling words of hot anger. He accepted His Cross, and from it, prayed for His enemies; reached out a saving hand to the penitent thief; gave His mother and John into each other's care; put Himself into the hands of His FATHER. He was there to show the Love of GOD to men; and He used the Cross for that great purpose.

Most of us have some sort of Cross, some kind of deep and inward suffering, and we are free—not to escape that Cross—but to make it into one kind or another. Will yours, through self-pity, become the Cross that hardens you and others; or will it be the Cross that softens and refines; or even, through the grace of GOD, the Cross that redeems? GOD leaves you free to make that choice!

THE ANTIDOTE TO PANIC

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)
In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)
GOD is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. (Isaiah 12:2)
Those who know GOD have stability. (Daniel 11:32—Moffatt)
Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in GOD, believe also in me. (St. John 14:1)
In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto GOD. And the peace of GOD, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7—R.V.)

We read an article sometime ago entitled "You'd Better Be Panic Proof." It was a warning against panic in case of fire in public buildings. But people get panicky in many situations. They get panicky about life; about the troubles they have to meet, the burdens they have to carry, the work they have to do. Their "nerves" get the better of them, and they lose self-control. The few verses from the Bible quoted above are a sure antidote to panic. Read them again and again—commit them to memory, and you will find a strange but blessed confidence take possession of your soul.

A beautiful Chalice Veil and Burse for the LENTEN SEASON was dedicated to the Service of the Mysteries of the Sacred Altar of the Church last Sunday at the hour of the Holy Communion. This lovely addition to the many beautiful adornments of the Altar was given by Miss Edna H. Meyers, President of the Altar Guild, in memory of Miss Susan Thackara who gave 29 years of faithful and untiring service to St. Stephen's Altar Guild.

The Rector will preach at the Noon-Day Services and conduct a Healing Mission in CALVARY CHURCH, Memphis, Tenn., during the week of March 9-13.

BISHOP SCAIFE

Our Lenten Noon-Day preacher this week is the Rt. Rev. Lauriston L. Scaife, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Western New York. Bishop Scaife served as Rector of CALVARY CHURCH, Pittsburgh, between the years of 1945-48. He was consecrated Bishop of Western New York on May 13, 1948. Few men in the Episcopate have a broader, cultural base than Bishop Scaife. He was educated at TRINITY COLLEGE (B.A. 1931, D.D. 1948); the University of Gottingen, Harvard University, the General Theological Seminary (S.T.B. 1938, S.T.D. 1948) and the RUSSIAN Theological Academy, Paris, (S.T.D. 1940). He is a Trustee of the Russian Theological Academy Fund and of St. Vladimir's Russian Orthodox Seminary. In the Summer of 1948, Bishop Scaife attended the Lambeth Conference, where he was a member of the Committee on Standards and Theological Education.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Hadley B. Williams, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, who will be our Lenten preacher Saturday, March 14th.

Our warm appreciation goes to the following subscribers for the 1953 Church Bulletins: Mary Louise Seltzer, Chris Wyld, Mr. and Mrs. H. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Morris, Mrs. Walter J. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. W. D. Dunn, V. A. McCall, Mrs. Adele M. Tatu, Miss N. V. Miller.

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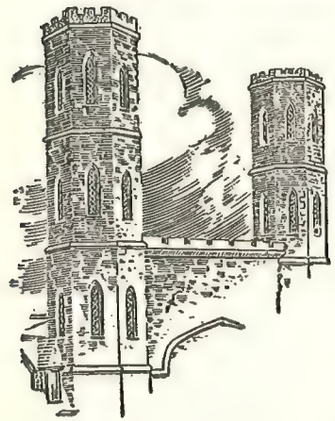
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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Romanza from Symphony" ..... *Hayden*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59 ..... *St. Flavian*

KYRIE ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*

ANTHEM: "There Shall Be No More Night" ..... *David Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of GOD and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of GOD and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun, for the Lord GOD shall give them light; and they shall reign forever and ever.

SERMON: "Extra Ecclesiasm Nulla Salus" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 415 ..... *Martyn*

SANCTUS ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*

COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 356 ..... *Evelyns*

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THE INSIDE OF THE CUP

We like to think of Jesus as the Comforter, and He *was*—but we forget that the true meaning of "Comforter" is "Strength-Giver". He was not at all interested in making life easy for men. Instead, He came to make men strong for life. Last week we found Him asking us, "What do ye more than these?" He expected our spirits to live as strenuously as our young men in the snows of Korea, or the raw cold of service on the Pacific. All true leaders of men have led their followers into tough campaigns to win Kingdoms. Jesus out-did them all by calling on His followers for a lifetime of strenuous sacrifice to win the Kingdom of GOD.

In Matthew's Gospel, we find Jesus facing the smug Pharisees with scorching words that laid open their unlovely souls. Speaking to a great crowd, he said directly at the Pharisees, "You take a great deal of pains to polish up the outside of your lives so that they will *look* clean to people; but, actually, you are like the graves in your cemeteries, neatly whitewashed on the outside, but full of corruption within." The Pharisees did not like those burning words because they knew that Jesus spoke the truth. Jesus went on, "Clean up the inside of your lives first. Cleanse your hearts."

Jesus spoke that same great truth over and over again. "The Kingdom of GOD is *within you*"—take pains that GOD rules your heart, your will, your inner life, from which all your thoughts and deeds flow. They are the wellspring of your life—get that clear and clean—and your sick souls will come strong and healthy with His strength.

When the French went down to Panama to dig the Great Canal, they took doctors to treat patients for fever; but the fever killed doctors and patients alike, and the French finally withdrew, defeated. They had been working on "the outside of the cup". When General Goettals went down to Panama with the Americans, he took engineers and great ditchers, and immense quantities of sewer pipes, and drained the foul marshes, and did away with the disease carrying mosquitoes; and thus defeated the fever at its source. So he built the Panama Canal by paying attention to the "inside of the cup"!

For us, this Lent can be a Panama Canal of the spirit. We can get at the source of our sickness of spirit, deep within us, praying GOD to help us clean out the swamps of our self-love, our self-centeredness. In the quietness of your room, pray GOD, "Create a clean heart in me, O GOD", and let Him wade into your inner life with you It will be strenuous, but, in the end if you persist with Him in cleaning out ugly self-love you will find that deep comfort which comes only from cleansing the wellsprings of our lives!

BISHOP LUDLOW

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Melville B. Gurley, Rector of St. John's Church, Cynwyd, who will be our Lenten preacher on Saturday, March 7th.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

Classes for instruction meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A. M. in the Rector's Study. It is not too late to join.

EACH ONE BRING ONE

This is your Rectors' recipe for improving church attendance. It is good to have a full church, and it is even better when we remember that a church is full when it is *full* of people. GOD loves people and He loves to see them in church. GOD loves *you,* and He loves to see you in church. Let every parishioner resolve to be in church at least on Sundays in LENT. "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord."

The Rector will conduct a Spiritual Healing Mission twice a day from Monday through Friday (March 2-6) in St. Georges Church, Bridgeport, Conn.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"A member of Christ, a child of GOD, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of GOD."

October 19—Joanne Audrey Adams
26—Judith Bonney Meckling
27—Richard John Ireland
January 4—Nancy Elaine Troth

Marriages

"Those Whom GOD Hath Joined Together"

February 14—Albert James Hill, Margaret Elizabeth Dewar

Burials

"Grant, O Lord, that they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service, in Thy heavenly Kingdom."

October 11—George K. Hogg
24—Romaine McMullin Harding
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14—Claudia Freeland
28—Josephine McGarvey
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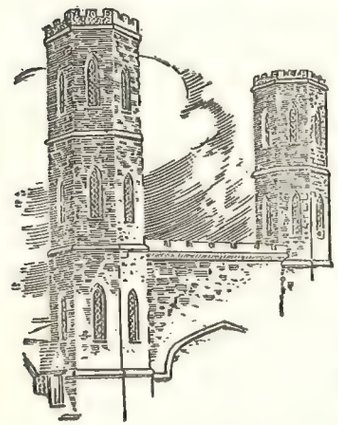
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Chorale Prelude on Old Hundred Twenty-Fourth .....*H. Alexander Matthews*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 536 .....*Old Hundred Twenty-Fourth*

VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*

PSALM 107: 1-16, page 476

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 .....*Hyde*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 .....*Chant*

ANTHEM: "Let Us Now Praise Famous Men" .....*H. Vaughn Williams*
Let us now praise famous men—and our fathers that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their powers.
Leaders of the people by their counsels and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing;
All these were honoured in their generations, and were the glory of their times.
And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth forevermore.

SERMON: "Heritage" .....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 393 .....*St. Catherine*

AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 519 .....*Tony-y-Botel*

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The Cross has been called the "great plus sign"—the sign that Jesus was willing to do more for men than any other life had ever done. That sign was the key to his life, His teaching. He was forever bidding, "Go the second mile." "Do more than is expected of you; more than your plain duty." Look back into the years behind you, reader—it is the "extra" things that people did for you that you remember most—the altogether unexpected kindness, the deed so generous that it took your breath away. It is the people who "did more" who have blessed your life most richly. Some of you are in the habit of wearing a cross of silver or of gold. Many of us wear an invisible cross, marked on your foreheads at baptism. All of us should be carrying an onseen cross in our hearts, accepted when we choose mature membership in some branch of the Church of CHRIST. That cross is the great plus sign, friend—it means that you are one of those whom the world can expect to do "more than others."

Even in war times, in war-cursed places, there are men who continue to carry the cross; like a young doctor from the city in World War II, stationed at an evacuation hospital back of the lines in Germany. One day he overheard two German women talking anxiously together about a friend who was expecting a baby soon. For some reason they were most alarmed about her condition. He asked them to take him to the women, and half an hour later he was examing her. When he was finished, he could reassure her that all was well; and he told her to come to the American hospital when her hour came; and they would take care of her. She was very grateful, as you can guess, and so were her two friends. The next day, when the young doctor returned to his living quarters, he found that the two women had scrubbed and cleaned his rooms until they shone. He had done more than any enemy could expect of him. He had loved his enemies to their great surprise. As a result there were three more women in Germany who did not believe the Nazi propaganda that all Americans are cruel beasts. For Jesus' command for us to "do more" is not impractical idealism. Only by "doing more" can we bind the world together in peace. Strengthen that habit of "doing more"!

SUGGESTED BOOK LIST OF LENTEN READINGS

Chapters in Church History—Dawley
The Faith of The Church—Peke and Pittinger
The Worship of the Church—Shepherd
The Holy Scriptures—Dentan
Marching Off The Map—H. Luccock
On Proving GOD—R. Hazelton
A Faith For Tough Times—H. E. Fosdick
Our Children and GOD—Mrs. C. H. Hamilton
Prayers of the Christian Life—J. H. Stephens
An Autobiography of Prayer—A. E. Day

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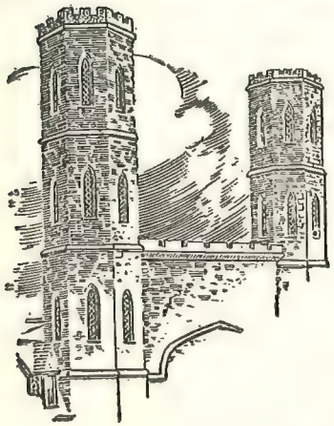
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157.....*Christe Sanctorum*

VENITE, page 9 .....*Chant*

PSALM 75, page 431

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE.....*Thiman*

IN PLACE OF BENEDICTUS—Anthem: "With a Voice of Singing".....*Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard. Alleluia. Utter it unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people. Alleluia. O be joyful in God all ye lands. O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

ANTHEM: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place".....*Brahms*
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord, of Hosts! For my soul it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord, my soul and body crieth out, yea for the living GOD. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise Thy name evermore.

SERMON: "One Hundred and Thirty Years".....THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 289.....*St. Anne*

AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS

SEVENFOLD AMEN .....*Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 398.....*Quam Dilecta*

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JESUS was very hungry. As He prayed and thought about the days ahead, His body ached for food. He knew that His task was to found the Kingdom of GOD on earth, but at the moment, bread may have seemed the most important thing in the world. Why not first get something to eat; and *then* think some more about the Kingdom? In a vision the devil seemed to say to Him, "Use your divine powers to turn some of the stones near you into bread. After all, *bread comes first.*" Then there flashed into His mind an ancient word, "Man doth not live by bread alone; but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." Bread is ever so important; it is necessary for life. But bread alone cannot give real life in all its glory. Only GOD can give that! That was JESUS' answer; and the devil quickly changed the subject.

The leaders of the Hebrew people had been talking of a kingdom of plenty and prosperity, "flowing with milk and honey." They put the things of bread first. It is an easy way to popularity, used by cheap leaders today as in every age.

But JESUS had not come to found another disappointing bread-kingdom. He had come to found the Kingdom of GOD, which is the kingdom where GOD comes first—before bread, before comfort, before everything else. Bread comes first with pigs—but the children of GOD were not meant to be pigs. JESUS taught, "Seek ye *first* the Kingdom of GOD and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He knew that GOD has a way of caring for the needs of those who put Him first in their lives.

During the coming weeks of LENT, honest Christians will be examining their lives in GOD'S light. Many will discover that they have been putting the things of bread first—have been caring most about taking care of themselves and "getting ahead." The devil says to them, "Get that new home first, and there will be plenty of time left to think about the things of GOD afterwards." But if they will go forward prayerfully into LENT, they will see, in a flash, that the nicest new home cannot give them happiness unless GOD is in it. They must put GOD first.

LENT may well be your temptation in the wilderness. It may be a tough fight. It may mean a hard decision. But, if you face it with GOD, you will find victory. By putting Him first in all your plans, you will find that peace of heart which cannot come from bread alone, the peace of GOD which passeth all understanding.

An interesting Forum conducted by the Department of Christian Social Relations will be held at Christ Church Neighborhood House, 20 No. America Street on Monday, February 16th, at 4:30 P. M. (cost $1.35). Outstanding speakers have been secured to present the Church's stand on vital Domestic and International Social Relations. The Forum will bring the problems into the open—show clearly the Church's position, and outline your responsibility.

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The Rector gave a lecture on THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION to the members of Dr. John Hart's JUNTO Class on February 5th.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Armstrong will visit our parish on Sunday, April 19th at 11:00 o'clock to administer the Rite of Confirmation. We shall be happy to present to him any members of our parish who have not as yet been confirmed and would like to be. A number have been preparing to take this step and have been in attendance at the Rector's Class of Instruction on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A. M. It is not too late to join the class.

The rector will preach at the Noon-Day Services and conduct a Spiritual Healing Mission during the evenings in St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, N. Y., February 23rd to the 27th. He will conduct a Healing Mission in St. George's Church, Bridgeport, Conn., during the week of March 2nd to 6th. He will preach at the Noon-Day Services in Calvary Church, Memphis, Tenn., March 9th-13th. He will preach in the Cathedral in Pittsburgh at the Noon-Day Services March 16th-20th and conduct Healing Missions in the suburban parishes in the evenings. On Wednesday, March 25th, he will preach in Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A. M. Bishop Hart will preach at 12:30 P. M. Bishop Roberts, retired Bishop of Shanghai, will preach on Thursday. Dr. John R. Hart of Valley Forge will be the preacher on Friday and Saturday.

CORPORATE COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST

On Saturday, February 21st, THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW will sponsor, again the Diocesan Holy Communion for men and boys in observance of Washington's Birthday. The Service is in St. Stephen's at 8:00 A.M. The Speaker at the breakfast will be General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps. *Make your reservation now.*

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VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 73, page 428

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: "My Song Shall Always Be THY Mercy" ..... *Mendelssohn*
My song shall always be THY mercy, singing THY praise,
Thou only GOD, my tongue ever speaks the goodness Thou hast done unto me. I wander in night and foulest darkness, and mine enemies stand threatening around; yet called I upon the Name of the LORD, and He redeemed me with watchful goodness. (Duet from THE HYMN OF PRAISE).

SERMON—What Makes You "Tick"? ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 565 ..... *Fortitude*

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Often it happens that people ask something of us—and we do not have it. The lame man, begging alms at the gate of the Temple called Beautiful, asked Peter for money; and Peter did not have it.

Peter was thoughtful for a moment. He did not have what the man wanted. But still he began to ask himself, "What have I that *could* help this man? I can't do what he asks, but can I do *something?*" Swiftly GOD'S Spirit in Peter showed him that he had something far more precious than what the man had asked— not a coin or two to drop in a beggar's hand, but the power that would release him from begging at all! So he bade the man, "In the Name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And the amazed man suddenly found himself walking on sound ankles; able to work and support himself.

So many people, when they cannot do what a person asks of them, shrug their shoulders sorrowfully, and do nothing. That is too easy a way out of the situation. For GOD has endowed every living person with precious gifts with which he can help others, if he is willing. Yours may not be five-talent gifts (and, again, they *may* be!), but, consecrated to aid those about you, they can bring great joy and comfort. Your bounden duty is to use the talents GOD gave you, with all your faithfulness and strength.

Once Dwight L. Moody was preaching to a great crowd. He was thinking more of his burning message than of the literary form of it. After the service, a fussy-minded man said to Mr. Moody, "You spoke with great eloquence tonight, but—I hope you will not mind my mentioning it—I noticed that you mispronounced four words, and made five mistakes in grammar." Mr. Moody smiled quietly, and replied, "I don't doubt it for a moment. My early education was both scanty and faulty. But I am using all the grammar I know in the service of CHRIST—how is it with you?" He was saying, in different words, "Such as I have, I give . . ."

BURD SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Ethel Van Winkle and Mrs. Mary Walters, Supervisors, have resigned because of ill health. Miss Gloria Keaton, a former Burd School girl, is now the Second Dormitory Supervisor. Mrs. Dorothy Hibbs is now supervising the Sewing Room. Aileen Wood, a Junior at Girls' High School, was elected Recording Secretary for the WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR INQUIRERS

When did the Episcopal Church come to our country? Did Henry *VIII* really found the Episcopal Church? What does the Church teach regarding "confession", "repentance", "forgiveness?" Where did the prayer book come from? How can we participate better in the services of the Church? These, and many other questions will be answered at the Confirmation Instruction Lectures for adults and young people, which are hold on Sunday mornings in the Rector's Study at 10:00 A. M.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy GOD led thee."
—Deut. 8:2

On Sunday, February 15th, we shall celebrate the One Hundred and Thirtieth Anniversary of the consecration of ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. The Rector will preach the Anniversary Sermon at the 11:00 o'clock Service.

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In grateful appreciation we record below a partial list of our Church Bulletin subscribers for 1953. As space permits additional acknowledgments will be made in subsequent bulletins. Thank you for your your patience as well as your response!:

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 361.....*St. James*

KYRIE .....*Willan*

ANTHEM: "At Thy Feet We Humbly Kneel".....*J. S. Bach*

1. At Thy feet we humbly kneel,
Lord be near us;
May we now Thy presence feel,
Lord be near us;
Fill our hearts with love of Thee,
Lord be near us;
In Thy mercy hear us.

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In Thine everlasting arms,
Hold and cheer us,
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SERMON—"The Cleansing Way".....*The Rector*

OFFERTORY HYMN 572.....*Maryton*

SANCTUS .....*Willan*

COMMUNION HYMN 197.....*Picardy*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.....*Old Chant*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 560.....*Pentecost*

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THS STORMS OF LIFE

In the parable of two houses, Jesus tells of a terrific storm, much like the hurricanes in the Caribbean Sea. The MASTER spotlights two houses in a town—one of them stood firmly against the howling storm; the other went down in a crash of wreckage. And people said, "How sudden!" But Jesus points out that the fall of that house without foundations was not sudden at all. For long months and years, as the owner worked on it, he had been building for a fall. It was only the storm that was sudden—as it suddenly showed up the weakness of the house. In like manner, there was nothing surprising about the firmness of the other house. Jesus said that this man "digged deep, and laid the foundations on a rock." He had long been building for that judgment day. Week by week he had made sure that his house would stand in stormy days.

In our communities we see this truth acted out before our eyes. Some man or woman falls from a position of respect—cheats a customer, deserts a wife, robs a store; and people say, "How sudden!" Or another rises to prominence—rescues a drowning man, is made head of a business concern, makes a discovery in medicine; and superficial people say, "How sudden!" But all these people had been building, long and steadily, for their collapse or strength. Some built their daily habits of thought and conduct shabbily, carelessly, with no foundation of faith or discipline under them. Others built faithfully, disciplining themselves to see the right from the wrong, and doing it, to obey GOD'S Will, trusting Him for the outcome. Any one who knew their inmost lives could predict surely which would collapse, and which would stand, when the storm of adversity or temptation hit their lives. The glory of the life of Jesus is summed up in the Cross—where the full blast of men's hate and treachery and stupidity beat upon the lonely Figure, and He stood against the storm victoriously. For His life was grounded in His trust in the Father, the Almighty GOD. Following Jesus is simply building one's life on God, every hour of every day.

April, 1908, judgment day came to the architects and building contractors of California. For forty-eight seconds the ground trembled like a leaf in that great earthquake. When it was over, David Starr Jordan, president of the great university there, looked out over the wreckage of his own campus, and said, "Nothing came down which ought not to have come down. The buildings which fell were not built right in the first place." It was the lifelong habit of shoddiness or integrity, in architects and builders, which long before had determined which buildings would stand in the stormy day. Sooner or later, the storm hits every life!

YOU CAN HELP REDUCE THE MORTALITY RATE

of toys at the Children's Hospital by adding to the supply with your children's or grandchildren's discarded playthings. Miss Hess, our Hospital Magazine Lady, will see that they are delivered from the Church Office. There is a lonely little red and white rocking horse in the Parish Secretary's "toy closet" right now, begging for company, so let's share those toys, remembering that "Happiness was born a *twin*!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 12-15: Christian Living Conference at Church of the Holy Apostles and The Mediator

February 15: One Hundred & Thirtieth Anniversary Sermon, 11:00 A. M.

February 17: Dedication of new Organ, 8:00 P. M.

February 18: Ash Wednesday

February 21: Corporate Communion of Brotherhood of St. Andrew at 8 A. M. Breakfast follows.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH—1823-1953

On Sunday, February 15, the Rector will give an historical sermon on the founding and early years of our Church. There will be a presentation at this service of a GOD and COUNTRY Medal presented to one of our city's outstanding Boy Scouts who is also a valued member of our corps of chancel assistants. We refer to Charles E. Lewis, Jr., The climax of our celebration will come on Tuesday, February 17th at 8:00 P. M. when our magnificent new three-manual Organ of fifty-nine stops will be dedicated. An outstanding program of Organ solos will be played by Robert Elmore, Organist and Choirmaster of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and spirited choral numbers will be sung by the combined choirs of St. Stephen's Church and the Church of the Holy Trinity, under the direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews.

WHY IS CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT?

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The Rectory Club (ministers' wives) will have luncheon and meeting in the Community House on February 10th.

The booklet "Our Parish in Action" is now ready for the printer. Do we have your telephone number?

We will be glad to send a notice of the Organ Dedication Service to any of your friends, if you will send us their names and addresses.

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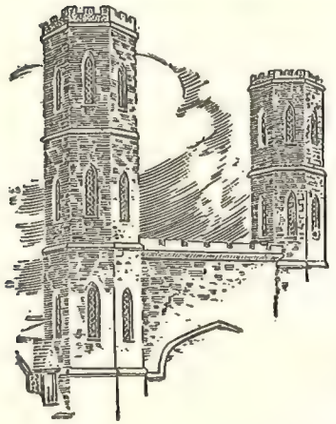
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INVITATION

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*

VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*

PSALM 132, page 508

BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Thiman*

BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: "How Beautiful Are the Feet" ..... *Handel*
Soprano Solo from MESSIAH—How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.

SERMON—"Christian Leadership" ..... MR. RONALD J. MCCARTHY

OFFERTORY HYMN 566 ..... *Galilee*

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SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*

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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Every soldier has his vision tested. If he does not see what he should, then his vision has to be corrected. In the Kingdom of GOD the vision of its citizens is equally important. The difficulty is that so many have faulty vision and do nothing about it.

As Dr. Butterick has said, "Every life will be tested finally by this test—does it see *faces,* or only *things?*" Some business men see nothing but things—price lists, profit, sales resistance; while others see faces—the faces of those who work, of those who have no work. Some statesmen see nothing but things—battleships, voting booths, newspaper headlines; others see faces—faces of the poor, the faces of little children, the myriad faces of those slain in war. Some ministers see only things—church buildings, year books, card catalogues; others see faces—faces wistful and sin-scarred, faces lonely and courageous. *The MASTER saw nothing but faces—nothing on earth but faces, nothing in heaven but faces, nothing in hell but faces.* But one man says, "I am a farmer—as I sweat through the summer, I see a well-stocked vegetable cellar, ready for winter; and a heavy crop of potatoes to sell." Another, "I am a mother, so I see new clothes to put on my children's backs." Another, "I am a crossing-tender—it is my business to see trains and schedules." Another, "I am an old lady, so my mind keeps seeing the monthly old-age check, hoping it won't shrink." Another, "I am a sick woman in a hospital—do you blame me for seeing the dull, tatsteless food, and the same old four walls week after week?" These people see *things;* and do not expect to see anything more.

But the MASTER corrected people's vision; and still does. "The blind receive their sight." He taught the farmer to work through the summer, thinking of the happy faces of the family for which he is the provider; the satisfied faces of the customers buying his fine potatoes; He taught the mother to keep her thoughts on the shining faces of children who know that they are loved; and may learn that best through carefully mended old clothes. He teaches the crossing-tender to think of the faces of families welcoming their men home at the end of the day—safe home, because he has done his job faithfully. He teaches the old lady to see the faces of the world's hungry children; and to scrimp in order to help feed them. He teaches the sick person in the hospital to see the bitterness in the faces of the patients who know not GOD; and, putting her whole trust in Him, to find that peace that gives new life to those about her.

What do YOU see when you look out on life? Does your faulty vision pick out *things*? Then your next step is plain. Seek out the MASTER in your inmost heart, and put yourself in His hands. Once more it will be written, "The blind receive their sight." For your thoughts will be filled with *faces* all the rest of your days, the faces of those who can depend on you to care for them!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Classes begin Sunday, February 1st, at 10:00 A. M. in the Rector's Study. Are you bringing some one? The classes are for all—people already confirmed who wish to renew their knowledge of the Church, people who are curious about the Church, or people who are planning definitely to be confirmed. For these latter, the classes are a prerequisite to their confirmation.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Church is making a special effort this year to enlist better support for theological education. Partly this is an outgrowth of a dozen years of co-operative effort on the part of the seminaries to obtain an annual contribution. Partly it is an expression of growing concern for the Church and its ministry, and partly, it is the result of a definite need.

All the Theological Schools of the Church are filled to capacity, increased costs all along the line, students' G. I. are now running out, still a serious shortage of clergy, but still only about *one-third* of the parishes of the Church offering any support to the seminaries.

The custom throughout the country is to take an annual offering and send it to the seminary from which their rector was graduated. Here at ST. STEPHEN'S we divide the offering between the CAMBRIDGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL and the PHILADELPHIA DIVINITY SCHOOL.

Our parish offering will be received on *Sunday, January 25th,* and it is your chance to have a share in the great work which our Theological Schools are doing. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

Mr. Ronald J. McCarthy, Bursar of the Philadelphia Divinity School, will be our guest preacher Sunday, January 25th, and will speak on the important work that is being done in his school.

CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN LIVING

What are the Christian Living Conferences?

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When and Where Conference Meets:

January 22-25 St. Mary's Church, Ardmore Ave., Ardmore.
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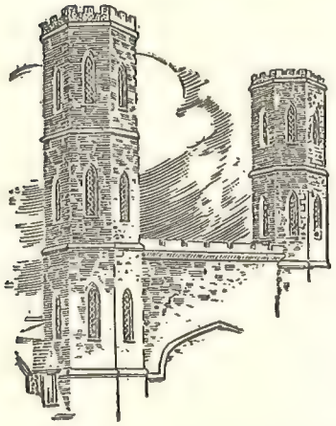
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ANTHEM: "To Whom Then Will Ye Liken GOD" ..... *Horatio Parker*

To whom then will ye liken Me? saith the Holy One, to whom? Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting GOD, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary and they shall walk and not faint. Have ye not known? Have ye not heard that the everlasting GOD, the Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is weary? Praise Him and magnify His holy name for ever. Amen.

Sermon: "GOD Is Our Hope" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 288 ..... *Hanover*

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Opening Prayer: O GOD, the Giver of all spiritual grace and the author of eternal life, Grant that the people of this household may reverently hear and receive Thy holy Word, and reverently praise Thee not only with their lips but in their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (John Wallace Suter, adapted)

Bible Reading: St. Matthew 5:13-16

The Sermon:

Jean Kenyon Mackenzie, who for ten years was a talented missionary among the Bulu people of Africa, once wrote:

"Minla is the little black boy who carries my lantern on my journey through the forest of our neighborhood. He is too small to carry more of outfit, but he has begged to go with me. 'Even if I cannot carry a real load,' he tells me, ' can carry a lantern, and surely you will be needing one.'

"Sometimes, on the highway, the sound has been the sound of so many feet that I have said to Minla, 'Cover the lantern.' And this he does with the skirt of the little cloth he wears around his middle. Then I am able to see the many people who have been following our light; sometimes as many as fifty carriers crowding up behind us, leaning forward under the weight of the loads they are carrying, looking at the white woman and at the black boy who carries the lantern. You will always be followed in the night of the forest if you carry a lantern; the people who walk in that great darkness are glad to follow that light."

And *you* will always be followed if you carry the Light through the darkness of our life on earth. There is so much of darkness and of mystery in this life; so much that men cannot understand. There are so many difficulties and obstacles hidden in the darkness, over which men stumble when there is no light on the Path.

I like to think of many of you, walking humbly and surely along the trail of life, with the Light of the World in your heart. You have learned by experience that your life would be cold and dark without Him; so you depend on Him to kindle you into fatihful loving-kindness. Perhaps you had not known it, but stop a moment and be quiet—there are people following you along the trail of life, because of that Light in your heart. "You will always be followed in the night of the forest if you carry a lantern!"

Closing Prayer:

O GOD, Thou art the help and refuge of all Thy children. From everlasting to everlasting Thou art GOD. To our weakness Thou art strength. In our darkness Thou art Light. To our sorrow Thou are comfort and peace . We cannot declare Thy love. For all Thy goodness we bless and praise Thee. May we ever feel Thy presence; and may we love the things that Thou lovest, and serve Thee with the service of our daily lives. AMEN. (From H. R. L. Sheppard's "This Day")

A THOUGHT FOR ABSENTEES

Remember what Lincoln said? "It is more important for us to be on GOD'S side than to ask Him to be on our side." If communism according to our thinking is on the side of GOD-less-ness, then whose side are we on? Every Sunday in church is a vote on GOD'S side. Every Sunday away from church, except for inescapable reasons, is a non-participation in what people are calling today the crisis of our times.

Forty-three persons sat down to the annual Christmas dinner sponsored by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling and the Christmas Dinner Fund of St. Stephen's Church. Those who would have to eat alone on Christmas are invited to this annual happy occasion. Everyone stayed until five o'clock to enjoy the movies and good fellowship.

THE MOTORISTS' PRAYER

Teach us to drive through life without skidding into other peoples' business. Preserve our brake linings that we may stop before we go too far. Help us to hear the knocks in our own motors and close our ears to the clashing of other people's gears. Keep alcohol in our radiators and ut of our stomachs. Absolve us from the mania of trying to pass the other autombile on a narrow road. Open our eyes to the traffic signs and keep our feet on the brakes. AMEN.

U. T. O. REPORT

Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Parish Custodian for the UNITED THANK OFFERING, says the women turned in $361.59 on the occasion of the Fall Ingathering. 117 women participated in this most generous offering. The total for the year was $655.83.

NOTICE TO PARISH LEADERS

We are now ready to publish our annual booklet "Our Parish in Action." Reports from all parish organizations along with other reports of achievements during the past year are now requested from all our Parish Leaders. Written reports should be sent to the Church Office not later than January 28th. Please co-operate. Thank you.

The Rector will give an address at the Berry-Long Memorial Methodist Church at 58th Street and Springfield Avenue on Sunday evening, January 18th, at 7:45 P. M.

The Rector will speak to an open meeting of the BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW in GRACE CHURCH, Allentown, Penna., on Wednesday, January 21st at 8:00 P. M.

The Rector will meet with the Dean of THE EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL OF CAMBRIDGE, Mass., and twenty-one of the Alumni who are resident in our Diocese on Saturday, January 17th, at ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, Chestnut Hill.

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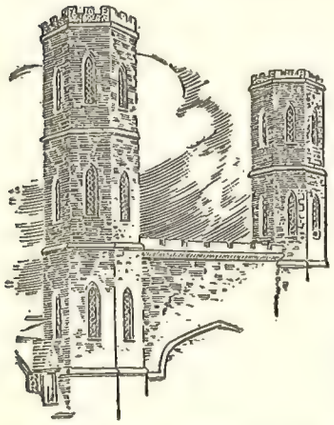
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INVITATION

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ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 49 ..... *Valour*
VENITE, page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 57, page 409
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS, page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Through the dark the dreamers came" ..... *Mabel Daniels*

Through the dark the dreamers came,
Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame of a star,
Via, via, De profundis via.

But the way did not seem shadowy or long,
It was brightened by a dream and a song.
"Gloria in excelsis gloria."

It was worth the journeying to the weary end,
For they found their dream a King and a Friend,
Maxima, Gloria Die maxima!

SERMON: "Better to Light A Candle" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 46 ..... *Morning Star*
AMERICA—PRESENTATION OF COLORS
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 48 ..... *Stuttgart*

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Opening Prayer: O mighty Spirit of GOD, incite our hearts and minds to seek the way of the CHRIST, and give us strength faithfully to follow the same through all discouragements, for His own sake. AMEN. (St. Augustine)

Bible Reading: Romans 8:31-39

The Sermon:

It was a very wise doctor who once said, "Most people think that all we have to know is what disease the patient has. Often it is more important to know *what patient has the disease.*" How right he was! I've seen two patients come into a tuberculosis sanatorium, each with the same excellent chance of recovery from an early case. One settled down, with courage and faith, to take a good cure, and in eighteen months returned to his home and family, to earn his living. The other sulked and fumed, and broke the hospital rules; and did not recover. With these two people, it did not make so much difference what disease the patient had. It made all the difference in the world what patient had the disease.

Thomas Mann, the famous author, was discussing the effect of illness upon the career of a writer. He did not think that just being sick either makes or breaks a writer, but that, in a person of courage and talent, illness will stimulate and enrich that career—*"it depends on who is sick."* When a sick man lets the sickness stir him to a deeper dependence on GOD, and a more self-forgetful love of others, then you get a Robert Louis Stevenson or a Dr. Trudeau.

It is fashionable to account for success or failure by circumstances. "So-and-so succeeded because he got the breaks." "I lost out because luck was against me." But the fact is that a man or woman of true faith can take even misfortune, and make something great out of it; can take long months in a tuberculosis sanatorium, and make new character out of it. The fact is that Jesus took the grisly, shameful Cross, and made a sign of victory out of it. Paul cries joyfully, in the face of the worst life can do to us, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." If we will let Him, GOD can take even our mistakes and our crosses, and weave them into a pattern of beauty.

A Persian student was telling how they make beautiful carpets in his country. The carpet-to-be is hung vertically on a frame, and little boys, sitting on planks at various levels, put in the colors from the wrong side. The artist stands on the right side of the rug, giving directions to the boys on the other side, telling them what colors to use, and where. The boys obey, not seeing the pattern at all. "Don't they ever get tired or careless, and make a mistake?" asked a friend. "Well, of course they do," the student replied, "and quite often the artist doesn't make the boy take out the wrong color. If he is a really great artist, he weaves the mistake into the pattern, and it is lost in the beautiful design."

Closing Prayer:

Take from us now, O GOD, all tediousness of spirit, all impatience and unquietness. Let us possess ourselves in patience, and resign our souls and bodies into Thy hands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN. (Jeremy Taylor)

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. Eleven hundred copies are printed each week. Some 700 are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of the forty-eight states in the country, and in addition to people in Canada and Japan. It goes to shut-ins and men in the service and to those who value the weekly messages. It costs $30.00 a week to print and to mail this publication. There are 44 issues a year at a total cost of $1,320.00. Last year, the total received from individuals was $685.36. If every family would give $2.00 a year, the cost would be met. Of course, a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing and handling of the mail make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES

The Rector's Confirmation instruction class will meet every Sunday morning at 10:00 A. M. Attendance upon the instruction class does not commit you in any way. However, the Rector desires the opportunity of presenting the why and wherefore of this important subject. Confirmation is a service in which you are asked to come and receive GOD'S blessing at the hands of one of the Church's chief pastors, the present day successor of the apostles. The service has come down through the ages. Today more than three-fourths of the total number of Christian people are confirmed.

The instruction class begins Sunday, February 1st, at 10:00 A. M. Bishop Armstrong will visit St. Stephen's for Confirmation on Sunday, April 19th.

INSTITUTE OF PRAYER

is being held in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 13, 14, and 15th. The afternoon sessions will be held at 2:30 P. M. and the evening sessions at 8:00 P. M. Dr. Glenn Clark, writer, teacher, founder and director of the Camps Farthest Out, will speak and so also will Ruth Robinson, author of "Prayer and Health.' Alice Kraft, specialist in the art of merging and integrating the spiritual, mental, and physical, through rhythmic movement will conduct her classes in the Community House.

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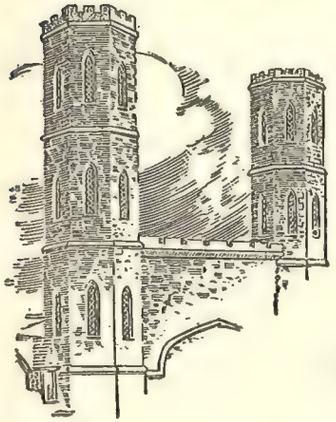
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 434 ..... *St. Oswald*

KYRIE ..... *Stanford*

ANTHEM: "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" ..... *M. Praetorius*

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming,
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright
Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Saviour
When half-spent was the night.

SERMON: "The Divine Continuity" ..... THE RECTOR

OFFERTORY HYMN 319 ..... *Richmond*

SANCTUS ..... *Stanford*

COMMUNION HYMN 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*

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RECESSIONAL HYMN 561 ..... *St. Boniface*

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(The Prayer of a Chinese woman doctor, who sometimes thinks of her work as that of a cook, and so prays this morning prayer.
(From "The World At One In Prayer")

Bible Reading: I Samuel 3:1

The Sermon:

1953 is here. What are we going to do with these twelve months? Certainly we can start by remembering that GOD is found close by, in familiar places and in everyday experiences, so that we may draw new courage and strength out of the "materials that come to my hand." We do not have to travel to St. Peter's in Rome, or Westminster Abbey in London to find the great and abiding GOD. Why not give our hearts to letting Him speak to us more often; to letting Him speak through us to other people more steadily? Maude Royden puts it vividly:

"Did not GOD speak to some of you first through your mother's eyes? Or did not the first time come to others through the love of a friend? When Samuel heard the Voice of God, he thought it was just the voice of his best friend. So he said to his old friend, Eli, "You called me." But it was GOD Who called him, though it sounded like the voice of his friend.

"Do you know the touching little story of an Irish woman who was in great distress of mind because she had lost a sense of GOD'S nearness? She cried out, "Why doesn't He make me feel that He is here? How can He leave me alone? If I could only feel Him, know that He had touched me!" And an old woman who was sitting with her, said, "Pray to Him. Ask Him to touch you. He will put His hand on you." She began to pray in agony, and suddenly felt the Hand of GOD touching her. She cried out, "He has touched me!" And went into an ecstasy of joy. Then she said, "Do you know, it felt just like *your* hand?" And the old woman replied, "Sure, and what did you think God would be doing? Did you think He would make a long arm out of heaven to touch you? *He just took the hand that was nearest, and used that.*"

GOD takes the human beings that are nearest, and through them, we see love; and love is GOD. He takes the human hand of some friend or stranger, and uses that—we feel the touch of GOD! We stop saying, "It is only a friend." For after all, GOD is love; and GOD speaks to us by loving, human voices.

GOD speaks to you out of the every-day life. He also seeks to speak to those who are near to you; and, to accomplish that, He needs to be able to speak *through* you, to touch others through your voice and hand. Let that be your 1953 adventure—that you may be the voice that is nearest, the hand that is close by—the one that GOD can use!

Closing Prayer:

Increase, O Lord, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another; in suffering, tend one another; and in homelessness, loneliness or exile, befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testings of these days be ended, and Thou dost give again peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN. (Used in the air raid shelters of England in the last war. From "The World At One In Prayer")

WORKERS' COMMUNION

On Sunday, January 4th, there will be a special service of Holy Communion at 11:00 o'clock to which we invite our young people, and all the active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the year at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask GOD'S blessing upon all we do.

RESOLVED FOR 1953: In a world of ill-will, to be the bearers of good-will—to replace disunity by community—to banish despair by hope, fear by trust, hate by love.

The Rector is anxious to publish *Our Annual Booklet* with all the Parish Reports as soon as possible. This is our *130th Anniversary.* Officers of our Parish Organizations, *please take note.*

A MINISTER'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Birthdays, anniversaries,
A dozen cards will bring.
At Christmas come six hundred cards
To make his heart to sing!
The other cards congratulate
For an event or date,
But Christmas cards are thank you cards,
'Tho many may be late
In their appreciation
Of kindnesses performed,
Of healing, and of ministry
To hearts that have been warmed.
Gift-giving is commercialized.
'Twas not intended so
To celebrate the birthday
Of the Christ-Child, long ago.

But that so many cards of thanks
Can come from grateful souls
Makes Christmas-time his happy time,
When gratitude unfolds—ELIZABETH V. D. PRICE

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Easter

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Philadelphia, Pa.

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9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on pages 162-65

10:45 A. M.—Personal Prayer and Meditation

11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION & SERMON BY MR. ATTENBOROUGH

Music and Choir under direction of DR. H. ALEXANDER MATTHEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE—Choral Improvisation on Plain Song Theme "O Filii et Filiae" ..... *Matthews*
O Morn of Beauty, morn of gladness..... *Sibelius*
Awakening joy dispelling shades of night;
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of Peace and Light;
Sing and rejoice with joyful Alleluias, Sing Alleluia!
Processional Hymn 87 ..... *Fortunatus*
Sentences
Lord's Prayer
Versicles
Christ, Our Passover, is sacrificed for us..... *Tours*
The COMMUNION SERVICE, Page 67
Short Kyrie ..... *Tallis*
The Anthem—The Strife is O'er ..... *Thiman*
Text to be found in Hymn 91
The Sermon ..... MR. ATTENBOROUGH
Offertory Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
Sanctus ..... *Noble*
Communion Hymn 197 ..... *17th Century Melody*
Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Old Chant*
Benediction
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 96 ..... *All Hallows*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. The Flowers on the East window are in memory of the Magee family. The flowers on the Atmore window are in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore. The flowers on the Pancoast window have been provided by Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

4:00 P.M.—Miss Yeakle's Bible Class

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON by Rev. Gustav Meckling

Organ Prelude—Russian Easter ..... *Rimsky-Korsakoff*
Processional Hymns 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
Kyrie ..... *Merbecke*
Sermon Hymn 89 ..... *Salzburg*
Sermon ..... MR. MECKLING
Easter Music by our soloists: MRS. STEVENSON, MR. HENNINGER and MR. SYLVESTER
Sanctus ..... *Merbecke*
Agnus Dei ..... *Merbecke*
Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Old Chant*
Vesper Hymn 173 ..... *St. Nicholas*
Benediction
Recessional Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

Another Easter has come. We unite in Communion, prayer and praise with simple and sincere devotion, believing every word that we use. It is a wonderful time. We feel uplifted and inspired, and we go forward with strength renewed. We see death defeated. That has been our vision. We see also that there is radiant life on the other side of what we call death.

Calvary was not the end of the work and Mission of Jesus. Indeed, it is true to say that His work was only a beginning. Neither is His work finished yet. Countless thousands are feeding on Him in their hearts today by faith. They are leading a life of glorious adventure, endeavoring to do all things through Christ—looking to Him for strength, health, holiness, and service.

Everlasting life, this is the thought that fills our minds today as we meditate upon the discarded grave clothes, the empty tomb of our royal and victorious Lord, as we wait with Mary in the garden, with the disciples in the upper room to greet His Risen Presence, to express our love and gratitude, to renew the allegiance of our faithful service.

We count ourselves amongst the little band of early disciples, for whom life was henceforth to hold a power, a magic hitherto unknown, and we, like them, must learn to take a forward rather than a backward look. So often, like Mary, we linger by the empty grave unconscious of the Risen Master, Who demands our ministry of service, and Who brings to us in the Resurrection life just the power that we need to bring those very good desires to good effect.

As we receive the Risen Life of our Lord, mediated to us under the sacramental forms of Bread and Wine, we must expect great things; we must go forward to exercise the Christ within us: we must meet our difficulties, plan our enterprises, phrase our devotions in the consciousness of that victorious strength for the body no less than the soul, which He in the power of the Risen Life communicates to us. . . . "The strong must come lest they become weak and the weak that they may become strong: the sick must come to be cured, the healthy to be preserved. They that love leisure must come because they have no excuse, they that have no leisure must come thither that by so excellent religion they may sanctify their business." Even so may we attain conformity with the risen Lord.

Affectionately and faithfully,

Your Rector,
ALFRED W. PRICE

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Dr. Price has written us that he expects to arrive back in Philadelphia on Tuesday or Wednesday, April 20th or 21st. We all have enjoyed his most interesting Bulletins, sent us from Germany, and will welcome our beloved Rector back with us with heartfelt enthusiasm. The exact time of his arrival is not known, but we do know that next Sunday he will be with us again and will preach at 11:00 A. M.

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EASTER OFFERING

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the Spirit directs us. For this purpose please use the enclosed envelope.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 1954

10:30 P. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector.

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 1954

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON
by the Rev. A. A. Attenborough

St. Stephen's Day

Sunday, December 26, 1954

Watchnight Service

Friday, December 31st, 1954, at 11:00 P. M.
Prayer and Address by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
Followed by the Holy Communion

Holy Days

Dec. 27—St. John, The Evangelist
Dec. 28th—Holy Innocents
HOLY COMMUNION on the above days at 8:00 A. M.

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out *GOD?* Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "Christmas Offering." Will you use it for a gift for Him?



St. Stephen's Church—1954

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1954
CHRISTMAS EVE
10:30 P. M.
HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

CHOIR PRELUDE, at 10:30, From the Hymnal:
No. 22—From Heaven High
No. 29—Dost Thou In A Manger Lie?
No. 32—All My Heart This Night Rejoices
No. 45—Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
No. 20—Of the Father's Love Begotten

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fidelis*
KYRIE, Hymnal 701 ..... *Merbecke-Martin*
ANTHEM, Glory to God ..... *Handel*
SERMON—The Miracle of Birnam Wood ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 33 ..... *Holy Night*
GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
PRAYERS
BENEDICTION, Sevenfold Amen
RECESSIONAL HYMN 21 ..... *St. Louis*
ORGAN POSTLUDE: In Dulci Jubilo ..... *Bach*

CHRISTMAS DAY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1954
9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE REV. A. A. ATTENBOROUGH
Christmas Music Under the Direction of Mr. John H. Henzel

CHOIR PRELUDE, From the Hymnal:
No. 42—Gloria
No. 29—Dost Thou in A Manger Lie?
No. 26—Sing, O Sing, this Blessed Morn
No. 17—I know A Rose Tree Springing
No. 20—Of the Father's Love Begotten

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 16 ..... *Yorkshire*
KYRIE, Hymnal 701 ..... *Merbecke-Martin*
ANTHEM, Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light ..... *Bach*
SERMON ..... THE REV. A. A. ATTENBOROUGH
OFFERTORY HYMN 19 ..... *Carol*
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 33 ..... *Holy Night*
GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
BENEDICTION, Sevenfold Amen
RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Regent Square*
ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Von Himmel Hoch" ..... *Bach*

THE RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MAY LOVE AND PEACE BE IN YOUR HEARTS AND HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS TIDE, BRINGING LIFE AND JOY.

On behalf of the Rector and the Staff of St. Stephen's Church, I want to wish every member and friend of our Parish a truly happy Christmas.

Amid the many types of celebration—social and gastronomic—we know that the true happiness depends on realizing with new vividness the spiritual significance of the Season, the Coming of Jesus.

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become Sons of God, even to THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME."

"He came unto His own": There were those who welcomed His Coming with joy —Mary and Joseph, shepherds and wisemen, Simeon and Anna; but there were many who received Him not. He was not wanted by the world at large. *"She laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."* This is an oft-repeated story. Yet all are His; all need Him. He and every man "belong" to each other.

I remember reading a story which can be a parable. A master musician passing a second-hand junk shop, noticed in the window an old violin. It was dirty, cracked and without strings; but he recognized it as from the hand of a master craftsman.

He bought it, took it home, cleaned and repaired it; put on strings, and tuned it with certainty; soon it was making the loveliest music in his hands.

The musician came to his own—that to which he belonged and through which he could express himself. The violin also came to its own and surrendered to the master's handling, it became the best it could be, in its capacity to make music. That was what it was meant for; thus its maker's intention was realized.

Jesus took our human nature, He was fashioned as a man. There is no impassable gulf between the human and the Divine. The essence of the Divine could be expressed through a human body and mind, in His life and character, His holiness and goodness, His love and grace. He is the Master Musician, Who has made perfect harmony through this human nature of ours; He has made the divine Word audible through it. He has shown us that it is capable of expressing the Divine Music.

And still today, when He comes to us, He comes to His own, to each whom He perfectly understands. He can make us and keep us in tune with the Divine Spirit.

As we yield to Him, we surrender to Him that which is His own, which belongs to Him. *"It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves." "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price."* He takes that which is His own, by creation and redemption, and makes us able to express harmony in life, health and service, in a way we could hardly have dreamed possible. He can produce a harmony within which not only means the end of inner strain and conflicts, but a wholeness and peace which is a positive source of power—power to become in very truth Sons of God.

And then, too, through us there shall go forth a harmony which will express His Spirit, will work towards the healing of the world's wounds, and swell the Angels' song of *"Glory to God in the highest, on earth, Peace, good will towards men."*

Oh, come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for Thee.

ALFRED W. PRICE

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The Societies of St. Stephen's Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6. p. m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 P. M.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting Third Thursday at 11 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3 p. m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p. m.
Order of St. Luke: First and Third Mondays.
Prayer Fellowship: Fourth Thursday at 7:45 p. m.
The Camp Farthest Out: Third Thursday, 8 p. m.
Parish Council is composed of the leaders of all the Parish Organizations, and meets at the call of the Rector.
The Burd School: 4226 Baltimore Ave. Trustees—The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen. Directress—Miss Charlotte U. Day. An endowed homelike dwelling for fatherless girls. Accepted from four to eight years. Educated at public schools and professionally equipped according to ability.

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The Philadelphia Council of Churches;
The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America;
The World Council of Churches.

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P. M. and at 5:30 P. M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear and anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

From 4:00 A. M. to midnight every day intercessory prayer is offered by the seventy members of our Prayer Fellowship for the recovery of sick persons whose names have been sent to the Rector. The names of those for whom prayer is offered are kept on the altar. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1954

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Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service speak to one another.

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on page 67
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on Pages 95-96

10:45 A. M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditation upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the Ministers, your fellow worshippers and the world.

11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Music and Choir under the direction of Mr. John H. Henzel, A.A.G.O.

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Chorale in B Minor ..... *Franck*
The Processional Hymn, No. 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*
Opening Sentences, Page 4
TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6
TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 96, Page 459 (Respnosively)
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 626
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:1-13
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14, Hymnal 639
TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15
TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 95
The Special Prayers, Page 17
TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: And The Glory of The Lord ..... *Handel*
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: Why Do People Suffer? ..... The Rector
TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 440 ..... *Watchman*
The Presentation
AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Lancashire*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Harry B. Purcell and Miss Purcell, in memory of husband and father; by Mrs. Martha Atherton, in memory of mother, Caroline Owens, and Edward Donlan; and by Mrs. Harry Lyster, in memory of George W. Lyster.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and Sermon by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

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"AS THE LORD HAS BLESSED YOU . . ."

Someone reading this Bulletin may wish to make a pledge of financial support to St. Stephen's Church for 1955. They may report this desire over the telephone to the Rector, WAlnut 2-3807, giving the amount per week that they wish to pledge. Envelopes will be sent them if they so desire.

Those who attended Loyalty Sunday will realize that this Sunday has more to do with religion than it has to do with money. It is not an effort which specializes in salesmanship and pressure. Instead, it features soul-searching and prayer.

"How much is my share of the budget?" is a question St. Stephen's' parishioners are learning not to ask because it is an improper question. It must not be answered, but denied, because *NO BUDGET CAN POSSIBLY EXPRESS WHAT GOD'S PEOPLE OWE HIM.* And this is what Loyalty Sunday is about.

Not "What's my share?" but "What does God want returned of what He has given me?" This is not a question of simple arithmetic, but of personal commitment, of devotion, of Christian responsibility.

All that we possess is God's, and only temporarily has He entrusted us with oversight of anything. How does He want His possessions used? This is the question the "God's share" plan teaches us to ask.

It endeavors to teach us to answer the question with the words "love" and "sacrifice." A pledge that really reflects love with all its overtones of thanksgiving is one which involves sacrifice. It puts God's will at the top of one's personal budget.

It is important to tell you that for another year's work we need $75,000.00 in pledges to undertake what we are commanded by God to do in the Parish, the Diocese and the World.

It is even more important to remind you that such a sum of money will not be raised by token giving nor by occasional contributions nor by a few generous people—nor should it be.

Christian giving has always been thought of as the "tithe"—one-tenth of income for Church and Charities. This year I ask you to consider 5% of your income as God's share of your material life—the modern tithe.

Someone said, "If I were to tithe, it would change my whole standard of living." Precisely! Christ dares us to get off the gold standard and onto God's standard of living.

Won't you consider prayerfully this Bible Standard of Christian giving when you make your pledge for 1955?

PLEDGES RECEIVED

At the request of the Every Member Canvass Committee, we are adopting a practice in most progressive churches throughout the land and will list the names of those from whom pledges and gifts to the support of St. Stephen's in 1955 have been received. This is a partial list of those from whom pledges have been received. Others will follow during the coming issues of the Bulletin.

PLEDGES AND GIFTS RECEIVED:

Mary J. Allen, Elizabeth G. Anderson, Florence Appel, The Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Attenborough, Mrs. Florence Baratelli, Miss Anna Bondira, Elanor H. Buckson, Carrie H. Buehler, Mrs. Charles E. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Coffee, Arthur C. Comby, Anne R. Daley, Emma Daley, Miriam I. Daley, Charlotte U. Day, Mrs. Ann E. Ewing, Mrs. Mildred C. Faris, Willard J. Ferris, Miss Katharine M. Field, Marie B. Forbes, Emma DeTreux Funck, Mr. and Mrs. David S. Gamble, Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Miss Grace Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. David L. German, George T. Gibbs, Margaret L. Gill, Grace W. Graham, Mrs. Henry Groh, Jane R. Harper, Miss Marion Headman, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Henzel, Mrs. H. Rex Herder, Emily Hewett, Miss Edwina S. Hild, Elizabeth W. Homan, Mrs. Charles Hutt, Frances T. Kalich, Madeline Kenner, Theresa Kerry, Theresa E. King, Dorothy E. Kohl, Adele M. Lewis, Mary C. Kutzer, Miss Ida M. Landenberger, Mrs. Frances F. Loverin, Anna M. C. Lundh, Harry Lyster, David Magee, Jane S. McEldowney, Miss Nellie V. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore S. Miller, Edward Shippen Morris, Herbert Old, Mary Orme, Thomas S. Orme, Jacqueline Paulsen, Mrs. Margaret D. Poole, Alfred W. Price, Evelyn E. Price, Mrs. H. B. Pursell, Mabel B. Pursell, I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mr. and Mrs. John Riehm, William H. Ruhl, Louise Savage, Mrs. Clara Schmid, Miss Mary Louise Seltzer, The Rev. and Mrs. Earl C. Sensor, Albert J. Sheehan, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Slatcher, Marion Slatcher, Joyce Smedley, Mrs. Franklin E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Smith, Isobel Smyth, Mae Snedden, F. L. Steele, Mrs. William Thomson, Mrs. Lida Trautner, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Walker, Elaine Young, Mrs. F. H. Young.

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In an effort to extend further the services offered by St. Stephen's we have started having an early Communion on Prayer Book Holy Days. Tuesday, Dec. 21st is St. Thomas' Day. There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 A. M. Come and worship the Lord with us. Start the day right before you go to work.

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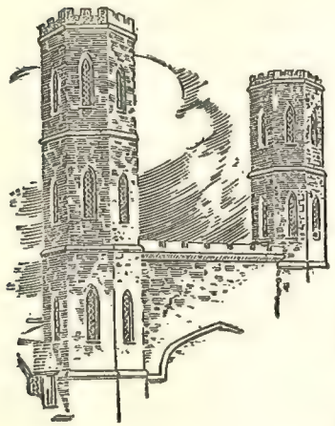
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The Anthem: Blessed Are They ..... *Blair*
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Music by the Treble Clef Chorus of Haddon Heights, N. J.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear People of St. Shephen's Church:

This Sunday is Loyalty Sunday—December 12th—when opportunity is given to everyone who will so co-operate, to pledge toward the Church's 1955 budget, in Church. For the past four weeks members of the Vestry have presented to the Sunday morning congregations in ten minute addresses the hopes and plans for the Parish of St. Stephen's in 1955. The Rector will conclude these addresses with a Sermon on the subject "Are We Fiddling While Rome Burns?" The Chest of Joash will be placed in the usual place in the Chancel and everyone present will be invited to sign a card indicating what he is prepared to give in 1955 for the support of that program, and place the card in the Chest of Joash.

It is a sobering thought to realize how important a day this is for this Parish, and for the whole Church, as well as for every person involved. Time Magazine (Oct. 11th) carried a full page advertisement which perhaps focuses our attention on the importance and meaning of Church giving. The Wells Organization, which specializes in Church Fund raising, paid for this appeal to Christian people, and I want to remind you of the fundamental issues they raised. It began with this headline:

A CHURCH SHOULD NEVER "BEG" FOR FUNDS—*NEVER!* and then it goes on to explain what this means.

"The spiritual advance that followers of Christ all over the world hope and pray for cannot come in fullest measure until it gets a *new kind of support* by the laity. It cannot without a *revolution in our very attitude toward Christian giving.*

"The concept is not new. It is as old as Christianity itself. It was told to the world in the Sermon On The Mount.

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"It is the concept that giving is not payment for services rendered, but an opportunity for grace to the giver. It is not 'I will give to the deserving', but, rather, 'I will give so that I may live'."

As members of the Church it is "proportionate giving" that should govern our contributions—a share of what God has given to us. I should like to commend the modern tithe to every member of this Church. After the Income Tax; place 10% of one's income in a special fund and then give 5% of that to the Church, and 5% to meet other charitable appeals. Thus will we be able to answer the question: "How much shall I give to the Church?" Will everyone who reads this try such a Biblical measuring rod for 1955? It will bless you far more than you realize.

Ask yourself, "What percentage of my income does the Lord want me to give, that His work may be strengthened here at home and His Mission be extended in my Diocese, our Nation, and the World?"

Ask that question honestly, pray for courage to act upon what the Lord tells you in your heart to do, and, being responsive to His will, you will find a new and deeper joy as a co-worker with Him!

Faithfully yours,
ALFRED W. PRICE

It is our great privilege to have with us for the Service this evening the Treble Clef Chorus of Haddon Heights, N. J. Under the direction of Helen Wyeth Peirce they will sing for us: 1 (a) Christmas Fantasy, Gilbert; (b) The Holy Child, Snodgrass; (c) Let Our Gladness Know No End, Bohemian-Ryg; (d) The 3 Wise Men, Kountz. 2. (a) Following Yonder Star, Williams; (b) Sleep Holy Babe, Caswall-Peirce; (c) Angels O'er The Fields, Dickinson.

Tomorrow's Organ Recital will be played by Mr. Wesley A. Day, F.A.G.O., Ch.M., F.T.C.L., of St. Mark's Church. His selections: Hymn-Tune Prelude on "Veni Emmanuel" by Strilko and Prelude, Adagio and Fugue in C by Bach.

BURD SCHOOL

On November 16th a very interesting forum took place in the Burd School consisting of the Board of Managers, members of the Staff and Representatives of the Women's Committee, the Alumnae and the Mothers. Matters of mutual concern were discussed such as the policies and internal operations, opinions on older boys visiting the girls, visiting and week-end priveleges, what Burd School has to offer after graduation, public relations, scholastic standards, program of religious education, program of the Alumnae, Women's Committee and program of Mothers. What we desire to accomplish this year.

REMOTE CONTROL

A librarian in Baltimore who has been a member of our Prayer Fellowship reports an incident stemming from our Thursday Healing activities: "One of the librarians with whom I work, was interested in hearing about your Prayer Fellowship and I furnished her with some of your pamphlets One of the jobs in this library is to proctor a roomful of noisy undergraduates at noon. This little lady has Thursday noon, and instead of running around giving warnings and making evictions, she sits down and tunes in your healing service. Her hour was so much quieter than the rest that I asked her how she did it. She said, 'By remote control', and told me the story. So I tried it, and do you know, it works!"

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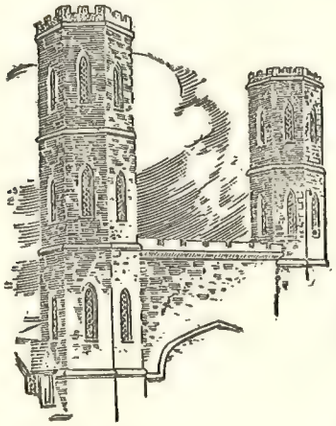
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"What have you that ye did not receive?" asks St. Paul. Every precious or desirable thing in this life has been given to us. Why shall not we be expected to give in return? Everything we possess is on loan from God. In our blind egotism we think it is ours. It is not ours; it is God's. Back to Him, He has a right to expect it to go.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

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INVENTORY MADE OF PARISH HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Wilson Leithead, Chairman of the Insurance Committee reported to the Vestry recently that a careful inventory of all the Parish House furnishings and other furniture owned by the Church has been prepared and typed. This is an invaluable record. All these articles have been numbered and valued, their location noted, and this is the record on which the insurance is based.

To date, we have received $313.45 from one hundred contributors towards the annual Benevolent Society Appeal.

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, Parish Custodian of the U. T. O., has received $342.69 from seventy-three contributors for the Fall Ingathering of this Missionary fund.

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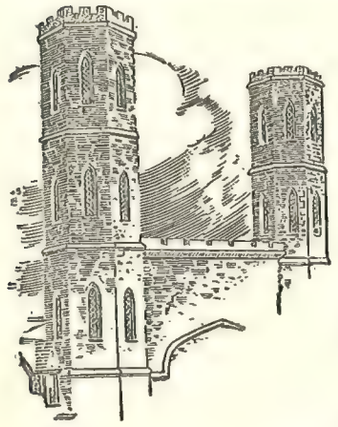
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II

You cant' do business from an empty wagon! That is true here at St. Stephen's Church. We must keep our stock replenished and up-to-date. The drawers must be full of attractive wares, wares that people need, and wares that people want. Just look now at the St. Stephen's wagon and see how true this is:

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III

You can't do business from an empty wagon! However, persuasive the peddler may be, he can't sell cloth unless he has a bolt of it ready on hand. He cant' sell you a broom unless he has one right there. No, you can't do business from an empty wagon! We cannot let St. Stephen's wagon ever become empty! We must keep it bursting with real goods. We must play our part as a down-town Church. The doors must stay open, the music must go on, the Burd School must continue, the Noonday services must be maintained. We are strategically located as the center of inspiration and good will. We have the opportunity to try new plans and methods, as they could not properly be tried in a suburban Church. Our freedom is unbelievably great, and our responsibility is in proportion to this freedom. Even with the best spirit, we cannot do business from an empty wagon. To replenish our stock, we estimate a need for the coming year 1955 of $75,000.00 from occasional visitors as well as from regular worshippers here in St. Stephen's Church. We all know that costs and prices are a way up over the prices of recent years. Many things cost practically double! By this token, we need increased pledges and contributions to meet the costs of our necessary stock supplies. I hope we will all remember this simple fact: "You can't do business from an empty wagon!"

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- Organ Prelude: Come, Savior of the Gentiles ..... *J. S. Bach*
- Processional Hymn 10 ..... *Winchester New*
- Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
- The Kyrie (Willan) ..... Page 68
- The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, Pages 92-93
- The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION
- Anthem: Blessed Is He That Cometh ..... *Gounod*
- Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
- The Sermon: "Procrustes" ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING
- The Offertory Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*
- The Presentation—Doxology
- Prayer for Whole State of the Church ..... Page 74

THE CONSECRATION
- The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
- Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
- Holy, Holy, Holy—Page 77 ..... *Willan*
- The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION
- Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
- (Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
- Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION
- The Peace of God ..... Page 84
- Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
- Recessional Hymn 253 ..... *Luebeck*
- Organ Postlude

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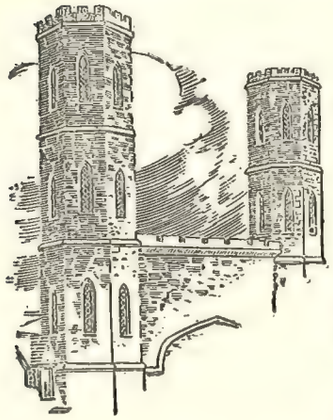
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Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sine Nomine*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie (Willan) ..... Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel ..... Pages 256-7
The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: Greater Love Hath No Man ..... *Ireland*
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bear our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified; ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood, A Holy Nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God, which is your reasonable service.
The Sermon: "Yesterday, Today, and Forever" ..... The Rector

THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn: 549 ..... *All Saints New*
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Recessional Hymn 125 ..... *Moultrie*

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ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1954

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on Sunday, November 7th:

Harry Sudit	Reba Fryer	Harry L. Talbot
Berenice B. Fewkes	William S. Patterson	Ida C. Scheaffer
Lois O'Donnel	Emogene H. Williamson	Harriet White McCaffery
Dora V. Trigg	Mary T. Irvin	Drucilla Mark
Mabel G. Parnell	Adelaide S. Carll	Clifford H. Baker
George N. Price	Lottie V. Laws	Anne Old Webster
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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

U. T. O. FALL INGATHERING, 1954

Sunday, November 7th, will be St. Stephen's Fall Ingathering for the United Thank Offering. Mrs. Ruth G. Leithead, the Parish Custodian, reports that in 1953 the women of our Parish gave $686.90 to express their "United Thanks" to Almighty God for His great and many blessings.

TEACHING AND HEALING MISSION

We are to have the great privilege here in St. Stephen's Church of having England's outstanding leader in the field of Spiritual Therapy, The Rev. John Maillard, conduct a Mission on November 21 to 24, inclusive.

The Rev. John Maillard writes of his Mission tour in North America: "It is a joy and a privilege to be visiting the U. S. A. We in England are deeply indebted to friends in the U. S. A., both for their material support, fellowship, and spiritual inspiration. We are members of the same family, by reason of the fact that we are fellow disciples of the same Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and not merely by reason of the fact that we speak the same language. The Mind of Christ transcends all national frontiers and racial barriers. Some of us believe that the U. S. A. can make a decisive contribution to the spiritual well being of the whole world at this critical stage in history, and be the rallying point of the Kingdom of God. I feel confident that my visit will confirm and strengthen this view. There is one big regret: during our ten weeks in the U. S. A. we can only fit in less than half of the invitations we have received.

A PRAYER FOR THE HEALING MISSION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Who healeth both the bodies and the souls of men; Who sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to heal every manner of sickness and disease; and Who hast called us in the name of Thy Servant, St. Luke, the physician, to bear witness to the continued working of Thy healing power in this world; pour out, we pray Thee, Thy Spirit upon all in this Parish who are in need of wholeness. Prepare them for that which they are about to receive. Bless the Ministry of Thy servant, John Maillard, in this place, and grant that those who come in faith to be healed may go forth praising Thee for Thy goodness. In Jesus' Name we ask it. Amen.

The EVERY MEMBER CANVASS theme for this year is "AS THE LORD HAS BLESSED YOU." This continues the stewardship emphasis developed over the past two years. The new Theme will stress both the responsibility to give and the responsibility to give wisely.

A SMILE IS WORTH NOTHING

It is worth nothing, that is, until you give it away. Then it becomes infinitely valuable. It benefits not only the giver but the one to whom it is given.

In this respect money is like a smile. As long as you keep it to yourself, nobody benefits. When you spend it on yourself, you gain a measure of satisfaction. But when you give it for God's work through His Church, a double reward accrues:

YOUR GIFT BLESSES OTHERS . . . YOUR GIVING BLESSES YOU!

SPEAK FOR YOUR CHURCH

"Why don't you let people know what your Church is? is the question often asked in wonder by those just learning to love it. "This worship", said one, "is what I have been looking for for years. It had been described to me as a mere formality. I find it full of life and earnestness." Said another: "I had long joined in the popular cry that your church was so exclusive. Now I know for myself that no other body of Christians has such liberal terms of communion. Why don't you take the pains to show that fact?" And yet another recently asked, "Why are you Church-men so close mouthed? You go about your own business and don't seem to care much for what others think. If you would only speak out for *your* Church as others do for theirs, you would do better."

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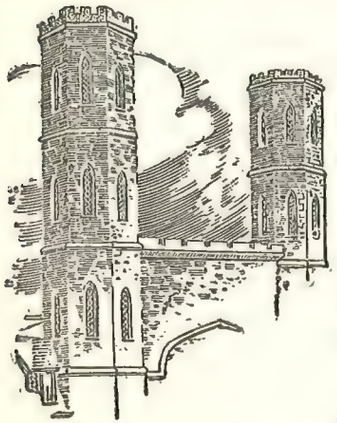
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The Processional Hymn No. 158 ..... *Puer Nobis*
Opening Sentences, Page 4
TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6
TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9 ..... Chant
Psalm 116, Page 486 (Responsively)
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: II Kings: 5
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Chant*
The Second Lesson: John 13: 1-15
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Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God, The secret of the Lord is theirs, Their soul is Christ's abode. The Lord, who left the heav'ns our life and peace to bring, To dwell in lowliness with men, Their pattern and their King; Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, And for His dwelling and His throne chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we Thy presence seek; May ours this blessing be; Give us a pure and lowly heart, A temple meet for Thee. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
Address: Dr. Miriam Van Waters; Need for a New Penology
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The Offertory Hymn 334 ..... *Penitence*
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The Recessional Hymn 553 ..... *Lancashire*

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AS THE LORD HATH BLESSED YOU

Our 1954 Every Member Canvass theme is "As the Lord Hath Blessed You." The emphasis is a double one. First, the theme stresses the fact that the Christian arrives at a fair division of the use of his possessions only when he measures the amount of his gift in relation to the blessings he has received, rather than in relation to programs or budgets.

St. Stephen's Vestry, co-operating with the Church's effort to teach proportionate giving in our stewardship this year is not presenting a budget prior to the Canvass. The budget will not be used as a canvassing tool. We must share our blessings, which is very different from sharing the budget. We must share what God has given us, whether it be time, talent or treasure.

Secondly the Canvass this year will attempt to develop the idea of stewardship as a method by which a giver grows spiritually when he adopts the principle of proportionate giving.

The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission in Trinity Cathedral, Newark, N. J., beginning Sunday evening, October 24th to 27th, inclusive. He will speak at the Noonday services at the Cathedral and to special groups of clergy and lap people. He will preach in the Church of the Ascension, Morristown, and St. Luke's, Montclair, on Monday and Tuesday evening, respectively.

BURD SCHOOL NEWS

Carol Austin began her course at St. Mary's Hospital for Children on October 1st. Aileen Wood has matriculated at the Connecticut College for Women. Patricia Riley is attending Ryder Business College at Trenton.

Six girls are studying piano, three girls are taking dancing lessons and two girls are studying art at the Snellenburg's Art Studio.

Two new girls were admitted to Burd School in September, Carol Friedmann, aged 5 years, 8 months; and Darlene Scott, aged 7 years, 8 months.

THE CANDLE OF FAITH

There is much darkness in the world—and each of us must decide what to do about it. In John 1, 5 we are reminded, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (Revised Standard translation).

What *can* we do about darkness? Kenneth Forman has written: "Let me tell you a parable, a parable of 7 men against the night. It came to pass in a certain corner of the world that 7 men stood on the hilltop as night came on. The first man lifted up his voice and sang a hymn of praise of night, 'O lovely night,' he sang, 'far more glorious than the day.' But his companions knew that in valleys where the shadows had fallen, wild things were creeping out of their dens, and they knew that the night was not more lovely than the day, but full of dismal things and dreadful.

"The second man said, in a cheerful voice, 'have no fear, my brothers! it is a long time since we have known a sun set. Only think sunny thoughts and night will never come.' But the night did not stay for his sunny thoughts, as the light kept fading from the sky.

"Another man walked up and down, his brain busy with a scheme whereby all the sunshine of forgotten hours might be preserved and the night thus kept back forever by the art and craft of man. But the night could not wait for his inventions, and the shadows drew nearer to the hill.

"A fourth man took the name of God on his lips and cried, 'O God, rend the heavens and come down! Send down legions of Thy Holy Angels and hurl the night back into the abyss.' But there came to pass no mighty miracle. No angel appeared in the after-glow and the shadows came nearer still.

"A fifth man also took the name of God upon his lips, but not in prayer. 'There is no God,' said he, 'or night could never be.' So in the name of the God in whom he did not believe, he cursed the night he hated.

"A sixth man then said to his fellows, 'Ye perceive how words profit nothing. Night must fall. There is nothing we can do.' And so, wrapping his garment about him, he laid down as an animal might, to sleep.

"But the 7th man, perceiving the folly of his companions, said no word, but took a candle which he had by him; and he lighted that candle and set in a safe and sheltered place, so that when night fell as fall indeed it did, there was one corner of the world that did not lie in shadows. So it became a proverb which the Chinese know to this day, 'It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.'"

Make certain that you have within your humble heart the candle of faith, that the light of the world may kindle it, and light your way, step by step. Trust that light! Natalie Victor has pointed out that all the complications of life are rapidly overcome, when God takes undisputed posession of His own. For light forever triumphs over darkness.

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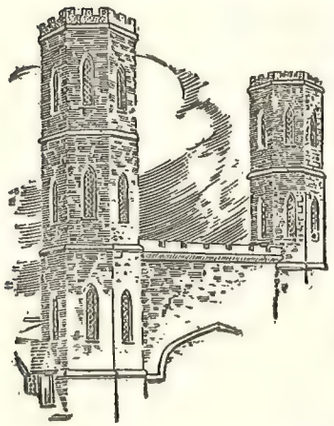
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The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR
Music and Choir under direction of Mr. John H. Henzel, A.A.G.O.

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Prayer ..... *Boellmann*
The Processional Hymn, No. 279 ..... *Praise to the Lord*
Opening Sentences, Page 4
TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6
TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9 ..... Chant
Psalm 91, Page 454 (Responsively)
TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14 ..... Dr. Herbert Old
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Chant*
The Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2 ..... Dr. Leighton Appleman
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14
TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15
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The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 214
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The Anthem: "In Faith I Quiet Wait" ..... *J. S. Bach*
In faith I quiet wait, and love Thee, O My God. Tho' oftentimes oppressed, By trouble, pain and want. In God I have enough, and patiently endure: God is my guard and shield, for me and for my house.
Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do His will, I know what e'er befall, His love doth lead me still. So, like a little child, who clasps his father's hand, serene I take my way: In faith untroubled stand.
TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Faith Healing—Fake or Reality" ..... The Rector
TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 529 ..... *Racine*
The Presentation
AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

The flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mothers' Meeting in memory of Departed Members, during the past year; and by Miss Helen Green and Mrs. Walter Lugar in memory of mother.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS

7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION and Sermon by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

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GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Miriam Van Waters will speak to us on October 24th, at 11 A. M. on the subject of the need of a New Penology. Dr. Van Waters has received an award for being one of the ten outstanding women of the United States. She is the daughter of a clergyman and her childhood was spent in Eastern Oregon where her father was an Archdeacon. She has been such things as Referee of the Juvenile Court in Los Angeles, a member of the Wickersham Crime Survey and President of the National Conference of Social Work. She not only has standing in this country but is recognized as one of the great authorities in this field from an international point of view. She is the Head of the Women's Reformatory at Framingham, Massachusetts.

WELCOME TO DOCTORS

Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato.

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of a fellow has a germ than what kind of a germ has a fellah."—Shattuck

"'Tis not the body but the man is ill."—Dr. Weir Mitchell.

JOY AND VICTORY

As we begin another winter together, I want to share with you a story which sticks in my mind, and helps me.

A veteran missionary, Hudson Taylor, was seated in an inn with a new missionary in China. He filled a glass brim-full of water, and then struck the table with his fist. As the water splashed out, he said to the young missionary, "remember, *they will only splash out of you what is in you.*" Think that over. Out of some people the blows of life will splash complaint and bitterness; but out of other people the very same blows will splash joy and victory.

That is what makes our religion so important. If people have little love and faith, and are filled with self-interest and self pity, life is forever splashing out of them whining and protest. But if through faithful worship and daily prayers, they are filled with the Spirit of God, then their worst enemies can only splash out of them patient, enduring love and quiet courage—as it was with Jesus on Calvary. Read the eighth chapter from Romans with some care, and see a group of people who had been hit by tribulation, anguish, persecution, famine, thread-bare clothing, danger, and Roman swords. And their answer to this pounding storm of troubles was to laugh and quietly reply, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerers through Him that loved us." They are sure that nothing can "Separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

When we are so filled with the love of God, it overflows our hearts, and into the lives of others. A child of the slums, his life twisted by the evils of slum living, altogether ignorant of God's love, was dying in a great hospital. A Christian woman came to sit beside his bed, and looking into his frightened eyes, said, "Son, God made you. God loves you. God sent His Son into the world to die for your sins, and to make you His child forever. Now He wants to take you home to be with Him forever." The boy looked at her with amazement, and said, "Lady, will you say that again?" She did, but still the boy could not believe that anything so wonderful could come to him; so he asked her to say it a third time. With a last effort, the boy sat upright in bed, and with an eternal joy in his voice said, "Lady, will you please thank Him for me?"

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. Henry M. Biggin, a second year man in the Philadelphia Divinity School, who is teaching a large class in our Sunday School. Mr. Biggin is a native of Newark, N. J.

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Adele M. Lewis, a valued member of St. Stephen's Church, celebrated her thirtieth anniversary on October 1st, as superintendent of the sixth Floor Nurses of Jefferson Hospital.

The Rector will speak to the students of the Philadelphia Divinity School on Tuesday, October 19th, at 9:00 A. M.

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The Rector will show his colored films to the members of the Leamy Home on Wednesday, October 20th.

We are grateful to the fifty people who have given $113.45 for the recent Benevolent Society appeal. The Society needs three hundred dollars additional in order to fulfill its sewing obligations to the various Hospitals in Philadelphia. Your contribution will be appreciated.

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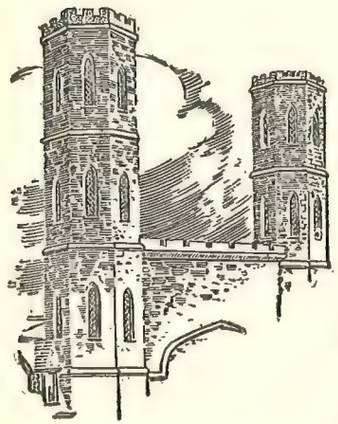
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THE PREPARATION
Organ Prelude: Andantino ..... *Franck*
Processional Hymn 278 ..... *Old Hundredth*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie (Willan) ..... Page 68
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THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: Jesu, Word of God Incarnate ..... *Mozart*
Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; On the Cross Thy sacred body, For us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from Thy peirced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, now and in death's agony.
The Sermon: Does Life Make Sense? ..... The Rector
THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*
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THE CONSECRATION
The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy—Page 77 ..... *Willan*
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82
THE COMMUNION
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)
THE THANKSGIVING
The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 ..... *Willan*
THE CONCLUSION
The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 391 ..... *Aurelia*
Organ Postlude

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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER & SERMON by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

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DEEPENING OUR INMOST THOUGHTS

I am reminded of the Columbia University professor, and of his passion always to go as quickly as possible. He met a visitor from India, far down town, and together they got on a subway train. At the next stop the professor shouted through the subway din, "We change here for an express, so that we can save 8 minutes." The man from India replied, "And what will we do with the 8 minutes?" There was no answer, for there was no purpose in the professor's haste.

Old Isaiah once said, "He that believeth shall not make haste." The wise people who believe deeply in God do not have to hurry about feverishly. They know that God takes His time—in His world you cannot speed up a field of hay, the growing of a child, or the forming of a true friendship. There are a few things that can be forced by hot-house methods; but the more precious treasures of life take time and care and patient tending. If you trust God, and are willing to work and wait, you will be rewarded. If you trust God, you do not have to make haste.

Furthermore, the person who goes at a moderate pace is less apt to miss golden opportunities. Look through the record of the Master's life, and you may be surprised to find how often He stopped on the way because someone needed Him. When He and His friends walked through a little town on their way to their destination, a woman would pluck Him by the elbow, or a blind man call from the crowd, or children struggle to catch His attention. And Jesus always stopped. The person who needed Him was more important to God than His getting to Jericho at precisely six o'clock; And God would take care of it if they were a bit late in arriving. God cares more about people than about slavish punctuality. Along the road of your life He has set many a glorious opportunity to give someone a lift, to say the right word when it is needed, to pass on your faith, or, often, for just plain friendship. If you go quietly, trusting in God, you will see those opportunities, and take them. As Robert Frost wrote:

"When a friend calls to me from the road,
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I dont' stand still and look around
On the hills I haven't hoed,
And shout from where I am, 'What is it?'
No, not as there is time to talk.
I thrust my hoe into the mellow ground,
Blade end up and five feet tall,
And plod; I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit."

The Rector will preach and conduct a Healing Service in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

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On Sunday, October 10th, from 1 to 5 P. M. there is to be a reunion of the hostesses and workers of the St. Stephen's Service Club, in the Community House, where they will relive the exciting war-days over again.

WORKERS' COMMUNION

Sunday, October 3rd, is World-Wide Sunday. We combine our annual "Workers' Communion" with this great day, and invite our young people, and all active members of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the Fall Season at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing upon all we do.

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INVITATION

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The Organ Prelude: Cantabile .....*Franck*
The Processional Hymn, No. 158 .....*Puer Nobis*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The First Lesson: I Kings 3: v. 5
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The Anthem: Grieve Not The Holy Spirit of God .....*Noble*
Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: How Can I Get A New Spirit .....THE RECTOR

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The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
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The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen .....*Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn ..370..... *Graefenberg*

The Flowers on the Altar today are presented by Mrs. Madeline Keller, in memory of Mrs. Horace Guillou.

4:00 P. M.—BIBLE CLASS IN COMMUNITY HOUSE
7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER & SERMON by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

BE PATIENT

"Be patient then, brothers, till the arrival of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious crop of the land, biding his time patiently until he gets the autumn and the spring rains. Have patience yourselves; strengthen your hearts . . ." So the modern translator gives us that 7th verse of the 5th Chapter of James. Everyone who has lived on a farm, or raised vegetables in the back yard, will understand those words. We are patient for a very practical reason—because it is worthwhile; Only through real patience, and careful tending, can we hope for a good yield. It is worthwhile to be patient.

The same is true of the art of living. Only by enduring patience can we make a difference in the lives of others. Only by enduring patience can we lead our children into the kind of a life which is worth living forever. The father of John Wesley once said to Mrs. Wesley, "How could you have had the patience to tell that blockhead the same thing twenty times over?" "If I had told him nineteen times, I should have lost all my labor," was the quiet reply. Had John Wesley been left in the hands of his impatient father, we might have had no powerful ambassador of Christ. But, because he had a patient mother, he learned at last; and his whole life lay under the command of His Master, who used it with contagious power. It is worthwhile to be patient.

We sometimes wonder how God can be so patient with His perverse and thick-headed children. Robert Ingersol, the cocky orator of the last century, once took out his watch, and laid it on the lecture table, saying, "I'll give God five minutes to strike me dead for the things I've said." In dramatic silence he waited until the watch ticked off the 5 minutes, while his audience sat in terrified suspense. The newspapers gave the incident big headlines. But one thoughtful citizen commented, rather dryly, "And did he think he could exhaust the patience of God in 5 minutes?"

God is long-suffering with each one of us, and with His whole family. And God is all-wise—*He would not be patient unless patience were the way of wisdom.* God leads the way in showing that it is eternally worthwhile to be patient.

ARE YOU A COMMUNICANT OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH?

Although a great deal more attention is being paid to the importance of transfers from one Parish to another, when a communicant moves to a new home, we still have on our records many people, who while faithfully making their communions in St. Stephen's have never been "canonically transferred" from their old Parishes. These we have to list as confirmed persons, when they should be communicants. A whole section of Canon 16 of the Canons of the Church is concerned with instructions regarding transfers when people move from one Parish to another. If you have been confirmed in St. Stephen's, you are counted as a communicant here. If you have any doubt as to having been transformed from a former Parish, will you take it up with the Rector? Our work is just this—seeing that our people really belong to us, and that they are not counted twice, or, worse still, not counted at all.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the annual appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year, the Benevolent Society sent 5,507 pieces of sewing at a cost of $443.57 for Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian, Woman's Hospital and Visiting Nurses Society. The materials for these garments are supplied by the hospitals and the Benevolent Society pays women to sew these articles in their homes. Five hundred dollars will just about cover estimated expenses for the season 1954-55. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing, and also the hospitals who desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

TURN BACKWARD, O TIME

Midnight, September 25th, marks the end of Daylight Saving Time for the year 1954. Remember to *set your clock BACK ONE HOUR!*

16th ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing of St. Stephen's Church is giving their Annual Bazaar in the Community House on Thursday, October 7th. A tasty luncheon will be served at noon, and a delicious dinner in the evening. COME TO THE BAZAAR.

BRIDGE PARTY

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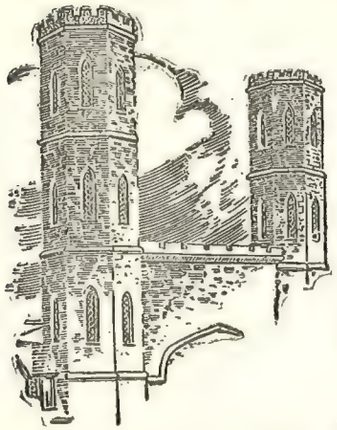
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: An Invitation to Joy .....The Rector

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The Offertory Hymn 281 .....*Alleluia*
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The Recessional Hymn 489 .....*Sicilian Mariners*

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LIVE ALL YOUR LIFE

A little girl wrote a letter to her minister who had become an army Chaplain, and was stationed in a dangerous spot overseas. Out of her affection for him, she ended her letter, "I hope you will live all of your life." When you stop, and think that over, it is rather a wonderful wish—that her friend would keep on truly *living* wherever he was, whatever he was doing, or whatever dangers were around him. That is my desire for you, that you will "LIVE all your life," that even the toughest days may have enough of victory in them to be joyous; enough of peace in them to be quietly confident; enough of faith in them to be filled with courage.

My experience leads me to believe that the only sure way to do this is to live very close to God. As the turbo-supercharger enables an aeroplane to maintain full power at an altitude of thirty thousand feet, where an ordinary plane has lost four-fifths of its power, so the Christian who walks with his God, listening and obeying, keeps strong as the toughest heights of life. Men who have been in great peril tell me that they have found this true. Friends, faced with the need of helping someone in deep waters, tell me that, after praying, the way opened up, and the friend came through with flying colors. The fact is that God is stronger than any temptation, any danger; and the person who has God in his heart is unconquerable.

When Dr. Patton was translating the New Testament into an island language, he found great difficulty in finding a native word for "faith." While in his study one day, deep at work on the translation, one of his native teachers came in hot and exhausted after a long walk. He threw himself down on the cane chair, put his feet up on another, and wiping his forehead, he used a word which meant, "I'm resting my whole weight here." Instantly Dr. Patton had the word he wanted. You simply "rest your whole weight" on God, day after day—then indeed you will "live all of your life."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Walker have presented the clergy of St. Stephen's Church with an oscillating, two-speed electric fan for use in the Chancel of the Church. Many thanks!

HOW BIG SHOULD A CHRISTIAN BE?

Dr. Gilbert Guffin, president of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, propounded a provocative question, indeed. "How big should a Christian be?" He answered his interrogation with the words of Paul, the Apostle, "Till we all come . . . into a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13).

1. Am I big enough to forgive and forget?
2. Am I big enough to love all men and keep on loving them for Christ's sake?
3. Am I big enough not to be offended?
4. Am I big enough to "keep on" when others receive the glory?
5. Am I big enough to be faithful to my office?
6. Am I big enough to give at least as much as was required of the faithful Jew that my Church and the cause of Christ may prosper?
7. Am I big enough to speak well of my fellow church members?

We gratefully acknowledge the following subscriptions to the Bulletin: Rembert T. Edsall, Mrs. Chris M. Haage, Miss Helen Ligget, Miss Helen F. Mockett, Mrs. Thomas Toomey, Mrs. Anna M. Troth, Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Mrs. John MacDougal, Mrs. Daisy Raynor, Mr. Stumpf, (an anonymous contributor.) Mrs. J. Granville Leach, Jr., Nicholas L. Todd.

YOU ARE INVITED to consider membership in this church. If you believe in God and wish to take your stand in fellowship with others—do so now. These are days of daring challenge to all of us who uphold Christ. The ministers of this church will be glad to confer with you about the meaning of membership here and invite your inquiry.

The Rector officially opened the Burd School for the year 1954-55 with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the School Chapel on Tuesday, September 14th.

The Rev. Mr. Attenborough will be on vacation from September 17th to October 17th.

The Rector will speak at the Chapel Service of the Central Y. M. C. A. on Thursday, September 23rd, at 7:30 P. M.

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BIBLE CLASS RESUMES

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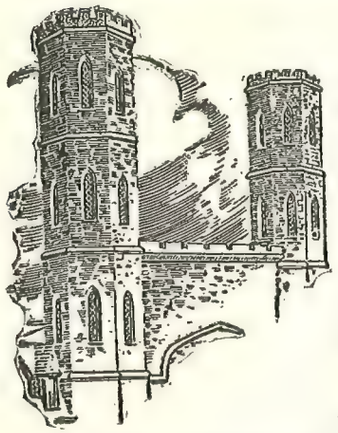
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Music and Choir under direction of Mr. John H. Henzel

THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: Andante ..... *Candlyn*
Processional Hymn 155 ..... *Melcombe*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie ..... Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel ..... Page 206
The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness (Solo) ..... *Dvorak*

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psalter. Every day will I extol Thee, and I will bless Thy holy name. Great is God and great His mercy; who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might; and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

The Sermon: "Shirt Sleeves To Shirt Sleeves" ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 511 ..... *Pleading Savior*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church ..... Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
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THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*
Organ Postlude

Flowers on the Altar today are presented by Susan C. Thackera Fund, in memory of Mother, Elizabeth C. Thackera; and by the Genshiemer Fund, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer.

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AS OTHERS SEE US

The Rev. Lewis L. Dunnington, a distinguished Methodist Minister of Iowa City, quotes the Rector in four pages of his book, "The Inner Splendor."

In a leading article in the Christian Herald in the June issue, the work of St. Stephen's Church in the Ministry of Healing was cited.

BEYOND THE PARISH

1953-1954

The Parish gave:

to the Diocese and National Church	$9,776.44
to The Builders for Christ	6,025.00
to Theological Education	234.25
to Episcopal Hospital	423.45

The Women gave:

to The United Thank Offering	695.65
for Flood Relief in Europe	45.00
Missionary Box	75.90

The Benevolent Society
sewed 5507 articles at a cost of $443.57 for Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian and Woman's Hospitals and Visiting Nurses Society.

The Church Periodical Club
sent 2,682 magazines to eight of the Philadelphia Hospitals.

The Woman's Auxiliary
gave $227.44 for Week for the Blind, St. John's Settlement House, Harrison Home, Galilee Mission, House of Rest, Children's Service, Periodical Club, Episcopal Church School-by-Mail, etc.

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The King's Daughters
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ST. STEPHEN'S GOES "OVER THE TOP"

The Diocese assigned us a quota of $6,000.00 for the Builders for Christ Fund, a very ambitious amount. We have now reached $6,025.00. This was made possible by the generous pledges and gifts from 124 persons. May their names be inscribed in gold in the Book of Good Deeds. Praise the Lord!

We acknowledge additional pledges towards the Builders For Christ Campaign from the Rev. and Mrs. Earl C. Sensor, Mrs. Ellen Vail.

SIGNED WITH HIS CROSS

It was Helen Keller, deaf and blind from birth, but who could see and hear with her mind, who said: "There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not a king among his."

We are joint heirs together with Christ. If it is royalty you seek, go no further. Every man, signed with His cross, is a Prince of God.

Put on your wedding garment. It is God's gift to you. The Christian, i.e., Christ's Man, is privileged to be always at the Feast. Think of it, "The fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven" is always at your disposal. Then why persist in dwelling in the "beggarly elements" of our mortal flesh? Look up, not down. We should ever walk in quiet faith, clothed and fed from above, in companionship with a King, even our Lord Jesus Christ, we walk our way through life. Come then whatever may of stresses and strains, as come they will, we find at the point of our greatest weakness His strength . Yes, we find it good to walk with Him in simple trust and faith. "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

Dr. Harold Royle, a physician (lay delegate to the Anglican Congress and the World Council of Churches from Australia), will give two lectures in St. Stephen's Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7th and 8th at 8 P. M., on the subject of the cooperation of the Clergyman and the Doctor in treating the sick. BRING A FRIEND!

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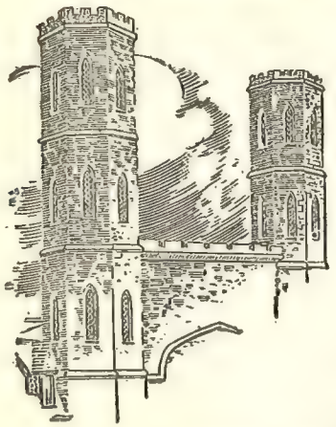
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The Processional Hymn, No. 567 .....*Dulce Carmen*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9 .....*Chant*
Psalms, Page 502 (Responsively) 121 & 122

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Genesis 3
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: Revelation 3 v. 7
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14 .....*Chant*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing, Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 191
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Immortal, Invisible .....*Thiman*
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccesible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all, life Thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree And wither and perish but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight, All laud we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of Light hideth Thee . Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "How Can We Be Sure?" .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn: 435 .....*Rest*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction
The Recessional Hymn: 578 .....*Pleyel's Hymn*

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ARE YOU GOING TO COLLEGE?

Which college? That is a question facing many young people as they graduate from high school and look forward to college. I took my college work at the University of Pennsylvania, my Senimary work at Harvard, post-graduate work at Oxford, England. Big colleges and universities are excellent, but if I had it to do over again, I think I would choose a small college. There is a spirit about a small college you miss in a larger one. You are more of an individual that just one of several thousand students, and the relationship between student and teacher is a more personal one. In addition to this, often in small colleges the professors are less secular and materialistic in their presentation than in larger institutions. We might name many more reasons for going to a smaller college than a larger one.

Most of the great colleges started out as church-sponsored institutions—Harvard, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Temple, Yale, and others. Some have lost their spiritual ideals in their bid for size and importance. But there are still a few which are really church colleges, and instead of students coming out of them with their feet planted firmly in mid-air, as is sometimes the case, students of smaller schools graduate more often with some spiritual ideals and purpose in life. And these are the best insurance policies toward future success. Students from any school, however, who graduate with only a diploma, a degree and little else, have not much to build upon. In this day of moral confusion, a college graduate needs much more than a college diploma to be a success. He needs something of a Christian character and spiritual ideals.

I would like to call your attention to several good church colleges with a high record for achievement and standing—Hobart (Geneva, N. Y.), Amherst (Amherst, Mass.), Kenyon (Gambier, Ohio), Trinity (Hartford, Conn.), University of the South (Swanee, Tenn.). And there are others. You would do well to write for catalogues from these schools and use them to help you in making your choice of a good college.

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If you would perpetuate your Christian Service, remember St. Stephen's in your will.

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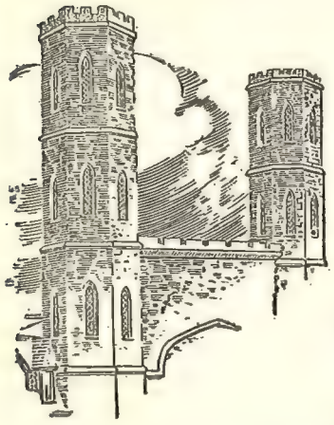
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The Processional Hymn, No. 367 .....*Laudes Domini*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

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O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9 .....*Chant*
Psalm 103, Page 466 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 .....*Ward*
The Second Lesson: Acts 9:1-22
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14 .....*Chant*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing, Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 188
The Special Prayers, **Page 17**

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: O Lord, Most Holy .....*Franck*
O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, and love Thee; Father grant us Thy Truth and grace; Father guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts. In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy, show us Thy favor; so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Brass Shields for Gold" .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 271 .....*Moscow*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen .....*Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn 270 .....*St. Athanasius*

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As a teacher, organist, conductor and composer, Dr. Matthews has exerted tremendous influence for good on hundreds of musicians who have come under his influence, and through some 500 musical compositions that influence will go on for many, many years to come, enriching the musical life of the Christian Churches.

We extend to Dr. Matthews our heartiest gratitude for all that he has meant to us over the years and wish him all happiness in the years that lie ahead.

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January 24th—Barbara Ann MacEachern
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May 30th—John Alfred Price, III
June 6th—Diane Dalin Shumate.

Marriages

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"
February 6th—Alexander McCreight
Anna Isabel Gailey
March 4th—Robert Jones
Fannie Smith
March 26th—Joseph J. Ahmie
Donna L. Ulsh
May 29th—Edward J. Van Dyke
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Burials

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and Light Perpetual shine upon them."
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If you would perpetuate your Christian Service, remember St. Stephen's Church in your will.

The Rector will address the Ministers' League of Allentown and vicinity on June 21st at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

The Rector and his family will spend July in Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey, and he will preach Sundays in St. John's Church.

We acknowledge with thanks the Bulletin subscriptions of: Mrs. Florence P. Reath, Mrs. Beatrice Cassady.

Dear Alfred:

Thanks for sending me the record of your trip abroad. I found it most interesting. It is not often we get on the inside of the news and from a discerning and yet sympathetic reporter.

Every Good Friday I am with you in St. Stephen's at the three-hour Service. That was an indelible memory of my short Episcopate in Pennsylvania. I have taken over a year old Mission in a college town, Claimont, and am now a Vicar. Why did anyone ever want to be a Bishop?

This Good Friday I conducted The Three Hour Passion Service in an auditorium of Scripps College with 150 in attendance. The same meeting at the foot of the Cross took place as I felt I was in St. Stephen's.

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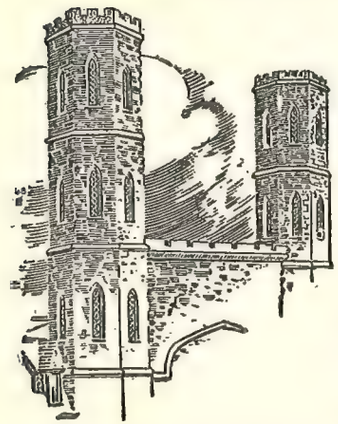
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THE PREPARATION

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Processional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*
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The Kyrie, Tertius Noble ..... Page 68
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THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: Grieve Not The Holy Spirit ..... *Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

The Sermon: "Playing With Fire" ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 368 ..... *St. Cuthbert*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church ..... Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy—Page 77 ..... *Tertius Noble*
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 379 ..... *Capetown*
Organ Postlude

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The Rector has been thrilled by the spirit of earnest, united, whole-hearted and sincere Christian consecration on the part of our membership that has made possible the raising of five thousand dollars for the Builders for Christ Campaign. True, we have not reached our goal of six thousand dollars, but we have done our best to present this challenge to every person interested in the program of the Church. We now conclude the Campaign efforts this Whitsunday as we had promised.

The Rector is very grateful for the very effective labors of Mr. I Smith Raspin and Mr. Wilson Leithead whose personal solicitations brought such prompt and generous results.

As we go to press, 97 individuals willingly, cheerfully, and with earnest enthusiasm have pledged the sum of $5,244.00.

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HUMPTY DUMPTY

What is there that is sure to make a person truly thankful? Not a big bank account, nice as that may be—for many a wealthy person is leaden-hearted. Not a healthy body—for many an athlete is grim of spirit. And a Humpty Dumpty (a friend of Margaret Applegarth's) can be deep-down grateful!

He was an air-pilot who had to bail out, and had a great fall, as the parachute did not work correctly. And all the King's doctors and surgeons could not put him together again—so he called himself "Humpty Dumpty". In fact, to save his life, they had to remove his arms and legs. So at first he lay in his hospital bed filled with despair. But a new idea (especially if it comes from God) can drive out an old idea. Suddenly Humpty Dumpty saw a job that he could do a dozen times a day; and do more convincingly than anyone else, just because he was a cripple.

For when somebody stopped by his bed to cheer him up, what was more natural than to say, "Do me a little favor, will you, please? Reach in my locker and get me that little blue book in there, and find me the place called John 3:16, and read me what it says." The nurse had to reach into the locker, and read it. The orderly . . . the matron . . . the patients, one by one . . . the neighbors who called from his home town. Everybody fumbling through his Book, to find his text, and hear the story which Humpty Dumpty told them of the super day of his super joy when the Padre had come along and read that verse to him first. And the reading he could not possibly do alone without his legs to walk to his locker, or arms to reach in and get it out, everybody else did gladly.

The next week the surgeon could hardly believe his eyes. "Man alive!" he cried, "You're better." "Yes, sir, I'm doing fine now, thank you." "But what on earth changed you?" Humpty Dumpty was waiting for this, and practice had made him perfect. "Would you kindly reach in my locker, Sir, and lift out that little blue Book?" The surgeon looked at it curiously. "And now if you will kindly turn to John 3:16, and read me what it says, then you'll see what's been happening to me, sir." The surgeon found himself reading the words, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The pilot looked up eagerly. "I've discovered that *I'm Whosoever!* I believed every word of it. I realized that I need not perish! And I'm better!"

The surgeon was so deeply interested that Humpty Dumpty asked him to keep the Bible—which he did with warm gratitude. So Humpty Dumpty had his locker filled with Testaments—enough so that he could give one to anyone who stopped by to see him. And when a friend came often to see him, Humpty Dumpty would check up, asking, "What did you read this morning? What did it say? Would you mind finding it again and reading it to me—I don't happen to know the place." And then he would listen and say, "Isn't it simply tops! Every word of it checks." Lost in this round of delight, he became so full of strength that the doctors decided that he had the grit to learn to use artificial arms and legs. He learned—and now he smiles, saying, "And I'm the guy that dared ask, "Can God do anything for me?" Yet now I can go places preaching!" So he became a Padre himself, a minister of God's power.

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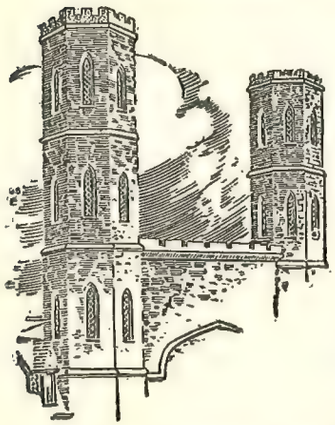
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The Processional Hymn, No. 274 ..... *Albany*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
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Psalm 68, Page 419 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2; 3
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Hyde*
The Second Lesson: John 1:1-18
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Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 186
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The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: "Hymn To The Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*
Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and to ages of ages. Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation to become incarnate of the Holy Mother of God, the Blessed and ever virgin Mary. Changeless essence. Lo Thou wast made very Man and crucified. Thou, the God-Man to vanquish death by dying. O Save us, Lord, Have mercy upon us. To Thee O Lord we cry. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Jacob at Jabbok" ..... THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn: 266 ..... *Nicaea*
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7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER & SERMON by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

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WE DIDN'T MAKE IT! The "Builders for Christ" fund is $5,665.00 towards St. Stephen's share of $6,000.00. Who will help close the gap? Gifts may be placed in alms basin or sent to the Church office.

The following letter is typical of the fine spirit that motivated a number of friends of our Parish to contribute to this fund:

"Dear Dr. Price: The enclosed check will in a small way help your church to reach its goal in 'Builders For Christ.' While we are not members, your church has been of great help to us and we want to return in small part what has been given to us. Sincerely, T. M."

BURD DAY

The Misses Carol Austin, Patricia Riley and Aileen Wood will be graduated from the Burd School on Saturday, June 19th, at 2:30 P. M. You are cordially invited to the interesting program. The Burd School is at 4226 Baltimore Avenue.

New **FORWARD** Booklets for summer may be found in the Church vestibule. Please take one.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Rector dedicated an Altar Cross in May made by Elmer Newkirk for use in the Primary Department; and also dedicated a Cross and Candlesticks made from the famous Lutherbaum tree in Worms, Germany, to be used on the Kindergarten Altar.

We acknowledge pledges towards the Builders For Christ Campaign from Mr. Harry Lyster, Mr. James O. Lyman, Mrs. Lida Trautner, Miss Mildred Leach, Miss Charlotte Shoemaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Semon, Mrs. Leona Dickhart, Miss Jean V. D. Price, Mrs. Leon Merrow and additional pledges from Dr. Herbert Old and Mr. Edwin S. Heins.

PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY

In Pastoral Psychology Magazine, published with such outstanding men on the Editorial Advisory Board as William C. Menninger, M.D.; John A. P. Millet, M.D., American Rehabilitation Committee; Luther E. Woodward, Ph.D., New York State Department of Mental Hygiene; The Rev. Ernest E. Bruder, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; The Rev. Russell L. Dicks, The Divinity School, Duke University; The Rev. David D Eitzen, School of Religion, University of Southern California; The Rev. Halford E. Luccock, Yale University Divinity School; Rollo May, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist, New York City; This magazine has devoted the May issue to the Church and Spiritual Healing. The editorial was written by The Rev. Otis R. Rice, Executive Director, Department of Pastoral Services, National Council of Churches. Charles S. Braden, Professor, History and Literature of Religions, Northwestern University, wrote an article on "Study of Spiritual Healing in the Churches." "Spiritual Healing in the Light of History", by Cyril C. Richardson, Washburn Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary. "Science and Spiritual Healing," by Gotthard Booth, M.D., Associate of the Seminar on Religion and Health, Columbia University. "Pastoral Psychology and Faith Healing," by Wayne E. Oates, Professor of Pastoral Care, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. "The Relation of Religion and Health" by Paul Tillich, Professor of Philosophical Theology, Union Theological Seminary.

In the article on "Spiritual Healing in the Churches", Charles S. Braden says, "I think it can be said that the Episcopal Clergy seems to be taking the matter more seriously than the others." We are very happy to have this notice made. There are two Societies within the Episcopal Church in the United States that have devoted themselves to Spiritual Healing in the Church. One is the Society of St. Luke the Physician, which has the Magazine "Sharing", a very good one. Dr. Garner Banks was the founder of this Society and did much in establishing the consciousness of healing in the church. He conducted many Missions all through this country as well as in Europe. His wife, Ethel, is carrying on the magazine "Sharing." The other Society is the Life Abundant Movement, which was founded by Dr. Robert B. H. Bell. Dr. Bell was a pioneer in this many years ago and has throughout the years established many Healing Centers within the church. His book "Intelligent Living" is a classic. It has a Foreword written by the Rt. Rev. Francis E. I. Bloy, D.D. This book was received with great enthusiasm in England. Dr. Bell is well over eighty and is very active, conducting classes in many churches in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He also is president of the Commission of Healing in the Diocese of Los Angeles and holds weekly classes in the Cathedral. It is through these two Societies in the Church that people have been made conscious of God's Healing Power.

There is a Commission on Religion and Health in the Council of Churches. A Survey was made of the Churches which have Healing. The percentage showed that the Episcopal Church rated highest. "Percentage-wise the Episcopalians rated highest in the number of healings in proportion to the number reporting; 65% of them had engaged in healing by Spiritual means. Other percentages were: Presbyterians 39%; Lutherans 38%; United Brethren 30%; Methodists and Disciples 29%; and Baptists 25%."—from "Study of Spiritual Healing in the Churches."

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Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The Anthem: Jubilate Amen .....*Max Bruch*
Hark, the morning Hymn is stealing o'er the waters soft and clear, Is nearer and yet nearer pealing, Farther now and farther stealing. And now breaks upon the ear. Now the sunlit waves retreating, to the shore it dies along. Hark! now like angry surges meeting, breaks the tide, the mingled tide of song. Hush! again like waves retreating to the shore it dies along. Jubilate, Amen!

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The Sermon: Footprint on Mount Olivet .....The Rector

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The Offertory Hymn: 352 .....*Diademata*
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The Recessional Hymn: 105 .....*Coronae*

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7:30 P. M.—HOLY COMMUNION & SERMON by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

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For this evening's Service we have the great honor and pleasure of the presence and fine singing of the Choir of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Mr. Leeds' Sunday Morning Choir.

We extend a hearty welcome to the fellowship of St. Stephen's Church, Mr. William Ridge Myers, who was confirmed last Sunday.

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

The $4,150,000 Builders for Christ drive, sponsored by the Episcopal Church to meet urgent construction needs at home and abroad has now been launched and the responses to the Campaign throughout the country have been most dramatic. Every indication points to a speedy culmination and the attainment of this goal.

Here in St. Stephen's Parish 54 individuals have given or pledged $3,500.00. Our goal is $6,000.00. If 75 individuals will pledge but 50 cents a week and 15 individuals pledge $1.00 a week, for the next 12 months, we will go over the top. Surely this does not seem too much to ask. May we hear from you today!

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation pledges to the Builders for Christ Campaign from the following persons:

Mrs. George R. Bishop, Mr. Frank B. McMullin, Miss Mae Snedden, Miss Theresa E. King, Mr. George T. Gibb, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Walker, Miss Marion Slatcher, The Rev. and Mrs. Attenborough, the Rector, Miss Margaret L. Gill, Dr. Herbert Old, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Mr. Roland Bickerstaff, Mrs. Florence P. Reath, Mr. Edward S. Morris, Miss Helen Mockett, the Mother's Meeting, The Woman's Auxiliary, Mr. George Bridgman, Miss Anna M. Smyth, Miss Anna M. C. Lundh, Mr. F. L. Steele, Mr. Arthur Comby, Miss Adele M. Lewis, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Miss Mary Orme, Mr. Thomas Orme, Miss Helen Kopilchak, Miss Alice G. Whiston, Mrs. Cora M. Cooke, Miss Dorothy Kohl, Miss Ida Landenberger, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hauger, Miss Mary B. Forbes, Miss Miriam I. Daley, K. Einar Seaholm, Dr. Evelyn A. Rider, Mrs. George T. Townsley, Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Chandler, Mrs. Dorothy Linton, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Riehm, Mrs. Ann E. Ewing, Miss Jane R. Harper, Miss Elizabeth Corrigan, Mr. J. Stokes Leeds, Mrs. Anna Bondira, Miss Helen Liggit, Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Baehrle, Woman's Auxiliary for the Hard of Hearing, Miss Mary C. Kutzer, Girls' Friendly Society, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead.

Among this group one has pledged $600.00, two have pledged $250.00, twelve have pledged $100.00, eleven have pledged $50.00, and ten have pledged $25.00.

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Thursday—Ascension Day, Holy Communion at 12:15 P. M., followed by the regular Healing Service.

CARD PARTY—The Chapel for Hard of Hearing is having a Card Party on Friday, May 21st, at 8 P. M. in Community House. Donation 50 cents.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Have you ever wondered what the Rector's Discretionary Fund is used for? There are many charity and emergency expenses, but it also enables the Rector to support the organizations which he believes are doing worthwhile things. Here is a list of the organizations which St. Stephen's Church is backing through the Discretionary Fund. If anyone wishes to learn more of the purposes of any of these organizations, he may do so by calling the Parish Office.

All Philadelphia Conference of Social Work, American Foundation for the Blind, American Red Cross, Altar Guild, Diocese of Pennsylvania; Benevolent Society, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, Children's Seashore Home, Chinese Christian Church and Center, Church Farm School, Church Society for College Work, Churchman Associates, Christian Action, Community Chest for Phila. and Vicinity, Crime Prevention Bureau, Episcopal College Center, Episcopal Committee, University of Pennsylvania; Episcopal Evangelical Society, Episcopal Evangelical Education Society, Episcopal Services for Youth, Fellowship Commission, Female Prayer Book Society, Galilee Mission, Gould Farm, Joint Commission of Urban Church, Marriage Council, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, National Mental Health Foundation, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, Philadelphia Council of Churches, Philadelphia Society for Crippled Children, Salvation Army, United Peace Chest, World Council of Churches, World Affairs Council.

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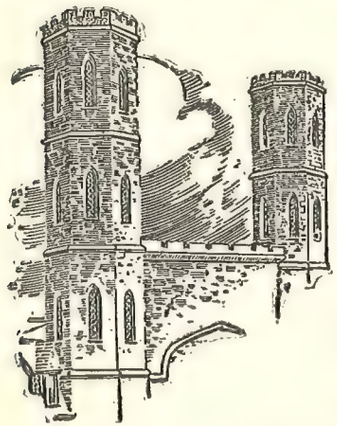
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Music and Choir under direction of Dr. H. Alexander Matthews

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Chapelle des Morts" ..... *Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 143 ..... *National Hymn*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 146, Page 522
1st LESSON—Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15 ..... CHAPLAIN EARL SENSOR
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
2nd LESSON—Hebrews 11:32—12:2 ..... CHAPLAIN SENSOR
BENEDICTUS, Page 14 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God" ..... *Noble*

1. Souls of the Righteous in the hands of God,
   Nor hurt nor torment cometh them anigh;
   O Holy Hope of Immortality, Souls of the righteous in the hands of God.
2. Souls of the righteous in the hands of God,
   To eyes of men unwise, they seem to die;
   They are at peace, O Fairest Liberty, Souls of the righteous in the hands of God.
3. On earth as children chasten'd by Love's load,
   As gold in furnace tried, so now on high they shine like stars,
   A golden galaxy, Souls of the righteous in the hands of God.

SERMON: "Heritage" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN: 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
MASSING OF THE COLORS
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
AMERICA (3rd verse)
PRAYERS—TAPS
POSTLUDIUM ANTHEM (kneeling): "There is a Land" ..... *Smieton*

There is a land beyond the setting sun,
A land for every sorrow-laden one,
Where death is dead and endless life begun,
There is a land beyond the gates of morn,
A land for every hero battle-worn,
Where peace awaits the spirit anguish-torn.

BENEDICTION
RECESSIONAL HYMN 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

Memorial flowers today are presented by The Military Order of The Purple Heart, Chapter 4 and Unit 4; Ladies Auxiliary of The All Marine Post of the American Legion; Mr. Morris McCoughin in memory of his son, Sergeant Rodney M. McCoughin; and by the Phila. Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers.

4:00 P. M.—Miss Yeakle's Bible Class.

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER & SERMON by Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

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CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

The true citizen of today is a citizen of the world, whose first loyalty is to God and all God's children everywhere. Patriotism comes as a second loyalty to be checked, disciplined, and determined by the first and greater loyalty. Unless the world is to move backward, we must deliberately foster a growing consciousness of the oneness and intimacy of human life.

Christianity is a fellowship divine and human—here and hereafter. Therefore, it is for the Christian Church so clearly and persistently to lead the way that we shall win a worthy peace.

Our enemies, Communism, Fascism, and every expression of selfishness, are the reversion of civilized man to the order of tooth and claw, of lust and greed and stupidity. They are a denial of God and His Christ. Their greatest effort is to obliterate this ideal of Christian Citizenship which recognizes the brotherhood of man, under the Fatherhood of God, and the constantly higher standards of humanity in modern civilization which have emerged from it.

Therefore, as Christians, the task which lies before us demands our consecration and absolute loyalty: to create in men mutual understanding and help, which slowly but with determination shall advance the world toward brotherhood and true peace.

Nothing short of this is a worthy Memorial to those men whom we with reverent and grateful hearts remember on Memorial Day.

Serve Thou, O God, the Nation's need;
The healing leaves restore;
Give us the courage, vision, strength,
That blest the days of yore!
The heritage we must preserve,
Whatever the cost may be:
Vouchsafe, O Lord, the lights of old,
To bring us back to Thee!

DEVOTIONAL CORNER
A PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONSECRATION

"O Lord God of Hosts, in the vision of those who have responded to the call of this world's need, and have laid down their lives that this Nation may live; we hereby dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task which they have committed to us, that their sacrifice may not have been in vain.

"Grant, O God, that the spirit which bore our Lord Jesus Christ to the Cross may abide in us, and lift up our lives into fellowship with Him, so that, partaking of His power, we may carry on to a just conclusion our present endeavors for the freedom of the world and for permanent peace and good-will among the nations of the earth. Accept, O Lord this our consecration, for the sake of Him Who laid down His life for the eternal welfare of the world, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

Seventy-two individuals and organizations in St. Stephen's Parish have pledged $4,227.00 towards the Builders for Christ Campaign. This is a very fine accomplishment and represents sacrificial giving and loyalty to the Church's need.

There are still sufficient numbers of people in our Church who are able to raise the additional $1,775.00 that is needed to meet our quota of $6,000.00, if everyone will do his part.

We would like to complete our Campaign by Whitsunday, June 6th. If ten people will pledge $100.00; five people pledge $75.00 and twelve people pledge $25.00, our goal will be reached. Payments may be made any time during the next twelve months.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation additional pledges to the Builders For Christ Campaign from the following: Mr. Fred Schmid, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews, Mr. William G. Porter, Miss Katharine Field, Mrs. Effie G. Smith, Miss Katharine Kennedy, Mrs. Clara Schmid, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, The King's Daughters, Mr. Joseph Frutchey, Mrs. Margaret Poole, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Miss Mabel Pursell, Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Mrs. Kathryn Schrott, Mr. Frank McCloskey, Miss Mae Snedden, Miss Nancy E. Troth, Mrs. Frances Kalich, Mrs. Frances Loverin, Mrs. Edith Taxis, Mrs. Florence Baratelli, Miss Mary Forbes.

The Rector will attend the 25th reunion of his class at the Episcopal Theological School, in Cambridge, Mass., on June 2nd and 3rd.

We gratefully acknowledge the following Bulletin subscriptions: John Charles Adams, Harry H. Bush, Mrs. Walter Christy, Mary McEwen.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gustav C. Meckling and the Chapel for Hard of Hearing will have the annual Garden Party at Mr. Meckling's home on Saturday, June 5th, afternoon, to 5 P. M. Proceeds from sale of refreshments are used for repairs to our hearing aids.

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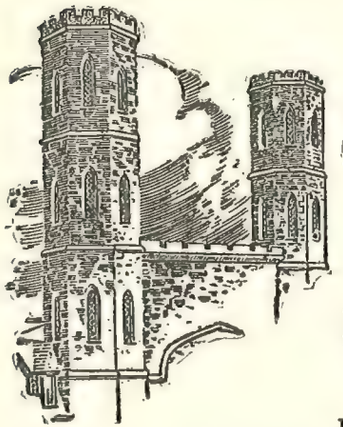
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INVITATION

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Organ Prelude: Chorale Prelude on a Tune by Orlando Gibbons ..... *Willan*

Processional Hymn 356 ..... *Evelyns*

Creed and Prayers

Hymn Before Confirmation 375 (Verses 1-2) ..... *Nova Vita*

The Order of Confirmation, page 296 in the Prayer Book

Hymn After Confirmation 375 (Verses 3-4) ..... *Nova Vita*

Anthem: God Be In My Head ..... *Walford Davies*
God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing. Amen.

Sermon ..... THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG, D.D.

Offertory Hymn 409 ..... *Woodworth*

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*

Recessional Hymn 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

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"MY BOUNDEN DUTY"

The Annual visit of the Bishop for confirmation is an excellent time for every confirmed member of St. Stephen's Church to renew joyfully and thankfully, the solemn promise and vow that you made, or was made in your name by your sponsors, at Holy Baptism.

I again re-affirm what I promised as my bounden duty as a confirmed member of the Church:

To follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior;
To pray daily;
To worship God every Sunday in His Church;
To receive regularly, with due preparation, Holy Communion.
To work and give for the spread of His Kingdom.

Sign and place in Alms Basin at time of offering.

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, D.D., May 16th, 1954.
"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come unto you."

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* Confirmed in the Bishop's Chapel during the year.

CITY MISSION

On Tuesday, May 18th, 2:30 P. M., there will be a re-dedication Ceremony of the City Mission Offices, at 225 South Third Street. Bishop Hart will preside. Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel of Washington will speak on "Health and Welfare Needs of the Nation and the Place of the Church Agency." A reception and tea follows the short formal Re-dedication Ceremony. Everyone in the Diocese is invited.

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

St. Stephen's Church is now engaged in the task of achieving its goal of $6,000.00 which is its share of the Episcopal Church's Campaign for $4,150,000.00. This appeal for capital funds is for two fundamentally important objectives of the Church's life; her Ministry and her Missionary Work. The Four Million Dollar Fund, being sought by the Church nationally, will be used to improve the equipment of our Divinity Schools, and to provide greatly needed buildings for hospitals, schools and churches in many parts of the world. Half of the funds raised will go to our eleven Seminaries, the other half to the Missionary objectives.

We plan to raise our Parish Quota in this way: by pledges to be paid in twelve installments extending over a year. By this method it is hoped that many of us who could not give much at one time may be enabledto have a larger share in the total amount raised. Pledge Cards were mailed to our membership last week. Mr. I. Smith Raspin assisted by Mr. Wilson Leithead are busy contacting many of our loyal members by mail and telephone to expedite our plans. The Rector earnestly asks our people to respond generously, as they always have, to the full extent of our ability.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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The Rector will speak to the members of the Canterbury Club of the University of Pennsylvania this evening.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING is a free will gift. Mrs. Wilson Leithead, our Parish Custodian, asks the women of the Church to empty the Blue Boxes twice a year; in the Spring and in the Fall. The contents are to be placed on the offering plate at the 11 o'clock service this morning, in an envelope plainly marked, "United Thank Offering."

PRAYERS ON ENTERING AND LEAVING CHURCH

Sometimes people wonder what to say when they kneel before a service or in the quiet moment of prayer just before leaving. The two prayers below were found in an old lady's Prayer Book, written by her on the back of a small picture of the Good Shepherd:

O Lord, I am now in thy presence; help me by thy Holy Spirit, that I may be ready to offer the sacrifice of praise, and to hear thy Holy Word. Guard my mind from wandering thoughts, and my body from irreverent actions, and make my service acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, my Heavenly Father, I thank thee for letting me come to thy House of Prayer. Do forgive whatever thou hast seen wrong in me, in thought or deed, and grant that the words which I have heard in my ears I may believe in heart, and what I believe in my heart I may show forth in my life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNAL AND PRAYER BOOK MEMORIALS

There are available large size Prayer Books and Hymnals for the use of our congregation. An attractive book-plate may be placed on the inside cover for those who wish to memorialize some dear one. The cost of each book is one dollar. You may provide any number of books you choose.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, give the information desired, insert it with your contribution in an envelope, and place on the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. If more convenient, mail it to the Church Office:

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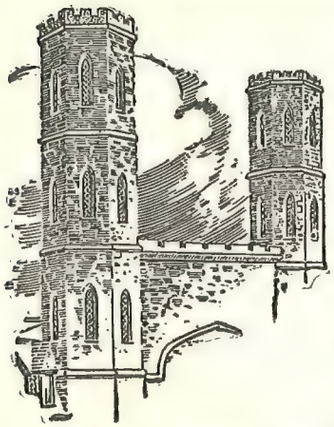
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The Processional Hymn, No. 155 ..... *Melcombe*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 46, Page 397 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: 2nd Samuel 12:15-23
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
The Second Lesson: John 21:1-19
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 173
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Mother's Day Hymn ..... *Edward Shippen Barnes*
Source of that power, which made her strong, For labors hard and vigils long, To succor right and thwart the wrong, I need Thee now, my mother's God. Goal of her faith, which wavered naught through hardships borne and battles fought, Grateful for what her faith has wrought, I seek Thee now, my mother's God. Author of light, which made her face a shining miracle of grace, For light in my own time and place, I pray Thee now, my mother's God. Fountain of love, with which o'er-flowed her life, each deed in love bestowed. For that great love, my joy and goad, I thank Thee now, my Mother's God.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Day of All Good Women ..... The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn, 296 ..... *England's Lane*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn, 361 ..... *St. James*

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MOTHER

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"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
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"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
"Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest all." Proverbs 31

CRUSADE

WHERE? Right here in America.
WHAT FOR? To start churches in the new communities that are springing up here and there in great numbers; to equip our Theological Schools to train Ministers to fill the pulpits and give leadership to these new churches.
BY WHOM? All the Episcopal Churches in the United States.
FOR WHAT AMOUNT? $4,150,000.00
WHAT IS OUR SHARE? St. Stephen's Church is expected to raise $6,000.00 of this amount.
WHEN? During the next few weeks. Members are asked to bring their pledges to the church.
YOUR SHARE? If every member will pledge at least twice as much to this Crusade as he or she gives each year to the Red Side of the Duplex Envelope and, those who can, will give more, the Goal will be reached.
TERMS? Payment may be made anytime within the next fourteen months. That will spread the payments over two income tax years. Payments to this fund are deductible from your tax returns.
WHY DO WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY? We have a Church here because a previous generation of churchmen started it. We have been beneficiaries of the generosity of our fathers. We must match their generosity with our own. What they did for us, we must do for those who come after us. A Churchless community is not and cannot be the guardian of the liberties we hold dear. Where the Cross of Christ is lifted, the Sickle of Communism will not reap its terrible harvest.

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The North Philadelphia Convocation meets in the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, on Tuesday, May 11th.

On April 23rd a Memorial Service was held in St. Stephen's Church for Mrs. Miriam Allen of Detroit.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Once again it is time for the semi-annual collection of the United Thank Offering. Mrs. Ruth Leithead, Custodian of the Offering for St. Stephen's Church, asks that you turn in the *Contents* of your Blue Boxes at the Eleven O'clock Service on May 16th.

No Woman in St. Stephen's Church needs to be told how much good is accomplished by this Offering. If there are any who do not have a Blue Box they may get them at the vestibule of the Church.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is being asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you and you need the Church. Confirmation Service will be held on May 16th at 11 O'clock.

APPRECIATION

Dear Dr. Price:—The enclosed check is a very small contribution toward the cost of keeping your church open for prayer during week-days. The fact that it has been kept open has meant a very great deal to me—and I am sure that the same holds true for many other people. Perhaps the number of people who come into the church for silent prayer is small, but I am sure that it means a lot to each one who does enter your church.

While I leave a contribution each time I come, I wanted to add the enclosed check.

May I again say that your church is doing even more than you may be able to observe.

Sincerely, S. S.

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THE PREPARATION
Organ Prelude: Chorale "Our Father" ..... *J. S. Bach*
Processional Hymn 347 ..... *Alleluia*
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The Kyrie, Noble ..... Page 68
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The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: From Thy Love as a Father ..... *Gounod*
From Thy love as a Father, O Lord, teach us to gather that life will conquer death. They who seek things eternal shall rise to light supernal on wings of lowly faith.
The Sermon: Rehoboth—More Room! ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn 345 ..... *Dominus Regit Me*
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THE CONSECRATION
The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
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The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION
Communion Hymn 213 ..... *St. Agnes*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING
The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION
The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 487, v. 1-3-4 ..... *Ellers*

The flowers on the Altar today are presented by Miss Yeakle's Bible Class in memory of Miss Pauline Leypoldt; by Mrs. C. S. Slatcher in memory of her husband; by Mrs. Cazimera Petroski in memory of her husbands, John Adams and John Petroski, and her father, Michael Wallace.

4:00 P. M.—Miss Yeakle's Bible Class

7:30 P. M.—EVENING SERVICE; Opening the Sixth Annual Phila. Hearing Week. Address by Miss Margaret Bodycomb, formerly Dean of Education, Penna. School for the Deaf in Mt. Airy, Philadelphia.

BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

"Builders for Christ" will need the whole-hearted support of every member and friend of our Parish if it is to succeed.

St. Stephen's Church has been assigned $6,000.00 as the "share" for our Church towards the four million dollar goal. That is a great sum of money. It will only be realized through sincere prayer and hard work. Make use of the enclosed prayer during the coming days.

Next week we will send to every family a pledge card. We have twenty-four months to pay our pledges. The need is urgent. Everyone must mak a sacrificial pledge, if the goal is to be realized.

As we make our pledges for this great new venture as Builders for Christ, let us pray in the words of the prayer approved by the Presiding Bishop, *Grant unto us all such a generous spirit that we may worthily rise to these fresh opportunities for service to Thee in Thy Holy Church.*

IT IS FINISHED

Sometimes we look back at Holy Week, in the light of the Resurrection, and we understand more clearly those last dark days of Christ on earth. At the foot of the cross it was impossible to see what the young Master meant as He cried out, "It is finished"; for nothing seemed completed. A work of great promise seemed suddenly to be shattered; and the curtain seemed to be brought down too soon on a glorious young life that was just getting into its stride. That was the way Calvary looked to Mary, His mother. But Jesus had a way of meaning just what He said. And He said, "It is finished."

A writer has thrown illumination on these words of Jesus as he explains, "I can imagine a father saying the same thing to a son one morning when, after a term in prison, he was allowed his freedom. The boy is free now—free if he cares to make good and live once more in the company of free men. In the new life, through the grace of God, he could be born again; and he could say, with deep assurance, "It is finished. One life is over, and another begins."

So, in a different way, it was with Jesus. His life on earth, as the human Son of God, was over. No longer would He be imprisoned in the flesh; No longer bound to earth by feet that walk life's dusty roads. No longer would He be confined to a little country the size of Vermont. No, a new life was beginning, in which His spirit might walk and talk with any man, anywhere, at any time. He had passed from the littleness of earth to the greatness of eternity. The old life was finished! The new Life was beginning!

Even with us small human people, Easter can mean our release from a small life into a large one. For us it can mean that we leave behind our nasty, petty, spiteful ways; that we can be done with judging others, and sincerely accept God's help to rid ourselves of our sins. With the mighty, spring-time touch of Easter on our lives, we can stop saying, "I can't," and form the habit of saying to ourselves, "God helping me, I can!" Happy is the reader who, tonight, on bended knees, can cry out, "It is finished!" And move on into a new life, freed by accepting God's mighty, helping hand.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

Bishop Armstrong will visit the Parish on Sunday, May 16th, at 11:00 A. M., to administer the rite of Confirmation. Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10:00 A. M.

The Rector would appreciate hearing from adults who would like, or think they would like, to be confirmed. Attendance at the classes does not oblige one to be confirmed. The decision may be made later. The Rector will gladly answer any questions about confirmation which may be in anybody's mind.

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Mary Light, a leader in the ministry of Spiritual Healing, author of "Signs and Wonders," will give two lectures in St. Stephen's Church on May 4th and 5th, at 8 P. M. BRING A FRIEND!

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The Organ Prelude: "Communion" ..... *Rowley*
The Processional Hymn, No. 94 ..... *St. Kevin*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 103, Page 466 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Isaiah 43: 1-12
Te Deum (We Praise Thee, O God), Page 10 ..... *Willan*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24: 36-49
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 170
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: "O Morn of Beauty" ..... *Sibelius*

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness! Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night; Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness, Now breaks the day of peace and light; Sing and rejoice with joyful Alleluias, Sing Alleluia! The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning, The earth awakes with victory as her strain. Lift up your hearts and greet the glad day dawning, For Christ the Lord is Risen again! Sing and rejoice with joyful Alleluias, Sing Alleluia!

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: By the Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn 92 ..... *Lux Roi*

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Many thanks to Mrs. Clara Schmid and her King's Daughters, who have done a very nice piece of work in hemming the new table cloths for the Community House.

Our church is a member of the Philadelphia Council of Churches which holds its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 27th at 7:45 P. M. in Arch Street Methodist Church. Delegates and friends are urged to be present.

The Rev. and Mrs. Attenborough wish to thank all those who so kindly remembered them at Easter.

DR. PRICE REPORTS ON VISIT TO AIR BASES IN GERMANY

We are living today in a military economy and as a result of the vast change which has taken place in the national life, the pattern of daily living for millions of our young people is radically different from what it was a few years ago. Approximately 3,600,000 Americans are today in military service. Every boy born during the next 25 years will spend at least two years in the Armed Forces. About the same number leave. There are a million more young men in the Armed Forces today than there are in all the institutions of higher education. It is estimated that in the two decades from 1941 to 1961 26,000,000 men will have gone in and out of the Armed Forces.

These millions of young people are away from their homes, schools, churches and all their normal associations. They are facing loneliness, insecurity and uncertainty about their future. They are exposed to greater moral temptations that at home.

The responsibility of the churches in the situation is manifold. They must give strong backing—both in spiritual support and in personnel—to the Chaplains in the Armed Forces.

I was very much impressed by the consecration of the Chaplains, by their great zeal in helping the men solve their personal problems, and by the wide co-operation and support they receive from the Air Force Command. The respected place of the Chaplaincy today is in marked contrast with its reception in World War I. I had an opportunity to observe the latter situation when I served as a private with the Marines in France. The Chaplain's ministry is no longer a limited ministry to men; now he serves them and their families. All the Air Bases I visited in Germany had flourishing Sunday Schools.

The growing awareness in military leaders of the spiritual needs of the three and a half million men in the Armed Forces is most significant. The American Churches are presented with a very special challenge—a challenge that every denomination is rallying to meet.

I want to say very definitely that I saw no evidence of low morale. In all the installations that I visited I found the men had a vivid sense of their mission. The officers and men were interested and responsive to my visit and enthusiastic to the efforts which the Chaplains are making. The Mission Services were extremely well attended.

I share the feeling of most Chaplains that I met that the teen-age boys should not be sent overseas. They are subjected to all the temptations that go with being away from home and living with a group of young people freed, in most cases, for the first time, from parental and home influences. Like the rest of the population of the United States, over half of these youngsters owe no allegiance to any religious body.

Herein lies a tremendous missionary opportunity offered to the Chaplaincy in winning the unchurched numbers to loyalty to Christ and His Church. There is need of fifty Episcopal Chaplains in the Armed Forces to fill our quota. There are 115 Episcopal Chaplains now on active duty. There are approximately 3,000 Chaplains in the Armed Forces. Our church must provide many of our best younger ministers for the Chaplaincy for it is one of the most strategic forms of the Christian ministry today.

The relationship between the Air Force representatives and the civilian population of Germany is excellent. Since the new regulations have been established encouraging the G. I.'s to wear civilian clothes when off duty, there is more fraternization with the educated Germans. The middle class Germans seem to fight shy of uniforms. In one Base I visited there were more invitations to fine German families than there were Army men available. Ever so many German civilians referred with enthusiasm and gratitude to the presence of the Air Force.

I was deeply impressed by the enormous potential for the resurgence of spiritual values among the German people who are still confused after decades of propaganda. The most enduring contribution America can make to German freedom is to make every effort to aid in the reconstruction of churches. Forty-five percent of all German Churches were shattered by our bombers and artillery.

Too high praise cannot be paid to the Airmen for the orphanages and nutrition centers they support. Their tremendous generosity will leave its mark on Germany for many years. They have planted seeds of good will and Christian kindness that will never be uprooted.

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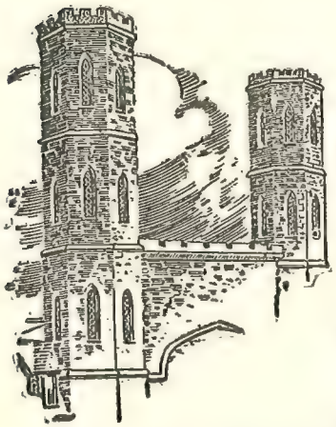
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: O Sacred Head ..... *J. S. Bach*
The Processional Hymn, No. 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
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TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
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Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: Mark 11:1-11
Blessed Be The Lord God of Israel!, Page 14 ..... *Chant*

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TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
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The Benediction—Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
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The Confirmation Class is now in its second week. It is not too late to join. If you are not yet confirmed, and would like to be, please contact Mr. Attenborough.

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One Bible Study Class has already been formed and has held its first meeting. If you would like to have such a class meet in your home, or if you would like to meet with a group somewhere else, please see Mr. Attenborough.

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PLEASE NOTE correction of an error in last week's bulletin—The new Cantata of Dr. Matthews, "Gethsemane to Golgotha" will be presented on Good Friday at 1:00 o'clock, not at 2:00.

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WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH JESUS?

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This disturbs me, and it will disturb every reader who is awake. So we are not not reading about something that was finished long centuries ago, but something that takes place eternally in human life; something that is taking place shamefully today, right where you live and through all the earth. The crowd is ourselves—twenty times a day having to decide between hatefulness and kindness, between anger and patience, between selfishness and sacrifice, between Barrabas and Jesus. *What shall we do with Jesus?* We know that Jesus bids us to forgive a certain person we vowed we would forgive; but Barrabas counsels us to hang onto the grudge. *What shall we do with Jesus?* Jesus bids us love our enemies as much as we love ourselves (which is a lot!), and spend ourselves and our possessions on them with generosity; but Barrabas agrees that we can overdo a good thing, and be too generous. *What shall we do with Jesus?* Jesus reminds us that the people of Russia are also the children of God, and that we must resist every temptation to hate them; but Barrabas calls them unprintable names, and tries to inflame us with a deeper hate. *What shall we do with Jesus?*

We are the crowd, God forgives us! *You* are the crowd! What will you do with the Best? God Himself waits for your answer.

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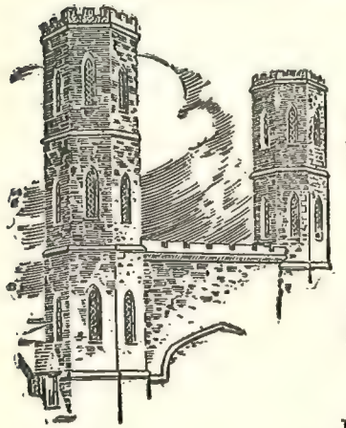
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THE PREPARATION
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Processional Hymn 68 ..... *Bangor*
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THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: God So Loved the World, ... *Stainer*
that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.
The Sermon: Dean Emerson, Dean Emeritus, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland.

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The Offertory Hymn 341 ..... *St. Christopher*
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THE CONCLUSION
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Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*
Organ Postlude

Flowers on the Altar today are presented by Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Walker in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Toothaker; and by Eugene S. Glaser in memory of his parents; and by Mrs. Helen Le Dent in memory of her husband.

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For, as someone has pointed out, the world had never seen a King who had no possessions—"At His birth Jesus was born in a borrowed manger. He preached a sermon in a borrowed boat. He rode to Jerusalem on a borrowed beast. He ate His last Supper with His disciples in a borrowed room. He was buried in a borrowed grave. Yet it is the living, risen Son of God, without a shred of possessions, who stands before us, saying, "All authority has been given Me in heaven and in earth!"

Other kings have always needed to be propped up; have needed to lean against many supports—gold in the treasury, to buy men's souls; a host of marching legions to crush all opposition; games in the arena to keep the crowds in a good humor; bread to feed the hungry and prevent them from becoming dangerous. But Jesus Christ leaned on none of these supports. He leaned only on the Eternal God. the unseen and everlasting Father. And while the supports of other kings have always crumbled in the end, the Supporter of Jesus stood unshakable as Pilate's scowl, "Behold your King!"; stood firm as the mob yelled, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Then Easter came, and the centuries began to file by; and the world began to see that true Kingliness needs no gold or armies to hold it up. Some men began to see that a kingly spirit stands unbroken before all the blows of life, because the Spirit of the Living God within a man is stronger than any enemy there is!

Still there are those today, both in communist lands and among the pagan millions of our land, who say, "Silly one—to worship Christ!" There is only one answer to that jeer—to put your trust in God so deeply that Jesus Christ can live in you, and work in you, and shine through you, day after day. It is your life, made victorious by Him, that answers all pagan jeering. It is His triumphs in your which could even draw the pagan ones to see their King!

LENTEN CANTATA

Dr. Matthews has written a companion Cantata to his highly successful "The Christmas Story." This Lenten Cantata is called *"Gethsemane To Golgotha."* The music critics have declared it to be one of the most important choral works of its type to be issued in the past 25 years. It calls for a chorus of mixed voices, with solos for Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Baritone. The usual Matthews' mark of melody and dramatic appeal are very much in evidence. High spots are the Contralto Solo, "Drop, drop, Slow Tears" and the Baritone or Contralto solo, "He was wounded for Our Transgressions." This Cantata will be given for the first time at St. Stephen's Church on Good Friday at 2 P. M.

BECAUSE

BECAUSE in a world of smothering collectivism the Church insists upon the dignity of the human spirit;
BECAUSE she is the custodian of the spiritual, and her teaching of each soul's priceless value under the sovereignty of God is Freedom's last bulwark;
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BECAUSE in her determination to build a brotherly society the Church alone calls me to a crusade big enough to engage all my powers and release the hero of my soul;
BECAUSE she offers refreshment to my spirit, companionship to my soul, and guidance to my mind;
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FOR THESE REASONS:

I will stand by the Church; I will give her my sacrificial devotion; to her I will dedicate a just proportion of my means that her influence may be enlarged, that her spirit may be edominant in my community, and her gentle ministry known to the earths' farthest ends.

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DEAN EMERSON

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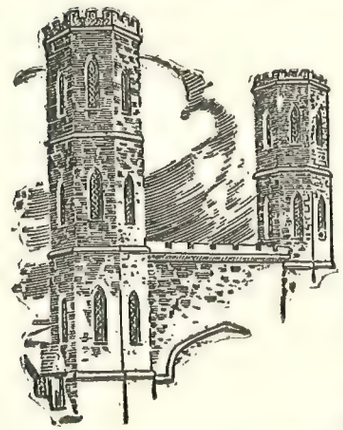
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The Processional Hymn, No. 349 .....*Watermouth*
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The Anthem: Blessed Jesu (from Stabat Mater) .....*Dvorak*
Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy, We, Thy faithful, in Thy Passion, All Thy sorrows share with Thee.

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LET GOD GUIDE YOU

Some religions have handed down many books of laws and regulations. But Jesus left only two simple rules which are enough for the whole of religion—"Love God" and "Love Thy Neighbor." Because Jesus was so close to God, He knew what God cares about most; and He was able to put all that God wants into those few words. They are enough to guide a man's life, even through the storms of today.

In ordinary days of peace, it used to be easy to imagine that we can save ourselves; that we can guide ourselves nicely without help. In times of prosperity and calm, we seemed to do very nicely indeed without God—we ate three meals a day, got our sleep, had a tight roof over our heads; had some pleasant friends; and thought that we could be content with that.

But today, in a world of turmoil and confusion, we begin to know how small we are. The night is dark and we are far from home; and, like little children, we want a strong hand to slip ours into. With loved ones in danger, far beyond the rim of the horizon, we know our need of a power vaster than ours. With the tangled, muddled affairs of mankind before our eyes, we know the necessity of a wisdom clearer than ours, to straighten out the world's mess.

So Wilfred Grenfeld, the hero of Labrador, once told this story: "In a northeast gale on North Labrador, I at once decided to run for a harbor called Boulter's Rock. The fog which had fallen since I had left the last port had shut it entirely from sight, but the rising sea and the approaching night—with no lighthouse, many rocks, and none too reliable a chart—made it our best chance. We had picked up a rock which I knew, and were heading for the narrow entrance, when I thought I saw seas breaking clear across the harbor mouth. What to do save the ship I did not know, when an old Newfoundland fisherman who was on the bridge with me said, "There's an entrance not much wider than the ship, under your lee. It's perfectly safe, if you strike. But you'll have to put your helm hard-up instantly." "You take the wheel," I said. It seemed a big venture. But he did it. I could not have saved the ship alone."

If your life is in heavy seas, it is wisdom for you to give over the guiding of your days into a wisdom greater than your own. Follow His simple rules of life. Let Him speak to you; and guide you. For you cannot save the ship alone!

On Sunday, May 16th, 1954, Bishop Armstrong will conduct a service of Confirmation here at St. Stephen's.

Confirmation is an act by which we confirm the vows made for us in Baptism, and by which God confirms in us His will that we be joined to Him. It is the act by which we become "grafted into the Body of Christ", and made a member of His Church.

Beginning next Sunday at 10:00 A. M. Mr. Attenborough will conduct Confirmation classes in the Rector's office. If you are not confirmed, but would like to be, or if you know of anybody who would like to be, please contact Mr. Attenborough.

Today you may hear Dr. Matthews' new Cantata, "Gethsemane to Golgotha," at St. Peter's Church. It will be presented at the 5 o'clock Vesper Service. St. Peter's is at 3rd and Pine Streets.

The Rector is anxious to have a number of Bible Study Classes established this Lent. He would like to have Mr. Attenborough invited to the homes of the parishioners to conduct these classes. Gather three or fifty of your friends, it makes no difference. Morning, Noon or night as far as his schedule permits, Mr. Attenborough would like to teach these groups.

YOUR OLD MAGAZINES may not be of any use to you, but there are people in hospitals who can make good use of them. Won't you bring some along with you next time you come to church? We will see that they are distributed to the sick.

Dr. Price will be especially pleased when he hears about the birth of his new grandson to Marine Sergeant John Alfred Price, at Parris Island, South Carolina, on March 16th, because he will be the second person to carry on the name of Dr. Price's father. The new member of the family, John Alfred Price III, has the good wishes of all members of St. Stephen's Church "family", we'd like to assure his parents.

MILK CAN

Last year $744.15 was contributed through the Milk Can on our Church steps for milk for the needy children of Korea and Europe. This money is disbursed by the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The generosity of the passer-by is a constant source of inspiration to the Rector.

DO YOU HAVE DUPLEX ENVELOPES to enable you to contribute to St. Stephen's regularly and methodically? If not, please advise our office without delay and we will be happy to send you a package for the year.

The Burd School has received a very wonderful piano from Mrs. Draeger Gibbies for use in the chapel.

Miss Terry Kerry of the Burd School won a most distinguished scholastic report at the end of the half year period at Shaw Junior High School.

On Friday, April 2nd, the Philadelphia Council of the Boy Scouts of America will present to our Boy Scout Troop its charter for the coming year. Ceremony of presentation will be held. Your presence would be a very real way to show the interest of St. Stephen's Church in its fine Boy Scout Troop.

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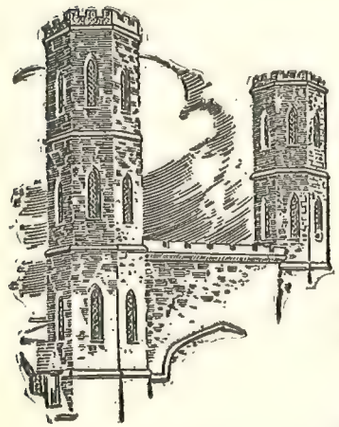
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The hallmark of Christianity is *action*, not words. We comprehend God fully in what He has done rather than in what men say about Him.

Margaret Applegarth tells of a Christian tribe in Africa. One Sunday when they were worshipping in their chapel an old man arrived late. He interupted the worship to announce that a neighboring village had been robbed and burned, and that many people had been injured. He suggested that all the women begin at once to prepare bundles of food and bandages, and that the men carry them down the trail. A younger member sprang to his feet, and shouted, "Sit down, brother! You must be crazy! That village is our bitter enemy. They have stolen from me many times." But the old man stood his ground. "It says in the Bible to love your enemy, to do good to them that curse you. This is the way to turn enemies into friends!" "But we will miss the sermon," the young man replied. "That will be the sermon," the old man delcared. And it was—for they left the church to bear gifts of love to their troubled neighbors.

Jesus said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father." When people meet *you* do they get a glimpse of God's Son living through you?

Our guest preacher today is the Very Rev. J. S. Ladd Thomas, Dean of the Temple University School of Theology. He was minister of a church in Germantown for 25 years before accepting his present position. He is well-known and well-loved in Philadelphia because he is a sincerely devoted Christian gentleman. We extend him a hearty welcome.

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WILL YOU REMEMBER THE CHURCH in your will? The following is taken from the Book of Common Prayer: "The Minister is ordered from time to time, to advise the people, whilst they are in health, to make wills arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, and when of ability, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."

PATRICK HENRY'S WILL

I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian Religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich; and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor.

BRYAN GREEN'S EIGHT POINTS

Canon Green is a priest in the Church of England. He has visited the United States seven times since 1936—from New York to San Francisco.

When in Philadelphia in 1951, he gave us a list of eight points for a Christian Life. These eight points are:

(1) The Christian life is a life of certainty. Example, said Bryan Green: "I do not waste $9 on a transatlantic telephone call to ask my wife if she loves me. I am certain of it."

(2) It is a life of communion with God. "The great rule about praying, is to pray. The great rule about Bible reading is to read the Bible."

(3) It is a life of fellowship.

(4) A life of freedom. "It is not a life of regulations and rules. It is a life of pleasing God in Jesus Christ."

(5) A life of tension. Canon Green explained that this means the Christian is torn between his knowledge of inner peace and happiness, and his discontent at the sin and suffering of the world.

(6) A life of discovery. "But don't show too much introspection," he warned. "Don't pull up the plant every day to see how it is growing."

(7) A life of growth in Christ's likeness. This is marked by "a rise in personal efficiency, an increase of Christian power to react against heathen pressures and the pulls and tensions of life."

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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Andante from Symphony in C. .....*Mozart*
The Processional Hymn, No. 567 .....*Dulce Carmen*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing! Page 9 .....*Chant*
Psalm 86, Page 446 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: I Kings 8:37-43
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 .....*West*
The Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3
Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel! (Page 14) .....*Chant*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 127
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (in unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Hear My Prayer .....*Mendelssohn*
Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear. Thyself from my petition do not hide; Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I mourn to Thee. Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide. The enemy shouteth, the Godless come fast. Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast! The wicked oppress me, Ah, where shall I fly? Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry. My heart is sorely pained within my breast, My soul with deathly terror is oppressed. Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall, With horror overwhelmed, lo hear my call.
O, for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove. In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Rev. J. Arnold Purdie

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn, 407 .....*St. Hilda*
The Presentation

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Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen .....*Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn, 59 .....*S. Flavian*

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THE SCHOOL OF PAIN

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Weatherhead points out that when a little child is learning to walk, his parents *allow* him to tumble. They do not restrict his adventures to a padded cell, but, under their watchful eyes, they let him tumble, and bump himself. They know that he learns more quickly through bumps than he would by being closely protected and guarded. In the same way God has "ordained our slow schooling from ignorance to knowledge from folly to wisdom, from sin to holiness," that, through both suffering and success, we should learn the way of "growing up."

Old-fashioned people used to believe that God *sent* suffering to people as a punishment for sin. But Weatherhead does not believe that God wills suffering on us; does not believe that the Almighty sends us painful hours. The parents of the little child do not *wish* him to tumble—if that were what they wanted, they would push him over. They don't do that—nor does God send us pain. But he allows it to come to us, because, so often, the school of pain can teach us wisdom that nothing else seems to teach. Sometimes our pain comes as a result of our own sin and folly, as when bad health comes as a result of burning the candle at both ends. Thus we can learn to obey the laws of health. Sometimes our pain comes, not through any sin, but because we love someone, and are woven into their lives so much that when they suffer, we suffer also. Thus we are drawn into closer and truer friendship with that person, because we are willing to suffer with them through their dark hour.

The glory of the Christian faith is that it can triumphantly take hold of pain, and make something shining out of it. The mature Christian does not moan, "why did this happen to me?" But, "What can I do with it? What does God mean me to make out of it?" So Jesus looked ahead to the cross, with its terrible suffering of body, and its still more terrible suffering of soul, and said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." He knew that, with His Father's help, He could show to men God's love for them, by means of the cross; So He took hold of the cross and used it to fill out lives with a new light. Every painful experience that comes to you can be transformed into new strength of character for yourself; new joy and help for others. When your painful hour comes to you stop and quietly ask, "What does God mean me to learn from this?" So will you grow steadily through the years; and a large part of your growth will come through the mysterious school of pain.

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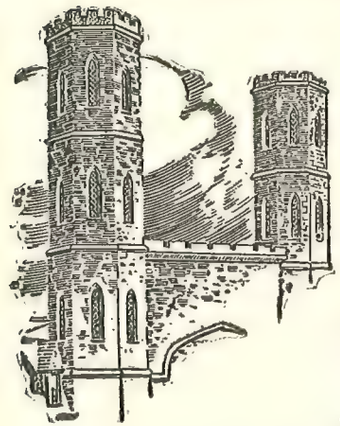
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THE PREPARATION
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Processional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*
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THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: The Trees and the Master ..... *Protheroe*
Into the woods my Master went, clean for-spent, my Master came, for-spent with love and shame. But the olives, they were not blind to Him, The little gray leaves were kind to Him: The thorn-tree had a mind to Him, when into the woods He came. Out of the woods my Master went, and He was well content, my Master came, content with death and shame. When death and shame would woo Him last, From under the trees they drew Him last: 'Twas on a tree they slew Him last, when out of the woods he came.—*Sidney Lanier*
The Sermon: Mr. Lee—"Builders for Christ"

THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn 343 ..... *Gerontius*
The Presentation—Doxology
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Communion Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING
The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
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THE CONCLUSION
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Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 406 ..... *Stephanos*
Organ Postlude

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4:00 P. M.—Miss Yeakle's Bible Class

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LEARNING NEW HABITS

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature . . ." That is just what *we* set out to do this Lent, but some of us have faltered already. Someone may be protesting, "It's easy for you to learn new ways, but I'm not young anymore; and you can't teach an old dog new tricks."

Fiddlesticks! Can't teach new tricks to an old dog? Come with me some afternoon, and I'll take you to a grandfather who learned, most successfully, to fly an aeroplane, and his grandchildren were proud of him! Look around your own neighborhood and you'll find plenty of housewives who, in the past few years, have learned to use electric mixers and curling irons, pressure cookers, and any number of useful modern gadgets which call for the forming of entirely new habits of work. Look out the window and see that elderly man driving by in his brand new car—do you suppose that he argued with the salesman that he could not buy that car because it had the new type of gear shift, rather than the old one with which he was familiar? No, he was sure he could manage it, and he's doing it now. Let's be plain honest about this—we can learn new habits, new ways, *when we want to!*

One of the reasons that Jesus grew so amazingly was that He put His mind under the daily teachings of His Father, who can give power with every bit of new knowledge, who can quicken the human will to new, surging strength, who can ever mould our stubborn, sharp-cornered human nature into lovelier forms, and make us a lot easier to live with. Let us admit that it is harder to form a new habit of generosity, or to school oneself to patience, than it is to master a gear shift or an electric mixer. True, but Christians also know that with God all things are possible. The whole matter boils down to our willingness.

It takes a teachable spirit, then, for this business of being transformed. We must go at it as pupils of the Almighty. Those who do this achieve remarkable things, in every day and generation. An English traveler tells of seeing a delicate instrument for indicating the position of the stars, made by a Moslem in India a thousand years ago. Around the edge of the fine brass work ran this inscription: "This is the work of Hussein Ali, mechanic, mathematician, and servant of the Most High God." Take heart, O doubting friend! Lent can be a time of deep and glorious transformation in your life, if you go to work on yourself as the servant of the Most High God!

GUEST PREACHERS

On Sunday mornings beginning with March 7th, we are to have the pleasure of having a group of outstanding speakers come to us. You are urged to advertise them among your friends. The list follows:

March 7—Mr. P. Blair Lee
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Shirley E. Edwards, Burd School, 1926, who was graduated from the New York University (Music, Theory and Harmony, 1930) has recently received her Master's degree in Library Science and is now employed as Cataloguer for the U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office Library.

The St. George Association of the Reading Co., an organization for encouraging lay people to lead more spiritual lives, held its February meeting in the Community House. Mr. Attenborough addressed the group on the subject of "Happiness." This organization will hold regular meetings at St. Stephen's. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

We welcome Mr. P. Blair Lee as our guest speaker this morning. Mr. Lee is president of the Western Savings Fund Society, a valued member of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill, a member of the National Council of our Church, general chairman of the Presiding Bishop's Committee for the "Builders for Christ" Campaign, and chairman of this Campaign's committee in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He will speak to us about "Builders for Christ."

This Campaign of the church was ordered by the 1952 General Convention in Boston. It has as its aim the collecting of $4,150,000. Of this amount $2,000,000 will be designated for much needed improvements to the property of the Church's eleven Seminaries; $1,225,000 for overseas churches; and $800,000 for the construction of churches and schools within the United States, particularly in emergency areas of rapid growth. Of the latter sum $500,000 is to be allocated to the American Church Institute for negroes, for the building of schools in the South.

The Campaign is now in its Over-seas phase, with emphasis being placed upon the need to rebuild churches in the Philippines which were destroyed during World War II. The "Builders for Christ" Campaign will give the Philippine Church the last boost it needs to complete its building program. The people of St. Stephen's Church will be asked to give generous support to this drive, and to pray for its success.

We wish to make a correction: On Sunday, February 21st, Mrs. Mary Varallo presented flowers for the Altar in memory of her mother, Mrs. Florence Frascone, and her sister, Miss Anna Frascone.

TESTIMONY

Dr. Price, I cannot begin to tell you how much your Healing Services mean to me. It is one of the most beautiful services I have ever attended and when I leave your church on Thursdays, I feel like a new person, inside and out. I know I have improved spiritually since I first started attending your services, and you have shown me how to live a fuller life . . .

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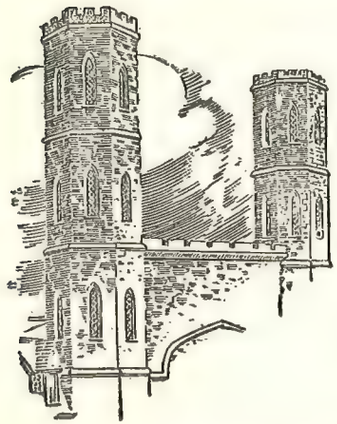
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The Rector is hopeful that he will be able to send week by week a report on his Mission to Germany. These reports will be mimeographed and distributed to the Sunday morning congregations. Be sure to get yours by coming regularly to church.

This day marks the beginning of the second part of our Church's BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign, when Episcopalians will devote attention to why and how the Church can strengthen its work overseas. Out of the total Campaign goal of $4,150,000, almost a third will help construct the churches, schools, and other buildings long-needed overseas, especially in Japan, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. Missionary work is sharing our faith with others, and through BUILDERS FOR CHRIST the Church is trying to provide some of the tools needed for this sharing. Your prayers and support for the Church's missionary work are asked at this time, and more especially for the success of the BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign.

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TESTIMONY

My dear Dr. Price:—I want to give my thanksgiving for healing received at St. Stephen's Altar Rail last Thursday. The wonder and power of these services continue to demonstrate how true the Gospel teaching of Spiritual Healing is—in our present day of all too practical thinking. May your great work as channel and teacher grow and prosper. M. F.

THE CONTAGION OF GOODNESS

When St. Paul wrote a letter to his friends in the newly formed Christian Churches, they listened, because St. Paul knew what he was talking about. This time he was writing to the Galatians who had started out enthusiastically ("ran bravely"), taken on the ways of Christ, and now showed a tendency to slip back into old ways. He protested, "I'm marveled that ye are so quickly removing"; but then, instead of scolding them, he quietly points to one of the unshakable laws of God—"remember, whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." Paste that in your hat, says Paul. Think it over!

Usually this law of God is shaken at men like a fist—to convince them that if they do evil, they will reap trouble and distress. That is, of course, true. We all saw it in a memorable incident, part way through World War II. The Germans had overcome France, and French leaders must now come to surrender to the Nazi chiefs. The meeting place was an old railway carriage in which the victorious allies of World War I had forced humiliating terms on the beaten Germans; a railway carriage which the French had made into a shrine of vengeance, placing on it a tablet which read, "Here, on November 11th, 1918, was frustrated the criminal arrogance of the German Imperial Reich, defeated by the free people which it sought to enslave." So now, in 1940, Hitler sat in the same chair from which Foch had humiliated the Germans, and proudly demanded unconditional surrender. Unfortunate France was sowing the harvest of its own hatefulness.

But this mighty law of reaping—the—harvest—of—ones—own—deeds is equally true of goodness and love. So St. Paul pleaded, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." And the Christians all along the Mediterranean shores responded to his bidding; and went at their task of sowing shining faith and loving deeds. Only 70 years later a pagan Athenian orator (Aristides) wrote, "The Christians know and trust God. They placate those who oppress them, and make them their friends; they do good to their enemies. Their wives are pure, and their daughters modest. Their men abstain from unlawful marriage. They love one another. He who has, gives ungrudgingly to him who has not. If anyone among them is poor and needy, they fast for two or three days, that they may supply him with the necessary food. But the good deeds that they do they do not proclaim in the ears of the multitude, but they take care that no one shall perceive them. Truly this is a new people and there is something divine in them." This was the harvest of shining faith and loving deeds. It always is!

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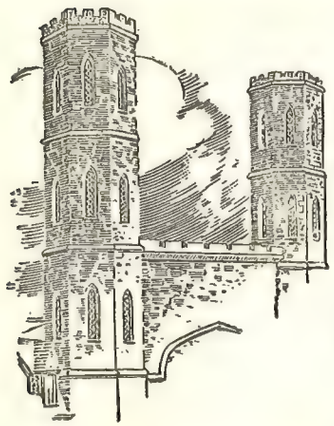
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O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother; where pity dwells, the peace of God is there; To worship rightly is to love each other, Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer. Follow with reverent steps the Great Example of Him whose holy work was doing good; So shall the wide earth seem the Father's Temple, Each loving life a Psalm of gratitude. Then shall all shackles fall: The stormy clangor of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, And in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "When A Man Needs A Friend" .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 422 .....*Erie*
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INCLINE OUR HEARTS

We say, "If I only had as much money as that banker . . . If I only had as much talent as that young singer . . . If I only had as good health as that farmer, what wonderful things I could do!" And, while we are speaking, someone with much less money than we is saving someone's body and soul by sharing the little he has. Some plain person with a plain voice is rallying a church choir in a country town, to lead the worship of God. Some crippled young woman is gladdening her friends' hearts by the lovely poems she writes from her narrow bed.

Perhaps some of you may be thinking this morning, "Lent will soon be here. If I could only get to one of those beautiful churches, with the great organ playing, and the light coming through the many colored windows, then I could make something out of Lent!" Don't let yourself have any such false thoughts. For you can make a song out of Lent wherever you are. You can discover God close to your hospital bed, or along the country roads that wind through the Pennsylvania hills, or in the dry clear air of Arizona, or attending store in a village, or doing your house work and caring for your children on crutches. For God makes it a point to be wherever a human being is tackling his task right where he is, with what he has. Read those verses from Mark, 4th Chapter, and let Lent be a time when you make your heart and your mind the right kind of soil for His teaching. Let Him enrich and cultivate your life—and This Lent will be a memorable one!

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

The Episcopal Churchnews, one of our finest Episcopal Magazines, has its leading article in the February 21st issue on the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Copies of this issue may be found on the table in the vestibule of the church at 25c a copy. Yearly subscription is $3.75. Every church member should be a subscriber to one of our National Church Publications.

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PREACHING MISSION

The Rector feels that he is a very privileged person in being selected as one of four civilian members of a Protestant Preaching Mission team to preach the Gospel to the United States Air Forces in Europe. General Carpenter, Chief of the Air Force Chaplains, in a letter to the Rector says: "Will you please convey to your church our appreciation for their generous spirit in permitting you to leave their service to perform this vital ministry to our Air Force personnel."

The Rector has been assigned six Bases in Germany. He will visit Air Force Installations in Munich, Landsberg, Giebelstadt, Rhein/Main, Birkenfeld and Wiesbaden. He will leave for his assignment from the International Airport in Washington on February 23rd and return after Easter. Each Mission will begin on Sunday and will continue through Friday. Services will be held each evening, and addresses made during the day to Wives' Clubs, Children's Clubs, Sunday School Teachers and Staff Officer's Conferences. Personal couselling will occupy a large part of each day, a number of radio addresses will be given over the Armed Forces Network for Europe.

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7351st Air Base Squadron
APO 61, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

14 Mar.-19 Mar. Giebelstadt—Chaplain (Capt.) Earl A. Mack (Baptist)
603rd Aircraft Control & Warning Sq.
APO 800, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

21 Mar.-26 Mar. Rest.

28 Mar.-2 Apr. Rhein/Main—Chaplain (Maj.) Theodore B. Mitzner (Methodist)
60th Troop Carrier Wing
APO 57, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

4 Apr.-9 Apr. Birkenfeld—Chaplain (1st Lt.) Glenn M. Mann (Disciples)
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APO 34, c/o PM, New York, N. Y.

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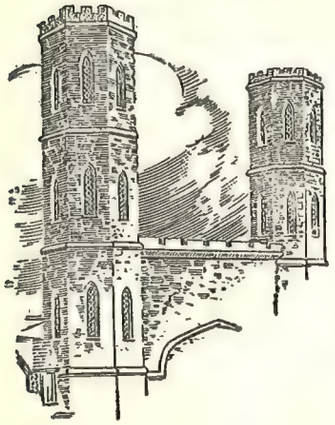
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THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: Doubt Not The Father's Care ..... *Elgar*
For every grief He finds relief, And answers every prayer. Night comes: the sun is lost; Night comes, He doth provide The gleam of a starry host. Night comes, the soul is dark, All Joy is dead, All gladness fled And life has missed its mark. Then thou — the wounded soul In that sad hour, with healing power Dost touch and makest whole.
The Sermon: "The People with the Withered Hearts" ..... The Rector

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The Rector will lead the Clergy Conference of the Diocese of Erie on February 8th and 9th and preach in St. John's Church in Erie on Tuesday Evening.

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The Rector will lead the Clergy Conference of the Diocese of Washington on February 15th.

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Invitation to have lunch on February 10th, at 12:30, at 1601 S. Broad St.; The Woman's Auxiliary of The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing will profit from this Luncheon served by the Phila. Gas Works Co.

MEMORIALS WELCOME

Although St. Stephen's is blessed with many artistic and useful memorials given during the 130 years of our history, we do need as time goes on replacements or new additions to meet our changing needs. One such need is a new set of Altar flower vases. The cost of such a memorial is in the neighborhood of three hundred dollars.

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The most expensive furniture in the church is the empty pew!

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"Unravelling Juvenile Delinquency" will be the subject of an address by the Hon. Nochem S. Winnett, Chairman of the Crime Prevention Association, at the 4:00 P. M. meeting of the Institute of the Department of Christian Social Relations at the Youth Study Center, 20th Street and the Parkway. Dinner and evening sessions will be devoted to Panel Discussions on the same subject. Admission to both sessions will be by ticket only because of limited seating space and reservations must be made before February 3rd. Call Miss Davies at the Church House — LO 7-6650.

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Our Church is presently devoting special attention to the needs of our seminaries, where young men receive the training they need to enter the ministry. January 24, Theological Education Sunday, has been set aside as a special day when offerings are taken to assist our Church's eleven seminaries to meet their current running expenses. At the same time, the Builders For Christ Campaign, the Church's drive for $4,150,000 for urgent building needs, is also being focused on the seminaries. Half of this sum will go toward the building of libraries, dormitories, and other necessary construction which cannot be taken care of through the seminaries' annual budget. Your prayers and support are asked both for Theological Education and the BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign.

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COUNSELS OF GOD

Today we go back a month or so in the Christian year, to the Wise Men and the Star. With Lent just another month away, it may be worth while to look back to the beginning of the life of Christ on earth.

Unbelieving people say that this ancient story of the Wise Men and the Star is not common sense — how could three sages pick out one star from a sky full of countless stars, and follow its gleam to a little town in Palestine? Is it common sense, the unbeliever asks, that Wise Men should find the King of Kings in a barn in Bethlehem, the hope of all the ages born in a stall? Perhaps it is not common sense, but it is *true,* for Christ, the King of Kings, *was* born in that barn; and today Herod (who seemed so important then) is only remembered because he tried to kill the babe. Let your mind run swiftly over the thirty years of His life on earth, to its closing scene, on Golgatha — He is dying, nailed to a hard cross; and common sense says He is done for, finished. Common sense said just that, at the foot of the cross, and went back to the city for another drink, and an evening's entertainment. But Common Sense once more was wrong — for He was not finished. He had only *begun!*

It is humbling to discover that our human common sense is so mistaken, so often, in such important matters. But it is a healthy discovery to make, for then we face the fact that God made us with limited sense, needing His counsel, needing His Star in the dark night of life, to guide us to the truth.

Last Sunday we walked through the jungle with an American G. I. whose whistling of a Christian Hymn led to a miracle; made it possible for him to get rid of his enemies by changing them into friends. It is not common sense to believe that such things can happen; but they happen. It takes the high and shining wisdom of God, working through a human being, to make such things possible. It may be that a wise leader or two, in the Lenten weeks not far away now, may decide to cut loose from prodding common sense, and try out the Divine, un-common sense of God, and to believe that His miracles are possible in our lives. Dare to be wise men who lift their eyes above the earth-bound levels of common sense, and see the Star, and follow it. For the common sense of men is more often wrong than right. But the rare counsels of God are never wrong, and they lead to a life which is worth living forever!

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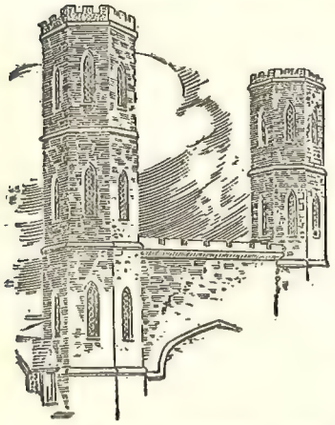
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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ORGAN PRELUDE: Solemn Prelude ..... *Noble*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 579 ..... *Marion*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 145, Page 520
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Matthews*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM—Hymn To the Savior ..... *Kremser-Spicker*

With all my weight of woes unspoken Let me before Thee bend the knee, Thou hope of weary hearts and broken, O Savior, show Thy grace to me. On Thee I call, the tears are falling From out mine eyes in grateful flow, And heavenly voices hear I calling: Do not despair, O Child, Within my breast echoes their message, the flower of faith now blooms again, in warm devotion's holy presage as clouds of night dissolves my pain. I hear a sound of angel voices, the last of earthly fetters breaks, My longing heart to heaven up winging, with Thee, in light and joy awakes.

SERMON: "Launch Out Into The Deep" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 565 ..... *Fortitude*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 563 ..... *St. Dunstans*

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BURD SCHOOL SUNDAY

As a commencement of an annual "Burd School Sunday", which we hope will each year tell the congregation of the achievements, problems and plans of this great trust of St. Stephen's Church, we will have this Sunday a short address by Edward Shippen Morris, Esq., a Vestryman, and treasurer of the Burd School.

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Mrs. David German has been on a singing tour throughout Italy for the past four months, appearing in Opera and on Concert Stage. Later she plans to sing in Vienna.

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The Official Family of our Parish (Vestrymen and their wives) were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin at a dinner on January 13th at the Barclay Hotel, when presentations were made to the Rev. Mr. Attenborough and the Rector. Mr. Attenborough was presented with a fine set of Theological Books and the Rector was presented with a wonderful piece of luggage and a leather bound toilet kit for his coming tour of the Air Force Installations in Germany.

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Prescription given to a patient at Mayo Clinic: When you work, work easy; when you rest, rest loose; when you are worried, lie down and take a nap.

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The Rector spoke to the Young People's Society of St. Faith Church in Havertown on January 24th.

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This month our Church is launching a nationwide campaign called "BUILDERS FOR CHRIST", dedicated to the building needs of the Episcopal Church In 1952, General Convention, the representative governing body of the church, was concerned about the way our church was being handicapped by lack of adequate Seminary buildings, churches, and schools. It therefore ordered a special campaign to be conducted sometime during the ensuing three-year period to raise a part of the funds needed for this construction. This is the BUILDERS FOR CHRIST campaign, and its goal is $4,150,000. You are asked to remember the BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign in your prayers, and to give it your whole-hearted support.

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H. Alexander Matthews—"In Dulce Jubilo" . . . Here is a composer who never lets you down. I have been playing his music since steak was forty cents a pound and have yet to find a dud from his pen. Good honest melodious music, no trying to be clever, no ugly chords, no silly pedal solos, no spiky registration; just lovely music, and may a kind Providence bless him for it. Get it, you jerks. (From *Review of New Music,* "The American Organist."

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The Annual Corporate Communion and Breakfast of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held each year on or near Washington's Birthday, will be held this year in the following churches: St. Stephen's, 10th Street, above Chestnut; All Saints', Torresdale; St. John's, Lansdowne; Good Samaritan, Paoli; St. Luke's, Germantown; and St. Thomas', Whitemarsh.

The date is Saturday, Feb. 20th. The Service in St. Stephen's will be held at 8:00 A. M. and the breakfast will be held in Snellenburg's Restaurant. The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Grotan, Chaplain of the Brotherhood, will be the speaker. Tickets are $1.25. The Rector is anxious for the men and boys of St. Stephen's to attend this service in good numbers. Get your reservation today.

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The Board of Directors of the Northeast Boys' Club has sent a check for ten dollars to St. Stephen's Church in memory of Mrs. Elmer S. Carll. Mrs. Carll was a good friend of the Boys' Club and was helpful in many ways in carrying on the work of the club.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*
VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
PSALM 116, Page 486
BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Hyde*
BENEDICTUS ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: "How Lovely Are The Messengers" ..... *Mendelssohn*
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace! To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
SERMON: The Necessity of Supporting Theological Education ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 535 ..... *Festal Song*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 487 ..... *Ellers*

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Our Church Cannot Grow Unless we take steps to supply Clergy,

1. for the 688 unmanned churches financially able to support Clergy
2. for the many vacancies in the Mission Field
3. for the Chaplains in the Armed Forces
4. for College and School work
5. for faculty positions in the Church Seminaries

Unless

Seminaries graduate more trained clergy. (Graduated this year 300. Present actual shortage 688). At present rate, estimated shortage for 1955 is 915.

Unless

Our Ministry becomes the concern of the Whole Church. (Only 60% of our present clergy have been trained in the Seminaries of our own church).

The hundreds of churches with no clergy, failing to meet the opportunity and and service—this has been everyone's business, and so it has been no one's business. The growth of the Church requires manpower. The Theological Education Commission feels that properly equipped and dedicated manpower alone will produce real growth in our Church. The voluntary contributions on Theological Education Sunday now produce one quarter million dollars a year, from less than one half of the parishes in the Church. Our Church can only grow by increasing greatly the number of Seminary trained men for leaders.

Customarily, the Seminary which is the Alma Mater of the clergyman of the church giving the offering receives the benefit. St. Stephen's Church divides her offering between the Rector's Seminary, Cambridge, and the Philadelphia Divinity School, which supplies so many men for this area.

DEFENSE OF THE MOST HIGH

Today I want to share with you a story that appeared sometime ago in the *Congressional Record,* and it suggests that "whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." A nineteen year old G. I. who had been awarded a medal for bringing in a large group of Japanese prisoners, single-handed, tells his own story:

"I want someone to know that I don't deserve that medal. It happened this way. I was captured by the Japanese, with 5 of my pals. We were marched through the jungle with bayonets at our backs. I had to see my comrades one by one killed and mutilated. I said the 23rd Psalm. I said the Lord's prayer. Die I must, but I determined not to let my captors see my fear. Trembling from head to foot, marching in mud up to my ankles,with a bayonet sticking in my back, I began to whistle the way I used to when I was a small boy, and had to go through a dark street. So I whistled, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing cease then from distressing, sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own."

"Suddenly I became aware that someone had joined me in my whistling—it was my Japanese captor! He, too, was whistling the hymn. Soon I felt his gun fall back into place. He walked beside me then, and suddenly I jumped when, in perfect English, he said to me, 'I never cease to wonder at the magnificence of Christian hymns: and a few minutes talk revealed that the Japanese soldier had learned English in a mission school to which I had contributed in my Sunday School days. The Japanese boy spoke of war and how the Japanese Christians hated it. We both agreed on the power of Christianity, and what would happen if people really dared to live it; and then we began to talk of our families and our homes. Finally, at the suggestion of the Japanese, we knelt in the mud and prayed for suffering humanity around the world, and for 'His peace that passeth understanding' among all men on earth.

"When we arose, he asked me if I could take him back as a prisoner to the American headquarters. He said that it was the only way that he could live up to his Christianity, and thus help Japan to become a Christian nation; and on the way back he found in various fox-holes other Japanese Christians, and they too joined me. I shall never forget the hope and joy that came into their eyes as my friend unfolded to them, one by one, how we found each other, and why and where they were being taken. All the way back we talked of the Christian religion. When we neared camp, by mutual agreement they put on poker-faces and somber looks, and I, gun in hand, marched them into camp. After the war's over, they will spend their lives keeping alive and spreading an ever-growing Christian community in Japan. So you see I don't deserve a medal for the most wonderful experience in my life." It would seem that the "defense of the Most High" might well be the strongest national defense of all. It sounds as if it might be well worth while for the people of the earth to try that defense with confidence at last!

Adelaide Carll

"In the midst of life we are in death." How this has been brought home to us this week in the sudden passing of Mrs. Adelaide Carll. Our deep sympathy is expressed to Mr. Elmer Carll, Vestryman of St. Stephen's Church, in the loss of his precious possession from tangible association. We find consolation in the knowledge that her soul is with the Lord. May she "go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service" in the heavenly Kingdom.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

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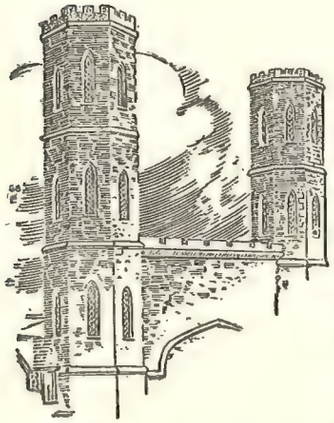
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VENITE, Page 9 ..... *Chant*
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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
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ANTHEM: "Ye That Have Spent the Silent Night
in Sleep and Quiet Rest ..... *G. Dyson*

And joy to see the light that riseth in the East;
Now lift your hearts, your voices raise
And pay a grateful song of praise,
To heaven's Almighty King.

And as this gloomy night did last
But for a little space;
As heavenly day, now night is past,
Doth show his pleasant face;
So let us hope, when faith and love
Their work on earth have done,
God's blessed face to see above,
Heaven's better, brighter sun.

(George Gascoigne, 1525-1577)

SERMON: "Changing With The Years" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN: 467 ..... *Eventide*
AMERICA—Presentation of the Colors
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The flowers on the Altar today are presented by Mrs. Craig Atmore in memory of her husband.

Mrs. Anna W. Hauger, our Parish Treasurer, has submitted her very detailed and important annual report. (The first report received to date.)

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SCHOOL OF ABUNDANT LIVING

The annual mid-winter School of Prayer will be held in St. Stephen's Church on Monday and Tuesday, January 18th and 19th. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, as well as the Evening Meetings of Group Singing and fine speakers. Ruth Robison, Alice Kraft and Norman Elliott. Programs are available in church vestibule.

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FROM THE PASTORAL LETTER

"Our country seems to be losing that faith and confidence in itself which has characterized our life in other days, and shown itself in a devotion to human rights and liberties. We have become anxious and worried, the victims of our fears: our fear of war, of military service, of insecurity, and of communism."

1954 WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Treaurer's Office has been busy addressing and preparing for the mail boxes of 1954 Church Offering Envelopes. They are being sent to all those who made regular weekly pledges for the New Year and asked for envelopes for use in placing their contribution in the offering plates. Weekly envelopes remind us of the fact that the Church's expenses go on, with great regularity, and even when we are not in church. Thus the faithful use of envelopes makes the income of the Church as steady as her disbursements.

PHONE FOR ENVELOPES—If you wish 1954 envelopes, and do not receive them in the mail, please phone the Church Office.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CHURCH

If you believe in God and wish to take your stand in fellowship with others—do so now. These are days of daring challenge to all of us who uphold Christ and His Church. The Ministers of this church will be glad to confer with you about the meaning of membership here and invite your inquiry.

We gratefully acknowledge these Bulletin Subscriptions: Miss Marguerite K. Caldwell, William M. Gill, Mrs. H. Liggett, Elizabeth Corrigan, Mrs. David S. Gamble, Mrs. Charles Hutt. There are many more, which must await space here, in later issues.

STEPPING STONES

Margaret Blair Johnstone tells a story of Jean—who had been horribly burned in a flash fire which took the life of her husband and 3 year old child. She had no desire to live. "Why should I take what comes? Give me some good reason why I *should* live." She did not want to hear anything about God; and, down deep, she thought that no one else had had such trouble as hers. So Margaret Johnstone continued:

"There is a woman out on the west coast. Years ago in a traffic accident she lost, not one, but both of her little girls. Her name is Kathleen Norris, the great writer who has brought help in her stories to millions." But Jean turned her face to the wall. "There was another woman," Mrs. Johnstone went on, "whose husband's work took him to China. Now you'd think that being a missionary would make you sort of special with God, wouldn't you? Well, for this woman it didn't. And she felt just as you do. After all, what else could you feel when, one after the other, four of your babies died in your arms?" Jean's lips moved softly. "What did *she* do?" "She went ahead and had another baby. She called this one her comfort. Comfort didn't die. She grew up. Her pen name is Pearl . . . Pearl Buck." "But that woman wasn't alone," Jean protested. "She had her husband."

"There was a man once," Mrs. Johnstone persisted. "He was only 33 years of age. He was alone, *completely* alone. He was dying. He felt, at that moment, that no one—not even God—cared what happened to him. We know he felt that way, for he cried out, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" For a long time Jean lay in silence. "But," and her tone was bewildered, "but He was *supposed* to die." "If so," Mrs. Johnstone asked quietly, "What is it that you are 'supposed' to do? Haven't you considered that your life might have been spared for something?" "I hadn't thought of that," she said; and from that moment, Jean began to show a gleam of interest in life, a new-born hope that God had work for her to do, work for people that needed doing.

And Jean was helped—as all praying, outward-looking sufferers are—by the example of other sufferers who found victory with the help of Almighty God. She could see that there would have been no Pearl Buck (and her glorious books) if her grief-blasted mother with child-like faith had not believed that there was a future ahead if she went with God. Jean kept discovering new victors who had trustfully followed the road through the darkness of Calvary into the Resurrection Light of Easter. No matter how heavy their hearts, these God-trusting people had gone ahead and had another baby; had risen from their beds to live another day for Him; had gone ahead "blind' sometimes, because others had found the way through night to dawn.

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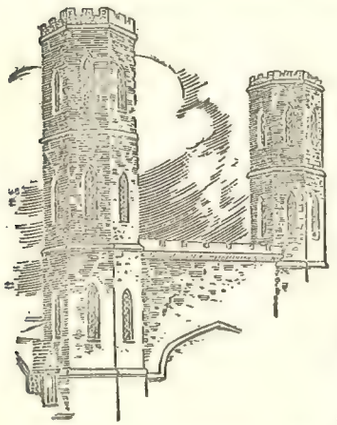
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BENEDICTUS ES DOMINE, Page 11 ..... *Ward*
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ANTHEM: There Shall A Star from Jacob Come Forth ..... *Mendelssohn*
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in pieces princes and nations.
As bright the stars of morning gleam
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Radiance darting—Truth Imparting—Gives Salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!
SERMON: So Three Kings Come to Philadelphia ..... The Rector
OFFERTORY HYMN 440 ..... *Watchman*
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The Rector addressed the Baptist Ministers' Union at the First Baptist Church on January 4th.

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SOMETHING NEW

has been added. Every Wednesday, at 5:30 P. M., there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Stephen's Church. Please keep this in mind whenever you are in the neighborhood of the church on this mid-week shopping night.

The postponed visit of The Treble Clef Chorus of Haddon Heights will take place this Sunday evening. Mrs. Helen Wyeth Peirce and her group will participate in the Service tonight at 7:30 P. M.

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TRUE LIBERTY

Once, on a speeding train, I met a bass viol player, standing rather wretchedly on the platform between cars, because the big, unwieldly instrument was too bulky to take into the well filled car. He could not set it in a corner, for fear that it would be broken; so he had to stand there on the swaying platform, clinging to the hand bar with one hand, and clutching the awkward instrument with the other. I began to wonder whether he owned the bass viol, or whether the bass viol owned him! It is like many people of wealth today, whose great estates are a millstone around their necks—do they own these estates, or do the estates own them!

Obediah, in his fiery little book, prophesied a happier day when they would "Possess their possessions." But that day did not appear until Christ came, and taught men not to be anxious about their possessions, but to surrender these problems to God's care. He taught them that he who loses his life (gives it to God to use freely) saves it. Or, in the words of the ancient prayer, that we need to surrender ourselves to God "Whose service is perfect freedom."

This surrender to God does give true liberty, for once He is our Captain, there is nothing in life which can master us. After all, He has made all things and all people. He *is* the Lord, and He reigns in the world. Therefore, when the fortress of man's soul is commanded by the Almighty, it can stand unconquerable against all adversaries. This is the only freedom which is perfect. In the Lenten days, not far away now, we can strike out for that freedom.

See how it works! Right after Pearl Harbor a group of our missionaries in China were confined in an internment camp, and kept there for 2 years. There were no brutalities nor cruelties by the Japanese. They were not maltreated, but only neglected, and kept under guard. The food was poor, and sometimes not enough. It could have been a desperately dull and hopeless place, full of nervous and physical breakdowns. But these were people enlisted in the service of the Almighty, so their spirits could not be imprisoned or beaten. They organized the life of the camp as best they could—sanitation, cooking, fuel collecting; they set up a school, and varied recreation. They did not break down in those long and lonely months of hardship. They were, throughout, free people—freer than the Japanese soldiers who guarded them! For when a person enlists in the hosts of the Almighty God, he finds that perfect freedom which no foe can destroy!

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PARISH REGISTER

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"A member of Christ, A Child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven"

November 10th—Alan Charles Mitchell
December 13th—Jayne Ellen Carr

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

December 5th—James B. Madison and Lilie H. Endo
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New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household."

Mrs. Miriam L. Allen
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Burials

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and Light Perpetual shine upon them."

October 28th—Harry Sudit
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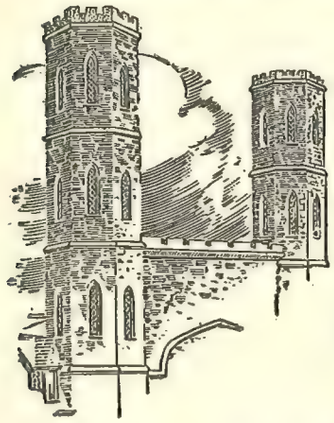
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

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ORGAN PRELUDE ..... *Mulet*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 561 ..... *St. Boniface*
KYRIE ..... *Willan*
ANTHEM—Soprano Solo from "The Messiah" ..... *Handel*

How beautiful are the feet of them
That preach the Gospel of Peace, and
Bring glad tidings of Good Things!

SERMON—"Changing With the Years" ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 319 ..... *Richmond*
SANCTUS ..... *Willan*
COMMUNION HYMN 197 ..... *Picardy*
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... *Old Chant*
SEVENFOLD AMEN ..... *Stainer*
RECESSIONAL HYMN 292 ..... *Innocents*

4:00 P. M.—Miss Yeakle's Bible Class

7:30 P. M.—EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON BY MR. MECKLING

The flowers on the Altar today are presented by The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, in memory of his father; and by Mrs. Frederick Schmid, in memory of her husband.

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"STAND FAST"

The coming of Christ, anywhere, anytime, has always caused a strange mixture of feelings. When the news of His promised coming sounded in the heart of Mary, she sang with joyful heart the song we now call the Magnificat. When it reached the ears of jumpy, fearful old Herod, it was like a nightmare; and he ordered the killing of all the babies in that district lest the new-born Prince should grow up to threaten his authority. Whenever he approaches men, some are glad; others are fearful. It all depends on what sort of people they are.

Always His coming has disturbed honest people, and made them suddenly aware of their sins. It is as if He flooded their inner souls with a light like noon-day, and they saw how stubbornly they had stood against Him, how persistently they had tried to kill Him out of their thoughts. In Lloyd Douglas' memorable story, "The Robe," there is a young army officed named Marcellus. It so happens that he is the officer ordered to take charge of the crucifixion of Jesus and the two thieves. He knew next to nothing about these three who died before his eyes that day; but he came home deeply disturbed; so disturbed that he unburdens his heart to his slave Demetrius: "I am dirty. I'm dirty—outside and inside. I'm dirty—and ashamed." "You were only obeying orders, sir," the loyal slave points out, trying to make his master feel better. But Marcellus only groans more deeply and asks, "Were you out there? were you there when He called on His God to forgive us? He looked directly at me after He said it. Im afraid I'm going to have a hard time forgetting that look." Marcellus never did forget that look. Jesus has a way of disturbing a human heart very deeply.

That is why there is no use in "playing" at Christianity as a child plays with dolls; and sets them aside when they become wearisome. Christian faith cannot be a hobby, to be relished occasionally on Sundays, or when we are in the mood. Once the power of the Nazarene has touched a human life, that life will never find rest until it comes to terms with Him; just as Marcellus came to terms with Him at the end, and at last knew what peace is! The story is told that Daniel A. Poling was once asked by a curious young man, "What do you know about God?" Dr. Poling answered, with quiet assurance, "Mighty little, but what I know has changed my entire life."

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We are very grateful to a number of parishioners who were behind in their pledge payments but who have recently brought them up to date. There is, however, still a pretty heavy item of unpaid pledges. Our books for the year 1953 close January 6th.

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We acknowledge with grateful appreciation $25.00 from the Mothers' Meeting for the Chinese Christian Church and Center and $75.00 for the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

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The five year period of pledges for the New Organ is now coming near to completion. We have $2,245.00 unpaid balances among those who pledged. We will be glad to furnish a statement of your pledge if you will notify the office.

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If we are to reach our objectives in our Every Member Canvass and do the things we ought to be doing, we are going to need the co-operation of all our parishioners in the matter of pledges for the support of our 1954 budget.

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The Rector presented Miss Emma S. Bolay for confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on December 14th; and Alan C. Mitchell on December 21st, 1953.

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We want "The Bulletin" to go to everyone who counts St. Stephen's his Church Home. If you are not receiving it now and would like to be on our mailing list, please tear off this slip, sign it and send it to the parish office or place it in the alms basin.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Canons of the Church require that the financial reports of all Parish Organizations should be included in the Annual Report which each Parish is requested to make to the Bishop. This report is made for the Calendar year. The Canons further require that all of these reports should be audited by somebody not a member of the Organizations. We would appreciate it if all our Organizations would plan now to have such a financial report ready for the Rector by January 15th, so that they may be incorporated in our parochial report.

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To all those who so generously contributed toward the purchase of a private Communion set and a purse of money as an ordination gift for him, the Rev. Mr. Attenborough is grateful, and says "Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness."

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WHY ONE FAMILY GOES TO CHURCH

"We regularly take Jackie, Jr., to church with us though he's only a little fellow. For my wife, Rachel, and I want him to know, as early as possible, the faith that will guide and help him all his life, as it helps and guides us. For to be without the help of the friendly hand of God is something we cannot imagine. I know without His help I could never do my job." Jackie Robinson.

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EVERY WOMAN AN AUXILIARY MEMBER

Every Episcopalian woman is a member of the Woman's Auxiliary, by virtue of her confirmation. This is not generally understood. The fact is, however, that all the Woman's Auxiliary is a national organization of Episcopal women, and therefore all such women are automatically members. It is hoped that by sponsoring a large-scale nomination for the top offices among our women, greater interest will be developed in the furtherance of the work sponsored by our church.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 1955

10:30 P. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 1955

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

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Saturday, December 31, 1955, at 11:00 P.M.

Prayer and Address by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

Followed by the Holy Communion

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out GOD? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "Christmas Offering." Will you use it for a gift for HIM?

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Prelude and Fugue in D Major ..... *Bach*

Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

Christ Our Passover Is Sacrificed For Us

THE COMMUNION SERVICE Page 67

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem—Come, See The Place Where Jesus Lay ..... *Matthews*

The Sermon—THE RESURRECTION ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotch Chant*

Benediction

Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*

Recessional Hymn 87 ..... *Fortunatus*

ORGAN POSTLUDE—Carillon de Westminster ..... *Vierne*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. The Flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee Family. The flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore. The flowers on the Pancoast Window have been provided by Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House

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ORGAN PRELUDE—Excerpt, Finale Symphony No. 1 ..... *Brahms*

Processional Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

Kyrie, Hymnal 702 ..... *Merbecke*

Sermon Hymn 89 ..... *Salzburg*

The Sermon ..... Mr. Meckling

Easter Music by our Soloists: Mr. Henninger and Mr. Sylvester

Sanctus & Agnus Dei, Hymnal 704-706 ..... *Merbecke*

Vesper Hymn 173 ..... *St. Nicholas*

Recessional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

"Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah!" so run the words of old, and so they come echoing down the ages. And a thrill is in those words. But does it begin and end merely as a word of cheer? Today it is Easter Day, and all the churches in our land are proclaiming the Easter Message, "Christ is risen, yea, He is risen indeed!" And even so, every Easter Day, for nineteen hundred years, these words have been proclaimed. They hold the biggest message that ever has been given to man, but how do we receive it? It is the message of regeneration, but are *we regenerate,* and is the Church regenerate? "Christ is risen!" Does the Church raise this word with mighty power? And does it show a Door therein? And do we see the same as the very Gate of Heaven?

Or do we miss the meaning? Do we think of it much as an outward piece of news more or less verified by a few disciples? But if this were all, considering that every human witness is fallible, would it not be rather a slender ground for our hope? No, let us say that the incident at the Tomb itself is but the prelude to something far more wonderful.

Truly Christ will be our Ferryman when we cross the waters of death, the death of the body. But that is the least little part of the Easter message. In our thoughts we think in material terms, but the language of Christ is the language of truth, even as it is also the language of love. The death-overcoming of our Lord is not the death of the body, but of the death of the soul. And this is that of which the Bible tells. And it is in this respect that the message will search home to us today. This is the very truth of which the Scriptures speak—that death, spiritual death, ensued when man fell away from the knowledge of God. With sin came death. And sin is just that which separates man from God. We do not truly live until, as it is written in the Fourth Gospel, we "know, and and are known of God," which word implies an interior and heavenly communion.

Within us all are spiritual potentialities, unveiled this Easter Day. Cast off the grave clothes of earth's captivity. Christ came to set the captives free, free from the serfdom of the nether world, wherein infirmity, sickness, disease, and sin, bind and burden the bodies and souls of men. Rise, then, into the Glorious Liberty of the children of God.

When we are dead unto sin, there is no more death to die. "Perfect love casts out fear." Love absolves, and saves, and heals. Fear cast out, life made anew, neither fear nor thought of fear can more invade the soul; darkness cannot invade the Light.

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If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the spirit directs us. For this purpose please use the enclosed envelope.

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Text: Hymn No. 26
The Sermon: "The Hungers of the Heart".....THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING
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THE CONSECRATION
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THE COMMUNION
Communion Hymn 485.....*Abends*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING
The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84, Hymnal 739.....*Old Scottish Chant*

THE CONCLUSION
The Peace of God, Page 84
Sevenfold Amen.....*Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 28.....*Regent Square*

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MORE PLEDGES RECEIVED

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The Rev. Mr. Attenborough gave an Advent Address to the Church-woman's Club on December 21st.

The Rev. Mr. Attenborough has been elected a member of the Social Relations Committee of the Diocese of Penna.

We are grateful to the Mothers' Meeting for their Christmas contribution of $100.00.

The Rector will preach and conduct a Healing Service in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening, January 2nd.

The Rector conducted his annual service at the Leamy Home on Sunday, December 26th, at 5 P.M.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have finished another year in our Ministry of Healing in St. Stephen's Church. Devoting at least a half-hour each day to pray for a long list of people may not seem a great thing for an intercessor to do, but it is quite often just the link needed for God's power to reach the one in need. We remember with deep gratitude, that it is just the daily acts of prayer of each of our seventy-two intercessors, which has made the work of the Prayer Healing Fellowship as a whole possible. They have shared with us at St. Stephen's the great burden of the need of those who write to us for prayer.

The number of our regular Prayer Fellowship intercessors has reached seventy-two and we now have a daily chain of prayers from 4:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. We have each of the twenty-one hours taken three times over by our seventy-two members. Each intercessor is disciplined to give a fixed hour each day for this prayer activity. Each needy individual is lifted up in prayer to God twenty-one hours a day for a period of four weeks. The patient is requested to keep us informed of progress. Chronic cases can be renewed for longer periods of prayer.

During the past year 2,838 persons requested our prayers. This means that 2,838 people were remembered 21 hours a day for a period of four weeks by our 72 prayer helpers. All this adds up to 550,368 annual prayer hours.

We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing co-operation and know that our Lord too is grateful to them for being "Workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Has all the prayer, faith and devotion of intercessors and friends been worthwhile? No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported at the monthly meeting of the Prayer Fellowship and in the weekly report to the members all progress and cures are recorded. There is no limit to what God can do through Prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidences of His love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in Prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . For where two or three are gathered, in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of Prayer can never be over-estimated.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

August 1st—Pearl Ellen Coe
August 23rd—Pearl Margaret Jones Toomey
October 23rd—Clara Ruth Camburn
October 24th—Leslie McCall Anderson

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together."

July 9th—Charles E. Lewis, Jr. Karin Ruth Elsworth
July 10th—John J. Flanagan, Jr. Grace T. Wolf
September 18th—William Behli Ida Mae McClay
October 30th—Ernest M. Kisro Ada M. Kinkler
November 6th—Bernard W. Botson Alice E. Stevenson
November 9th—Charles R. Everett Percola C. Aldrich

Burials

"Rest Eternal, grant unto them, O Lord."

June 10—Ida C. Schaeffer
June 18—Charles J. Guenther
June 23—Harriet White McCaffery
June 28—Reba Fryer
August 25—Drucilla Mark
October 6—William S. Patterson
October 11—Clifford H. Baker
December 6—Helen A. Street

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the Household."

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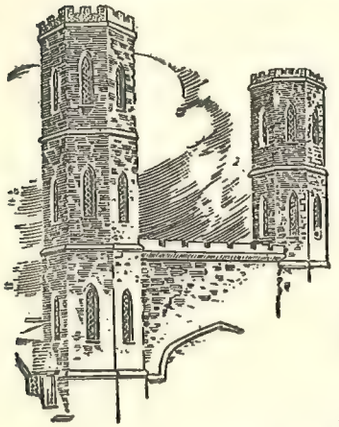
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INVITATION

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I know not where the road will lead, I follow day by day; Or where it ends: I only know I walk the King's High Way. I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say; But rough or smooth, uphill or down, I walk the King's High Way. And some I love have reached the end, but some with me may stay; Their faith and hope still guide me, I walk the King's High Way. The Way is Truth, the Way is Love, for light and strength I pray, And through the years of life to God, I walk the King's High Way. The countless hosts lead on before, I must not fear or stray; With them the pilgrims of all creeds, I walk the King's High Way. Through light and dark the road leads on, Till dawns the endless day; When I shall know why in this life I walk the King's High Way.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Power To Keep Going ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*
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The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

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4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House

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TREASURER'S REPORT

In this issue of the Bulletin we are printing the annual report of Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Parish Treasurer. We are greatly indebted to both Mr. and Mrs. Hauger for their most capable services in recording the monies which come to the Church week by week, and keeping the records of the Duplex Envelope system.

The report deserves your careful reading. It gives a picture of the response of our members and friends to the many worthy appeals during the year.

MORE PLEDGES RECEIVED

The following is a partial list of those from whom pledges have been received. Others will follow during the coming issues of the Bulletin. Mrs. Elizabeth R. Fay, Jack Smyth, Mrs. G. T. Townsley, Mrs. Mary Varallo, Mr. and Mrs. John Harris.

AN APPRAISAL OF INDIA

is the subject on which Mrs. Price addresses the Woman's Auxiliary at its regular meeting on Thursday, January 20th, at 11 A. M. This strategic part of the world is special study for the Woman's Auxiliaries of the Diocese.

Mrs. Price gave an address on this subject on January 11th, at St. Michael's Church, Yeadon.

We wish to acknowledge, with thanks, the following subscriptions to the Weekly Bulletin: Mrs. Craig Atmore, Rev. and Mrs. George R. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Coffee, The Daleys, Ann E. Ewing, May Falkingham, Mrs. John C. Funck, Clarence Garrett, Jr., Harold Gregg, Jane R. Harper, John M. and Edith L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Hay, Miss Edwina S. Hild, Frances T. Kalich, Mrs. Charles Hutt, Mrs. E. C. Jones, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Miss Katharine Kennedy, Theresa E. King, Miss Mildred W. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Frances F. Loverin, Harry Lyster, David Magee, Edward S. Morris, Miss Christine M. Mosler, Herbert Old, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. Leila Rock, Louise Savage, Mrs. Emma Simons, Mae Snedden, Mrs. J. Thompson, Mrs. William F. Thomson, J. W. White, Mrs. J. R. Wilson.

THREE DAY PRAYER INSTITUTE

LED BY GLENN CLARK, STARR DAILY AND ALICE KRAFT will be held in St. Shephen's Church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, January 21, 22 and 23.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are formed throughout the entire year, and may be presented any Monday in the Chapel of the Bishop's House. The Rector, during the past month, presented three persons for Confirmation. Inquire at any time for the formation of a new class for instruction in the Episcopal Church.

Charles E. Stein has been honorably discharged from the Navy, and we are happy to have him back in the Parish.

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Parochial Maintenance	7,649.82	Ditto, Lenten Services	2,331.77
Missions	2,912.50	Telephone Collections	2.15
Episcopal Hospital	527.32	Farm & Recreation Fund—Refund Mothers' Meeting Picnic	46.00
Benevolent Society	356.23	Missionary Box	90.30
United Thank Offering	670.21	Initial Offering on Duplex Env.	31.80
Sunday School	22.89	Memorial Prayer and Hymn Books	69.00
Ditto, Lenten Offering	45.96	Helen Stapleton Bequest	138.20
Parish Bulletin	561.60	Refunds	9.90
Theological Education	242.30	Builders for Christ	4,622.85
Milk Can	553.45	Bishop Gordon—Alaska	10.00
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Community House Maintenance	485.00	Dr. Maillard's Mission	541.44
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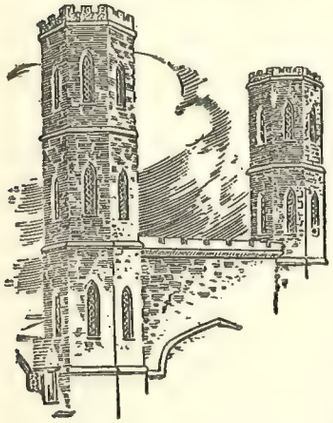
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The Sermon: Pull Yourself Together .....The Rector

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ROOTED IN LOVE

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St. Paul was a farmer of souls. He thought of people, as the Psalmist did, as "the planting of the Lord." So, as he cultivated the lives of men, he prayed that they would be "Rooted and gounded in love"; that their thoughts and deeds, from sun-up to sunset, would be plunged deep into God's Spirit of eternal caring for men.

"But how do I do that?" you may ask. Here is one way. Choose some person who specially needs your help—whom you have not been able to help as you wanted to (perhaps because you did not really care enough). Take ten minutes every day to pray for that person—*every day,* no matter how busy you are. As you pray for that person, see her as God sees her—with her virtues as well as her faults, her strengths as well as her weaknesses; her sincere desire to do what is right; her wonderful possibilities as God's servant. It may be your wife, or your sister, or a neighbor woman. It might be some growing up child who often drops in on you. Pray God that she may be strengthened; that she may have victory; and that you may be used by God as a channel of His love. Then thank Him that He is already doing this. You will be surprised to find what a difference this will make.

The glorious souls possess this secret—they are not content with a shallow, sentimental attention to loving kindness. They sink their daily lives deep into the soil of God's love. One of life's rarest delights is to know people like that. A school teacher one day was carefully teaching his arithmetic class to do fractions. After going over it slowly and patiently, he turned to one boy and asked, "George, if your mother baked an apple pie, and there were seven of you at the table—your parents and five children—what portion of the pie would each of you get?" "One sixth," answered George without hesitation. "I don't believe that you have been listening," said the teacher sharply. "You don't know anything about fractions." "Yes, Sir," replied George quietly, "I really do know about fractions; but I know about my mother, too. If there was only one apple pie for the whole family, my mother would say that she didn't care for any pie; and each of us would get a sixth." That is the kind of person who grows out of being rooted and grounded in love.

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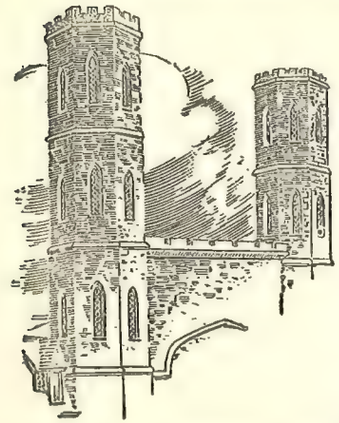
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
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Lord, we implore Thee, guard us and guide us, our doubts and fears remove now, and forevermore; we humbly pray Thee. Lord in Thy mercy turn our hearts unto Thee, and let us forever be full of deep humility. Lord, God almighty, guard us and guide us, hear us, we pray Thee, and grant our supplication. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: Theological Education .....The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 572 .....*Maryton*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction
The Recessional Hymn 576 .....*Pro Labora*

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GOING HIS WAY

The world usually judges people by their position among men—how high they have climbed, *where they are.* The worlds says: "He is a very successful business man"; "He has the best farm around here"; "She has a wonderful reputation as a nurse"; "She is the most popular woman in town." But Jesus looks at it differently. He says, "He is becoming a more useful business men"; "He is always learning better ways of farming the land God entrusted to him"; "She is growing to be a more valuable nurse because she is learning to keep my healing presence in her heart"; "Her capacity for loving people is growing so fast that her friends are a host!" Jesus judges people, therefore, not by where they are, but by *the direction in which they are going.* Some of the most "successful" people rank low with Him, for they have stopped growing; they have grown content with what they are. As the negro red-cap said, "No, don't take that coach, for it aint hitched to anything that is going somewhere."

Jesus said to those who wished to be His friends, "Follow Me." In other words, "Go always in My direction—along the road on which My Spirit will lead you." He does not care especially whether the world considers you a success—He cares about the way you are headed. Someone has said that a saint is a sinner who, when he falls down, gets up in God's direction. There is deep comfort, and large hope, in that truth. Jesus knows that we are going to fall flat on our faces sometimes; but, when we do, He expects us to listen for His re-assuring voice bidding, "follow Me."

In a group of skaters there was a small boy who kept tumbling to the ice so often that his older brother shouted, "You'll be black and blue from head to foot—your too little to learn to skate. Why don't you give up, and watch the others?" The little boy was still crying, but he shouted back, indignantly, "I didn't get these skates to give up on; I got 'em to learn with." We can all be like that little boy—we have our faith to "learn with," our Master to beckon us on. Which way are you headed? "Follow Me!"

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VESTRYMAN HONORED

Mr. Elmer S. Carll was honored by a Testimonial Dinner at the Drake Hotel on Saturday evening, January 29th, for outstanding public service and charitable endeavors. Mr. Carll, vestryman of St. Stephens and President of the Industrial Trust Company, was the recipient of the Fifth Annual Award of Kensington Hospital.

SEMINARIES GET OFFERING SUNDAY

Theological Education Sunday is a positive opportunity for every person—man, woman and child—to do something for one of the Church's basic endeavors.

Our Church cannot grow unless we take steps to supply clergy, and the clergy cannot be trained unless we support our Seminaries.

In order that everyone may have an opportunity to participate in meeting this vital need of our Church, offering envelopes have been mailed to our entire membership. Customarily, the Seminary which is the Alma Mater of the clergyman of the Church giving the offering receives the benefit. St. Stephen's Church divides her offering between the Rector's Seminary, Cambridge, and the Philadelphia Divinity School, which supplies so many men for this area.

The Rector will speak in the Union Methodist Church, Brookline, Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

ARE YOU BUSIER THAN THE PRESIDENT?

Many people today are saying, "I would like to go to church, but I am just too busy." If so, they are busier than the President of the United States. According to Paul Harvey, *President Eisenhower attends Church EVERY Sunday;* and if he is to be out of town, his wife or secretary phones the pastor explaining his absence. With the grave responsibility for this nation, he feels that he must be in the House of God for worship every Sunday.

IF A BUSY PRESIDENT CAN TAKE TIME TO ATTEND CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY, SHOULDN'T WE, TOO?

MORE PLEDGES RECEIVED

The following is a partial list of those from whom pledges have been received. Others will follow during the coming issues of the Bulletin. Emma S. Bolay, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Mrs. Ross Randall, Hilda E. Yeutter.

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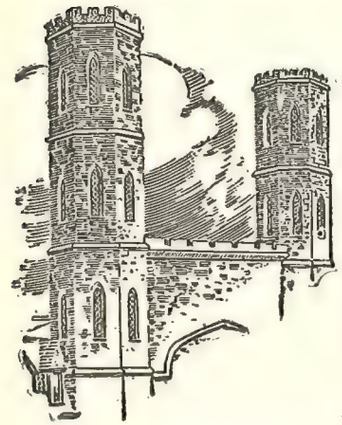
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Now Jesus knew how weary we become, how much we crave relief and new light. He promised us rest. But not by removing our loads. He said, "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." In other words, He promises us new strength for carrying, rather than nothing to carry! He promises to make us stronger people, to whom heavy burdens seem light, because, filled with His strength, we can carry them without faltering. In your morning prayer time, ask Him what load He wants you to carry that day; what He wants you to take on for someone else. If you do that, the load will never be too heavy. Because He has given you the load, He will enable you to carry it with a spring in your step!

No, it is not escape that we really want. A poor man was carrying a heavy load of sticks on his back, when he became tired and sat down to rest. Throwing the load aside, he exclaimed, "How can I escape my hard life? I wish that death would come and take up my load." Instantly death stood beside him. The old man looked at death with a sinking heart. "Here I am," said death. "What do you want of me?" The old man rose slowly to his feet, and said, "I want you to help put this bundle of sticks on my back again." We do not want to escape our loads. We want power to carry them.

In some places in India there are provided along the road resting places for those who carry heavy loads on their heads. Such a resting place is called a "sulma tanga." These places have a shelf where the traveler may drop his burden, and beneath is a shady seat where he can quietly rest. Referring to one of these resting places, a native Christian woman said, "Christ is my sulma tanga." When we are weary, we can stop and make sure that we are carrying Christ's load, and then find, in His presence, rest for our souls and for our bodies.

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening, and he will give a lecture in St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N. J., on Tuesday evening, February 8th.

The Rector's wife gave a talk on India at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill, on February 3rd, and will speak at St. Christopher's Church, Gladwyn, on February 8th.

INCOME TAX AND CHURCH GIVING

Harvey N. Chinn, now pastor of the Rockridge E. U. B. Church, Oakland, Calif., offers "A WORD ABOUT YOUR INCOME TAX;" According to the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue, taxpayers can give up to 20% of their gross income to religious, educational and charitable institutions and deduct it from their income tax. But it should be remembered that you can't deduct PLEDGES—a pledge must actually be paid before that amount can be deducted. Because Church contributions are deductible, this means that for every dollar you give to the Church, your total income is lowered! It also means that it costs you LESS than a dollar to give a dollar to the Church! For example, if your net taxable income is $1,500, it only costs you 78c to give a dollar to the Church. And if your net taxable income is $20,000 (and we hope it is!) it only costs you 41c to give a dollar to the Church. Where can you give more for less? And what organization has accomplished more, with less means, than the Church?

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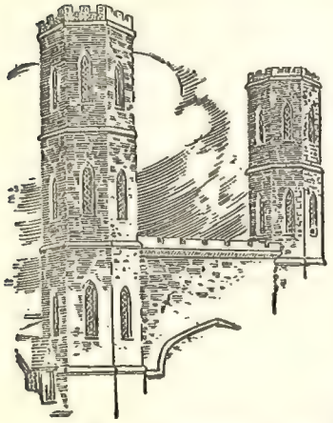
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: Devotion ..... *Bossi*
Processional Hymn 61 ..... *Spires*
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The Kyrie, Hymnal 701, Merbecke-Martin, Page 68
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THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: God's Peace is Peace Eternal ..... *Grieg*

God's peace is peace eternal, Here discords all our joys displace; We wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, Before the Judge we all must bow. God merciful and kind will shield us, and from the evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the poorest soul release, who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

The Sermon: The Secret of a Full Life ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*
The Presentation—Doxology
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THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison), Page 75
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THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 483 ..... *Consolation*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God, Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
Organ Postlude

The Altar Flowers on Ash Wednesday were presented by Miss Katharine Kennedy in loving memory of her mother, Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy.

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DISCIPLINED LIVING

What does Lent mean to you? "Oh," a childish memory whispers in your ear, "Lent is the time when people give up things." That is right. Now read again the great prayer that we use for the First Sunday in Lent in our Book of Common Prayer, "Give us grace to use such abstinence . . ." But *why* the abstinence? "Why" give up "things"? What *for?*

One of the saddest, most pointless performances in all religion is the child who goes about proudly announcing, "I have given up candy for Lent!" If you ask him *why* he does not really know. The true satisfaction he gets is bragging about it; and he is in a fair way to become an objectionable little prig.

Why discipline our bodies and spirits in the six and a half weeks in Lent? Read further in that Collect, "Give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may obey Thy Godly motions in righteousness." *There* is your reason for abstinence. We are going to "break" our bodies as a horseman breaks an unruly horse. The horseman does it so that the horse will obey the touch of the rider's will, through the reins. The Christian "breaks" his body and its appetities so that it will obey the touch of God's will on his life.

By all means make your Lent a season of disciplined living. There are no triumphs without discipline. But make your discipline positive, purposeful. If you have a sweet tooth that adds pounds of fat to your body, and makes you sluggish all over, by all means follow some intelligent and definite diet, which cuts out expensive luxuries. It will make you a healthier, more responsive servant of God. And you will save money which you can use to save lives from starvation, through Meals for Millions, or Care, or some other instrument of God's saving love. In other words, discipline yourself because you love God, and want to serve Him, and your fellow men, better than before. "Give up things," simplify your eating, your day's schedule, your dreaming, so there is more room for God and His interests; so that He can use you more richly. Make your Lent a positive, building season.

St. Paul put it simply: "Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost?" That body was given you, not for your own enjoyment primarily, but primarily for God's use. Your religion has to come out of that body, so it has to be usable for God. Don't let yourself be like John Atkins, the windy weaver—"the trouble with John is that he stands around talking about his religion when he ought to be attending to his loom. He is a good enough fellow, and has the making of a fine weaver in him; but he has not yet learned that while he is in the weaving shed his religion ought to come out of his fingers and not out of his mouth."

The Rector's wife, continuing her talks on India, will speak in St. Martin's Church, Radnor, March 15th; St. John's Church, Cynwyd on March 21st; and St. Giles' Church, Stonehurst, on March 24th.

The Rector has made an electrical transcription of a Good Friday address, "What's Good About Good Friday?", which will be broadcast over WFIL at 12:45 P. M. on Good Friday. He has also made transcriptions of four prayers that will be broadcast over WIP during the Lenten Season.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening, March 6th, and take a midnight plane for Austin, Texas, where, on Monday he will speak to the student body of the Theological School of the Southwest and conduct a Forum on Spiritual Healing in St. David's Church. He will fly to Santa Fe, where he will conduct a Healing Mission from Tuesday to Friday in the Church of the Holy Faith.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rt. Rev. Malcolm E. Peabody, Bishop of Central New York, who will be our guest preacher Monday through Friday at the Lenten Noonday Services. Bishop Peabody is well known in Philadelphia, and remembered as the Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill from 1925 to 1938.

The New Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, will be our guest preacher on Saturday, March 12th. We are happy to welcome the Rev. Francis B. Rhein to St. Stephens' Church.

"EACH ONE BRING ONE"

As Lent begins we remember once more the slogan for building up church attendance, "Each One Bring One." Sometimes people criticize church attendance and church membership on the ground that church people are no better than others. That is often true, but like all generalizations it is a dangerous thing to say, for many people outside of the church are much worse than the average person in the church. We make no claims to sainthood. We admit that we are sinners. And we are helped in our worship in church when we meet together "to render thanks for the great benefits which we have received at God's hands, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul." Immediately after which we join in a common confession of our shortcomings and receive assurance of God's forgiveness.

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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
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The Processional Hymn, No. 58.....*Langran*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalms 124 and 125, Page 504 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: II Samuel 12:1-13
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 626
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 4
Jubilate!, Page 15, Hymnal 644

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 125
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: God Be In My Head.....*Davies*
God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Temptations of Jesus".....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 458.....*St. Margaret*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 339.....*St. Christopher*

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THE GROWING SEASON

Just as all truly alive human beings welcome the return of Spring, so do all real Christians welcome the return of Lent on Ash Wednesday (March 3rd). For Lent is just an old word for "Springtime," since Lent is a special season when eager Christians let God directly into their hearts, just as the sun shines more and more directly on the earth as Spring comes on. So Lent is a season—for Christians it is the growing season.

See how much we have to outgrow! How much of childish selfishness we have to rise above. A writer once told the history of a little creature called the barnacle: "This creature lives fastened to a rock or to the bottom of a boat, living in a cone-shaped shell which has a hole at the top, and a little trap door which opens and shuts like the shutter of a camera. When the water rises over the barnacle, the little creature opens this door, stretches out a wavering arm with clutching fingers at the end, and grabs, grabs, grabs for any chance morsel floating by. That grabbing is the whole life of the barnacle." The writer went on to say that all little children begin by grabbing, just like the barnacle; and that some people never outgrow this childish stage, but live all their days "with the grabbing hand tirelessly at work." As Lent begins, we turn toward the God of the open, *giving hand* of love, and seek His aid to give us power to overcome, outgrow, our grabbing habits.

See how much we have to grow up to! In the words of Jesus, we find His promise that we can be like Him, that we can do the works He did, and live the victorious and deeply loving life He did. Take that seriously, for certainly you can depend on the word of honor of Jesus; and He said that you *can* grow to be like Him. You can live by His Spirit, with a hand that is tirelessly at work—not grabbing, but giving and encouraging. Let God come very close to you in the six and a half weeks of Lent, and you will find yourself really growing up into a new character which will sometimes actually remind people of your Master!

NATIONAL REBIRTH OF SPIRITUAL AWARENESS DEMONSTRATED IN CONGRESSIONAL BUILDING

For the first time in 167 years of Congressional history, Senators and House Members this year will have a special secluded room for quiet meditation. Clergymen of the Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and other faiths were consulted to see that members of all faiths would find the room suitable. A table near the entrance will hold Bibles, prayer books, and other reading material. The Rector has contributed for this room a number of pamphlets and booklets on prayer. We thank God for this action taking place in our Government.

The Rector will preach at the Lenten Noon-day Services in St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, February 28th to March 4th, and conduct a Healing Mission there during the evenings of Tuesday through Thursday.

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Agnes Sanford, author of some very inspiring writings on prayer and spiritual healing, and, herself an exponent of the power of prayer, will speak on Thursday, March 3rd at 8:00 P. M. in St. Stephen's Church.

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The Rector spoke to the incoming class of nurses at Jefferson Hospital on February 9th.

The Rector will conduct a Memorial Service for the late Arthur M. Kennedy in St. Stephen's Church, Saturday, March 5th, at 2 P. M.

We gratefully acknowledge the following Bulletin subscriptions: Mrs. Irene Beitz, Mrs. Charlotte Guenther, Mrs. J. C. Guenther, Madeline Magee, Miss W. P. Sachs, Kathryn Smith, B. Washington.

CONFIRMATION TALKS

Mr. Attenborough will give talks on Sunday mornings at 10 A. M. in the Rector's Study, primarily for all who are thinking of Confirmation, but also for all who are interested. He will explain the origin and meaning of some of those things which are most surely believed among us: Our Christian Faith, Our Christian Church, Our Christian Prayer, Our Christian Communion, etc.

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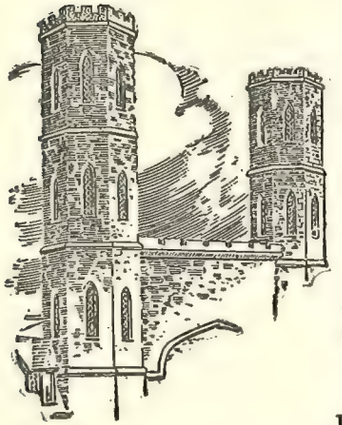
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Ye who have spent the silent night in deep and quiet rest, and joy to see the light that riseth in the East; Now lift your hearts, your voices raise, Your morning tribute bring, and pay a grateful song of praise to heav'n's Almighty King. And as this gloomy night did last but a little space; as heavenly day doth show his pleasant face, so let us hope, when faith and love their work on earth have done, God's blessed face to see above, heaven's better, brighter Sun.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: David and Goliath .....THE RECTOR

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The Rector will speak to the Clerical Brotherhood at the Church House on Monday, February 21st.

HOW IS IT WITH YOU?

Often it happens that people ask something of us—and we do not have it. The lame man, begging alms at the gate of the Temple called Beautiful, asked Peter for money; and Peter did not have it.

He was thoughtful for a moment. It was plain that he did not have what the man wanted. But still he began to ask himself, "What have I that *could* help this man? I can't do what he asks, but I can do *something?*" Swiftly God's spirit in Peter's heart showed him that he had something far more precious than what the man had asked—not a coin or two to drop in a beggar's out-stretched hand, but the power that would release him from begging at all! So he bade the man, "In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And the amazed man suddenly found himself walking on sound ankles; able to work and support himself.

So many people, when they cannot do what a person asks of them, shrug their shoulders sorrowfully, and do nothing. That is too easy a way out of the situation. For God has endowed every living person with precious gifts with which he can help others, if he is willing. Yours may not be five talent gifts (and, again, they *may* be!), but, consecrated to aid those about you, they can bring great joy and comfort. Your bounden duty is to use the talents God gave you; and to use them with all your faithfulness and strength.

Once Dwight L. Moody was preaching to a great crowd. He was thinking more of his burning message than of the literary form of it. A fussy-minded man, after the service, said to Mr. Moody, "You spoke with great eloquence this evening, but—I hope you will not mind my mentioning it—I notice that you mispronounced four words, and made five mistakes in grammar." Mr. Moody smiled quietly, and replied, "I don't doubt it for a moment. My early education was both scanty and faulty. But I'm using all the grammar I know, in the service of Christ—how is it with you?" He was saying, in different words, "Such as I have, I give . . ."

How is it with you?

LENT — EASTER

Everybody goes to Church on Easter. Why not begin in Lent?

Easter has its message, its hope, its flowers, its numbers. Lent also has these—everything but numbers.

Each one can help furnish the numbers. His presence counts one and adds to the attraction, the interest and enthusiasm of numbers.

Each one also adds to the Sermon and the music. It ought not to be so, but it is, that the preacher is a poor human soul, subject to moods, now of exaltation, now of depression. Each one adds an inch or two to his heights or his depths, by his presence or absence.

And the choir singers are as human as the minister. Only a super-organist will practice for an absentee congregation. A Metropolitan Opera Star will fade away before an "empty house." Art for art's sake does not exist in art.

We have had very disappointing congregations this Winter. We are asking everyone to pledge four Sunday Services each month for the Lenten Season. Yes, Lent starts this week! Lent is the period of Spiritual training, like that which the athlete undergoes before the race or game. Will not more people go into training? Will YOU not go out for the team?

CONFIRMATION TALKS

Mr. Attenborough will give talks on Sunday mornings at 10 A. M. in the Rector's Study, primarily for all who are thinking of Confirmation, but also for all who are interested. He will explain the origin and meaning of some of those things which are most surely believed among us: Our Christian Faith, Our Christian Church, Our Christian Prayer, Our Christian Communion, etc.

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Mondays during Lent the Organ Recitals will be played at 12 Noon.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A. M. Bishop Hart will preach at 12:30 P. M., and Mr. Attenborough will celebrate the Holy Communion at 5:30 P. M. Bishop Roberts, retired Bishop of Shanghai, will preach on Thursday, Dr. John R. Hart, of Valley Forge, will preach on Friday and Saturday.

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First, there were the highway robbers. Their philosophy was, "What's yours is mine—hands up!" And they fell upon the man, beat him up, and took all that he had. We know that philosophy—the wealthy owners of industry had it in the last century, when they bled the working man; and the leaders of labor in this century have been turning the tables, determined to bleed the owners of industry—"What's yours is mine—hands up!" That philosophy always leaves someone behind, bleeding and hurt, on the ancient road of life.

Second, came the Levite and the Priest—very respectable, and very selfish. Their philosophy was—"What's mine is mine! What's yours is none of my business. But what's mine *is* mine!" Their time was their own, so that they would not stop to care for the injured man. The Priest argued with himself, "It was his own fault—he had no business carrying valuable property over this road infested with bandits. I'll not get mixed up in this business—I have enough on my hands already." So he passed by. The Levite at least "came and looked upon him." But he, too, argued that it was no affair of his, and went along on his own errand. Millions follow this easy way—they "keep out of trouble" by keeping themselves out of the troubles of others. They are polite and cool; and in great haste to take care of themselves.

Lastly, there came the Samaritan. He saw the fallen man, and said to himself, "I'm the only man in sight to do anything about this. It's up to me. God gave me life, and possessions, for opportunities like this." And he tore off strips from his own clothes, and bound up his wounds; poured a little oil on the bandages to make them soft; and some wine, which he knew was good for wounds (although he had never heard of an "antiseptic"). He set the man on his own beast, and got him to a way-side inn; and saved his life.

Thus Jesus gives us three of the philosophies of those who travel the road of life. The danger of many nice, careful Church people, is that their philosophy smells too much of the Priest and the Levite. But our Master looks to us to be the Samaritan, and, as we come upon those in trouble, quietly to say to ourselves, "It's up to me!"

TODAY IS BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

We are happy to welcome our Troop Committee and the boys of the Troop to the 11 o'clock service. Our Troop, No. 2, was one of five Troops in this district to win the year-round camper's Award in 1954. We are very much in need of men to serve as Merit Badge Counsellors. If you are interested please get in touch with the Church Office or Mr. Lyman or Mr. Fred Schmid.

On Saturday, the fifth of February, the Rector united in Marriage William J. W. White and Madeline Keller.

Mr. Frank Olmsted, Editor of World News Sheets, and Secretary of the Koinonia Foundation will give an address in St. Stephen's on Thursday, February 17th, at 8 P. M.

Reservations for the Breakfast on February 19th for men and boys for the Annual Corporate Communion of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, are now available. The Service is at 8 A. M. and breakfast follows in the Community House with a radio address by Bishop Hart.

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The following is a partial list of those from whom pledges have been received. Others will follow during the coming issues of the Bulletin. Mrs. Edith Oliver, Miss Marguerite K. Caldwell.

The Department of Christian Social Relations has announced "Operation New Citizens" as the theme for the 1955 Institute which will be held in Christ Church Neighborhood House, 20 North American Street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, February 15th, 1955. The Institute will consider the part the Diocese will play in helping to activate the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Speaker: Edward Corsi, of the Refugee Relief Administration, Department of State, Washington, D. C. See the Rector about reservations for the dinner.

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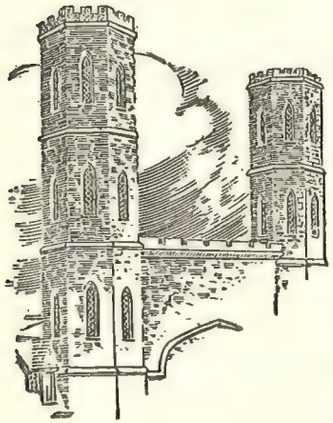
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The Processional Hymn, No. 303 .....To God on High
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
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O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 34, Page 380 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: Genesis 50: 7-21
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 626
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TO ASK THOSE THINGS
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The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Father of All .....*Christopher Tye*
Father of all, we bow to Thee, who are in heaven adored: Yet seen on earth thru' all Thy works, the universal Lord. For Thine the power, the Kingdom Thine; All glory be to Thee; Thine from eternity they were, and Thine shall ever be.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon .....Mr. Attenborough

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 435 .....*Rest*
The Presentation

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The Recessional Hymn 533 .....*Bethlehem*

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4:00 P. M.—Bible Class.
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SALVATION

They had Him at last, exulted the enemies of Jesus! There He was, nailed hard and fast to the Cross; done for; finished. They had been frightened, these proud little men—frightened that Jesus would lead the crowds away from them, and that they would lose their shiny little places in the sun. But they had smartly turned the crowd against Him—and he who laughs last, laughs best. So they looked up at Him with grim laughter, and gloated, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." And even one of the thieves, nailed to a cross close to Jesus, took up the bitter cry, "Art Thou not the Christ? Save Thyself and us."

But He could not. That was one thing that Jesus was not able to do. Because He was Love clothed in the flesh, it was not in His nature to save Himself. It was His nature to save others. The Almighty God, the All-loving, by His saving character, cannot be a self-saver.

Out of that fact there follows a truth that is sobering and startling. God, in His turn, can only save those who are willing to be savers themselves. Did not Jesus, instructing His disciples how to pray, teach them to say, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"? In other words, God can forgive only those who themselves have forgiving hearts. For only forgiving people understand forgiveness. Only they can accept forgiveness.

Sometimes there has crept into religious thinking or into Christian thinking, rather, a strange notion that your first duty is to attend to your own salvation—to see that your own soul is ready to pass its examination at the heavenly gates. How anyone ever drew that nasty, selfish little idea out of the teaching of Jesus will always be a mystery. He taught that your first duty is to obey the will of God, and that His Love, and that His will then sets you to work in neighborly, life-saving action for others. Self-love blocks you off from God's grace.

Let me remind you of the old Russian legend of a man in hell who prayed earnestly to be released from torment. At last a voice said, "rescue will come." A slender thread was let down, and he was told to grasp it. He did so, and thin though the thread seemed, it began to draw him up. But others, seeing him being released, seized hold of his garments that they also might be drawn up out of torment. The man kicked them off, crying out, "The thread will break!" And break it did! And then the Voice spoke again, "The thread of the Love of God was strong enough to save you and your brothers; but it was not strong enough to save you alone."

A BETTER WAY TO KEEP LENT

1. Go to church every Sunday and once during each week.
2. Read your Bible every day, and study one other religious book.
3. Find a definite work to do for Christ.
4. Tackle some pet sin or weakness and strive to master it.
5. Invite some friend to attend one of the church services with you.

The Mothers' Meeting has made a twenty-five dollar contribution to the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

MITE BOXES DISTRIBUTED

The Mite Boxes which will receive the children's Easter Offering for Missions have been blessed and were distributed to the children on February 20. We are sending a special envelope to all our families for those who wish to relive their Sunday School days and have a share in this enterprise. Regarding Mite Boxes, the Presiding Bishop writes:

". . . I am alternately amused, discouraged, and perplexed by the ignorance of our people . . . as to the magnitude, the complexity, and the necessity of our world-wide task. To some the term Missionary . . . brings to mind an elderly gentleman in a tall hat, standing in a rapidly heating caldron, passing out tracts to primitive cannibals. Others view the work as ultra-sentimentalism entirely irrelevant to the world in which we live. To still more the Mission of the Church is related to a strange item in the parochial budget known as the apportionment, viewed as a tax for purposes misunderstood and therefore unwelcome. A great number never think about these matters at all. All this is written with full appreciation of the sacrifices, the prayers, the devoted work of the "hard core" of the Church, the men and women who take their religious obligations seriously, and there are, we may thank God, hundreds of thousands of such consecrated people."

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. Thomas H. Chappell, Dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg, who will be our guest preacher Monday through Friday at the Lenten Noonday Services, March 14th to 18th, inclusive.

The Rev. Paul M. Washington, Vicar, St. Cyprian's Church, Phila., will be our guest preacher on Saturday, March 19th. We are happy to welcome the Rev. Mr. Washington to St. Stephens' Church.

The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission in St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, N. M., March 13th to 17.

Mr. I. Smith Raspin gave an address on the subject of the "City and Poverty" in a series of addresses by outstanding laymen on the general subject of the City and its problems, in St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, Sunday evening, March 6th.

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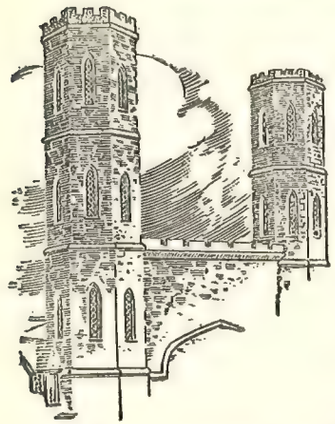
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The Processional Hymn, No. 103 ..... *In Babilone*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 107: 1-16, Page 476 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: II Kings 2: 1-22
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624
The Second Lesson: Acts 1: 1-14
Jubilate, Page 15, Hymnal 645

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The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

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The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 179
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The Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place ..... *Brahms*
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise Thy name forever fore.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Nobility of Error ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*
The Presentation

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The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 352 ..... *Diademata*

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GOD'S PICTURE OF YOU

The story of Jesus and the woman taken in adultery has deep comfort in it for all battered and stumbling human people. So many—easy and content on the surface—down deep have a haunting sense of guilt about past transgressions, and an inner despair about ever being any different. This woman had dragged along through life carrying in her mind a picture of her defeated self—and because she expected to be like that, she *was!*

Then suddenly she heard Jesus saying, "neither do I condemn thee—go and sin no more!" In other words, He was saying that she *could* be different; that, with God's help, she could be free from sin, and hold her head high as a victorious child of God. He gave her a new picture of herself, and a thrilling one. She trusted Him, and went on her way, eager and confident, to begin her new life.

There is a story of a negro who became very lazy, and would sit out-side his cabin while his wife did all the work. In days past he had been a good worker. One day as his wife walked briskly past him, she shook her head sadly, and lamented, "John Jay, you sure done lost de image of yourself!" And he *had* lost the picture of the man God meant him to be, the man who married her for better or for worse, to provide for her 'til death should part them. Instead he had substituted a man who took the most delicate care of his miserable self, and needed much rest. It makes all the difference in the world what kind of picture of yourself you carry in your heart.

As Leslie Weatherhead has written, "Christ's belief in us can even give us a picture of ourselves as He sees us—the picture He can make the true one—and with that picture on the screen of our minds, with faith in Him and daily friendship with Him, we can move forward. A friend told me recently of a beggar whose "pitch" was near the window of an artist's studio. From his window the artist painted the beggar, and then called him to see the portrait. The beggar did not recognize himself. "Who is it?" he asked. And then, as recognition dawned, *"Can it be I?"* he asked incredulously. "That is the man as I see him," said the artist. The beggar made a sublime reply. "If that is the man you see," he said, "that is the man I will be."

One of your glorious and urgent duties, friend, is to accept, at last, God's picture of you. What He wants you to be is something that is possible,—for He does not make mistakes. He does not command the impossible. His picture of you is within your powers, if He is let into your heart. Take heart and trust Him, for He is saying directly to you, "Neither do I condemn thee—go and sin no more!"

LAY LEADERS' SUNDAY

St. Stephen's Parish is fortunate in having a dedicated group of lay leaders who give unselfishly of their time and talents to the many and varied activities of this down-town Church.

These persons have been invited to attend the eleven o'clock service today and sit together in the front pews that they may receive recognition.

The congregation will join with the Rector in the following prayer:

"Almighty God, our heavenly Father, look with favor, we beseech Thee, upon these Thy servants who are giving themselves in Thy service as leaders in the work of this Parish. Open the hearts and souls of all to follow in the support of them and of Thee. Let their leadership be earnestly appreciated by us all. Give to them and to each of us the wisdom to know and the strength to do Thy will. And grant that, at the last, the words of our Master may be applied to them and to us, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

The King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church continues to do splendid work under the devoted leadership of Mrs. Clara Schmid. During the past year the members made 8 linen neckerchiefs for our Boy Scouts, 16 pairs of pajamas, 2 baby blankets and wrappers, 30 diapers, 4 sacks, 9 scrap books for the Episcopal Hospital. Valuable sewing was sent to the Jefferson Hospital and to other hospitals as well as orphanages.

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The Rector will speak to the members of the Northeast Ministerium of Protestant Clergy on Tuesday, May 24th, in St. Bartholomew's Church, at noon.

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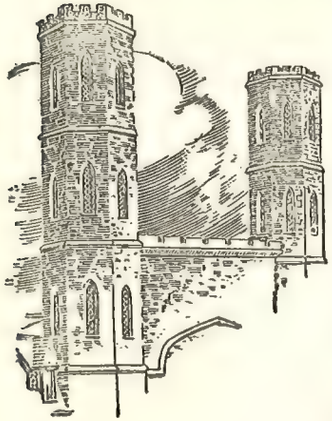
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The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
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O Lord, most holy, O Lord most mighty; O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee: Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And, in temptation's hour, save, thru' Thy mighty power; Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: THE LETTER OF JAMES .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 276 .....*Nun Danket*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 385 .....*Austria*

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The Magazine, "The Pastor," dedicated to the Ministers' Workshop referred to the Rector's book, "Religion and Health," in an article on "Healing In The Church."

Mr. James O. Lyman, our Scoutmaster, reports that Troop No. 2 won three of the four annual awards of scouting this past year as well as being one of five troops in our district to win the Phila. Council's Campership Award."

Mrs. Anna W. Hauger, President of the Benevolent Society, reports that 5,352 pieces of sewing were completed at a cost of $518.93 and sent to the Episcopal, Jefferson, Presbyterian Hospitals, and to the Visiting Nurses' Society during the past year.

"Mary Light," a leader in the ministry of Spiritual Healing, author of "Signs and Wonders," will give a lecture in St. Stephen's Church on May 24th, 8 P. M. BRING A FRIEND!

MINISTRY OF FRIENDLINESS

We are greatly encouraged by the appreciation of many visitors who have spoken of the friendliness of parishioners with whom they have sat in the pews. The thoughtfulness shown in a friendly greeting, in helping people to find their place in the Prayer Book, or in bidding them welcome to the parish or to some parish organizations, is a very real part of the ministry of the Church. It is a ministry which the clergy must largely entrust to the parishioners.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 19th at 12:15 P. M., followed by the usual Healing Service.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

All men wake up in the morning expecting something. Some expect only the old, tiresome grind; some, a day boiling in worries; some expect a mixture of drudgery and joy; and others look for a quiet, resolute march toward golden hopes. These last can look expectantly even into the blackets storms, because they look to God. As the old Psalmist put it, 'My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my Rock and my Salvation. He is my Defense. I shall not be moved."

A boy, duck shooting with his father, remembered learning a new point of view toward storms. With his father in the boat, a storm was something to battle gloriously with the strength God had given them. The two in a Swanscott dory could handle her in the gale, keeping the bow up into the wind. He remembers his father rowing in the seat astern of him, and the sense of utter confidence as he saw his strong shoulders bending to the oars, and the wise head set on those shoulders. He knew what to do; the boy needed only to do his part; no gale could overcome *them*!

As they grew older, there came days when they do face black clouds, and a storm pounds against their souls. Yet, even there, your expectation can be from God. In 1892 young Robert Byers lay helpless in a tiny room in Airdale, Australia. A college student of great promise as a musician, he had suddenly been stricken with paralysis. Worse than that, little by little his sight and hearing became affected, and in 14 years he was totally blind and almost deaf. All he could do was to lie motionless in his bed, and think . . . and talk in slow sentences with the friends who came to see him. One might think that he would stop expecting anything from life except depsair. But as he faced the black night of his storm, he believed that God still had opportunities for him. One night he confided to a visitor, "I've got lots of friends, but there are other blind people (particularly children) who haven't. I'm going to see if I can interest my friends in helping them." So he wrote to his friends, asking each to give some annual birthday gift for a needy blind child. In 5 years, Robert Byers—still lying motionless, blind and almost deaf—was receiving annual birthday gifts from fifteen hundred friends and friends of friends; and was helping no less than 80 blind boys and girls in 21 different lands. And, when he died in 1926, his friends carried on that work. His expectation was from God—see what wonderful good came out of it.

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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Prayer.....*Boellmann*
The Processional Hymn, No. 282.....*Lauda Anima*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 40, Page 390 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Proverbs 31:10-31
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624
The Second Lesson: Luke 2:41-52
Jubilate, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 174
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Mother's Day Hymn.....*Edward Shippen Barnes*
Source of that power, which made her strong—for labors hard and vigils long,
To succor right and thwart the wrong, I need Thee now, my mother's God.
Goal of her faith, which wavered naught through hardships borne and battles fought, Grateful for what her faith has wrought, I seek Thee now, my mother's God. Author of light, which made her face a shining miracle of grace, for light in my own time and place, I pray Thee now, my mother's God. Fountain of love with which o'er-flowed her life, each deed in love bestowed, for that great love, my joy and goad, I thank Thee now, my mother's God.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: God Has a Mother's Way.....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn: 304.....*Beecher*
The Presentation

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WHAT IS "GETTING" YOU?

What gets your mind gets you! It is important to realize that mental attitudes affect bodily states. It has become a truism that the mind has a power over the body and that healthy thoughts tend to produce healthy bodies. The awkward fact we must all face is that resentment today may mean arthritis tomorrow; anxiety today may mean stomach ulcers tomorrow; fear today may mean glaucoma tomorrow. The encouraging fact is that tolerance today may mean better health tomorrow; love today may mean peace of mind tomorrow; faith today may mean healing tomorrow.

If fear gets your mind, fear will get you. Your body is part of you, so if fear gets you it will get your body, too. By the same law, if love gets your mind, love will get you. As your body is made for love, you stand a better chance of enjoying good health if you are loving than if you are hard and resentful or full of fear. If love gets your mind, it will get your body, too. If Jesus gets your mind, He will get your body. To be preoccupied with Him is to give your body its best opportunity of manifesting health.

Critics have said that advocates of Spiritual Healing reduce religion to a health cult. The criticism reveals a misunderstanding. Spiritual Healing is not concerned mainly with the power of mind over matter, nor with physical cures, but with the only true way of life—the union of the whole human personality: body, mind and spirit, with the Lord Jesus. Life with Him is Life at its fullest on every level. If Christ is in you, His healing is in you.

Has He got you?

TRANSFORMED PERSONS

This Sunday I want to share with you a page from Stanley Jones' "How to be a transformed person." He reminds us that the first thing of importance is to get your attention and gaze fixed at the right place. If you look within at yourself, you'll be discouraged; if you look around at others, you'll be distracted; if you look at Christ, you'll pass into His likeness.

"You become like that which you gaze at habitually. If you gaze at nothing, are continuously shifting your attention to the latest attraction, if nothing has your attention and love, then you look like nothing. Your face looks like what you are looking at—nothing. No character signs on the face—just a blur called a face. "Do you keep stationery here?" asked a prospective customer of a store keeper. "No," she replied, "We keep moving." The modern person keeps moving not only his body, but his attention and interest, and the result is a blurred face.

"But there are those who see a Face and give themselves forever to gazing on that Face. On the desk in front of me as I sit writing in Okayama, Japan, is the face of a lovely old Japanese woman of 80 years. When I first saw her, I inwardly exclaimed, 'What a lovely face.' Fifty-two years ago she graduated at Mount Holyoke College, went back to Japan, started a girls' school. Never married—married herself to the needs of the girls of Japan. 'I have a large family,' she laughingly said: 'Six thousand graduates are all my children.' The war came and Okayama was burned out in one dreadful night, and with it the school she had built through the years by faith and toil and prayer. At 75 she might have said, 'I'm too old to begin again. We'll call it a day and quit.' Not she. She rebuilt the school and now has eleven hundred girls in it, and every day, at 80, she is in active charge. Fifty-two years looking in the Face of Christ, and then at the faces of her girls, has made her beautiful—at 80!

"It was said of a blacksmith in New England that he had lived so much in thought with Emerson that he looked more like Emerson than Emerson himself! He became what he looked at habitually. The Psalmist says, 'They looked unto Him, and were lightened' (Psalm 34, 5)."

Let it be part of our daily discipline to look into the Face of Christ constantly—for as we look at Light, we shall *be* Light!

MOTHER

"She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
"Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest all." Proverbs 31

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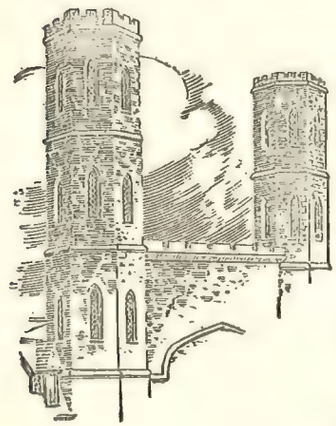
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THE PREPARATION

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Processional Hymn 92 ..... *Lux Eoi*
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THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: God of Grace and God of Glory..... *William T. Timmings*
God of Grace and God of Glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine Ancient Church's Story; Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour. Lo! the host of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days. Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christlike Graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not man nor Thee.
The Sermon: What About Missions?..... The Rector

THE OFFERING

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THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison), Page 75
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THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 212 ..... *Bread of Heaven*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Page 83
Glory Be to God on High! Page 84, Hymnal 739..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God, Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 542 ..... *Duke Street*
Organ Postlude

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No woman in St. Stephen's Church needs to be told how much good is accomplished by this Offering. If there are any who do not have a Blue Box they may get them at the vestibule of the Church.

CITY MISSION

The 85th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of the City Mission will be held at 3:30 P. M., May 1st, at Old St. Paul's Church, 225 South Third Street.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Annual Convention of our Church will be held on May 2nd and 3rd. Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Mr. Edward S. Morris and Mr. Elmer S. Carll will represent St. Stephen's Church, as official delegates, and Dr. Herbert Old and Mr. Charles K. Hay are the alternate delegates. The inspiring Public Service when Bishop Hart gives his Annual Address will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, on Monday at 8 P. M. Plan to attend this great service!

ENTHUSIAM

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money and power and influence single-handed. The enthusiast convinces and dominates where wealth, accumulated by a small army of workers, would scarcely raise a tremor of interest. Enthusiasm tramples over prejudices and opposition, spurns inaction, storms the citadel for its object, and like an avalanche, overwhelms and engulfs all obstacles. It is nothing more nor less than faith in action.

Prayers of Thanksgiving were offered at all services in St. Stephen's Church last week, for the work of Dr. Jonas Salk and his associates in developing an effective polio vaccine.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening May 1st.

Mr. James W. Rock was confirmed by Bishop Roberts in St. Stephen's Church, April 24th.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"A member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

January 12th—James Clifford Brewer
February 20th—Robert Michael Blivin
February 22nd—Harry Michael
March 14th—Joseph Richard Achuff
Barbara Ann Speechly
Sandra Norma Speechly
Richard Roy Speechly

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together."

January 15th—Albert O. Hess and Clara R. Camburn
January 15th—William M. Anguey and Dorothy B. Wiegand
February 5th—William J. W. White and Madeline Keller
March 21st—Richard L. Batty and Alma M. Naylor

Burials

"Rest Eternal, grant unto them, O Lord."

January 25th—John C. Reed
January 27th—George B. Wilder
March 3rd—Mary L. Wallace
March 16th—Louise Gray
March 25th—Walter H. Griffith
March 25th—James A. Naves

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household."

Mrs. Dorothy R. Randall
Mrs. Muriel B. Fisher
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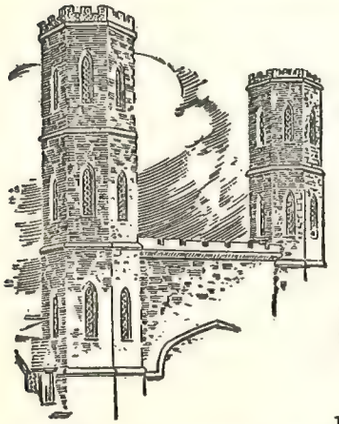
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The Processional Hymn, No. 475 ..... *Maxon*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

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O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9
Psalm 116, Page 486 (Responsively)

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Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 626
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: With A Voice Of Singing ..... *Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be Glorious. Declare ye this, and let it be heard. Alleluia!

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: Tensions In Religion ..... THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn: 378 ..... *Mendon*
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7:30 P. M.—CONFIRMATION
THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. ROBERTS, D.D.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ADVANCES YOUR CLOCK ONE HOUR! So, don't be late to Church this Sunday, April 24th.

MIRACLE OF EASTER

A minister I know lost his wife some years ago, leaving him with two little boys —the older one, Peter, only 4 years old. My friend knew that he was the one who must tell his boys. So, gathering him into his arms, he said, "Peter, old man, I'm going to tell you a story. You know, once upon a time, mummy and I fell in love—so mummy came to me from God. Then, after a while, God told us that you were coming, and then you came to us from God, and we were very happy. Then God told us that your baby brother was coming—*you* remember that—and he came to us from God. And now mummy has gone back to Him, to be with granny and God." Then a silence. Then Peter, "Is that all that you wanted to say to me, Daddy?" "That's all, Peter, old man." "All right, daddy—now fix my gun!" Peter trusted his mother to God, and then wisely decided to go right on living in this world where God had put him. That helped his father, and he has gone right on doing the job God has given him to do.

The miracle of Easter is the defeat of the oldest enemies of mankind. Jesus Christ came and showed mortal men how, with God, they can overcome those deadly enemies—greed and lust and pride and fear—which seek to kill all that is best within us. And the last conquest He made was over our old enemy, Death! Through Him we found that, for those that walk with God, there is no death, but only a return to our Father. So Paul wrote, with a heart that sang, "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory!"

In these soul-shaking days we must, like little Peter, find our peace in the truth of the Resurrection. We can do it, especially with field and forest awakening into life after their winter's sleep. You who are far from home, in Korea or Japan or Germany, can trust Him when you get word of the death of some loved one, who has returned to Him. We who are at home will be trusting Him as we remember you each day in our prayers. So, in spite of the long miles between us, there will be joy in our voices as we say the same trusting prayer together, "Thanks be to God which giveth us the Victory!"

Mrs. Helen Smith Shoemaker in her recent book "The Secret of Elective Prayer", (Revell Co.) refers to the work of St. Stephen's Prayer Fellowship.

"MY BOUNDEN DUTY"

The Annual Visit of the Bishop for Confirmation is an excellent time for every confirmed member of St. Stephens' Church to renew joyfully and thankfully, the solemn promise and vow that you made, or that was made for you, in your name by your sponsors, at Holy Baptism.

I again re-affirm what I promised as my bounden duty as a confirmed member of the Church:

To follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior;
To pray daily;
To worship God every Sunday in His Church;
To receive, regularly, with due preparation, Holy Communion;
To work and give for the spread of His Kingdom.

Sign .....and place in Alms Basin at time of offering.

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, D.D., April 24th, 1955
"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come unto you."

Coe, Pearl Ellen	Marten, Helen Jane
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CITY MISSION

The 85th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of the City Mission will be held at 3:30 P. M. on Sunday, May 1st, at Old St. Paul's Church, 225 South Third Street.

The Rector's wife gave her talk on India at Christ Church Home on April 14th. She will speak to the women of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville, on April 20th. Mrs. Price has given her lecture in ten different places.

We gratefully ackonwledge these Bulletin subscriptions: Mrs. Grace L. Gamble and Effie G. Smith.

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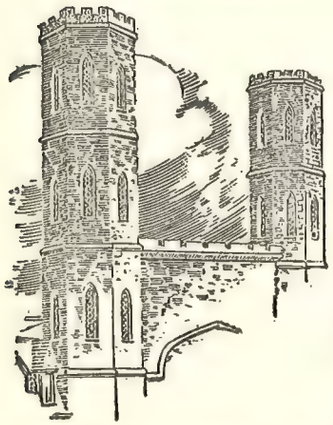
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The Processional Hymn, No. 98 .....*Puer Nobis*
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Since by man came death, by man came also the Resurrection from the dead,
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

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The Sermon: "When He Saw The Wagons" .....THE RECTOR

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BUILDERS FOR CHRIST

St. Stephens' Church pledged $6,000.00 towards the Builders for Christ Campaign. Over 80% or $4,817.85 has been paid in so far. The balance is being paid in monthly installments, and by July 1st we hope to meet our quota. We are grateful for the generous response to this worthy object.

During the Lenten Season Memorial Flowers for the Week-day services have been provided by Miss Katherine Kennedy in memory of her mother, Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy.

Flowers were presented by Miss Emma S. Bolay on Maundy Thursday in memory of Charles T. Shreve.

A Memorial Easter Lily Plant was presented by Miss Helen Green and her sister, Mrs. Luger, in memory of their mother, Mrs. George Green.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community House *immediately following the morning Service, Sunday, April 17th.* There will be held the annual election to the Vestry. Light refreshments will be served, and Frank Laubauch's film "Each One Teach One" will be shown. Plan to attend this happy social hour!

CONFIRMATION

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NEW STRENGTH

In a guest room where I once slept, I found this "Fisherman's Prayer":
"Lord, suffer me to catch a fish so big that even I,
In telling of it afterward, shall have no need to lie!"

That humorous prayer is an excellent example of the stupid way we pray. We ask God to fix the outside of life—to make the fish bigger, to make our children and our friends more thoughtful, to take away our pain. But that kind of prayer is not enough. It is impossible to fix the outside world so that it will satisfy and unchange the person: impossible to make the fish big enough to save the fisherman from the temptation to tell a tall story; impossible to make people thoughtful enough to save a sour person from complaining; impossible, by removing all the pain, to make a self-pitying person contented.

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Easter is Resurrection-time—for all the world of nature; and for Christ in you! Let Him rise to top place in your living, to shine over your whole being, as the Spring sun shines over the earth and warms it into new life. Let Him warm your powers into new strength. He can make you able to meet life as it is, with all its problems, victoriously. For did He not promise, "I am the Resurrection and the Life," saith the Lord. "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosover liveth and believeth in Me shall never die!"

Our heartfelt good wishes go to the Rev. A. A. Attenborough as he assumes his new responsibilities as Rector of Christ Church, Upper Merion.

NOON-DAY SERVICES

Many people are seeking help which is within their reach. It requires them to let go of their anxieties and let God take over. His enduring help for living in our chaotic world can be found in the quiet of St. Stephens' Church during the busy week. Many busy people come to our "open Church" for relaxing and meditating. Our Noon-day services afford an opportunity for business people to bring their troubles to Church and leave them there. Helpful hymns, prayers and sermons are given throughout the year in these twenty-five minute services. Form the habit of week-day services.

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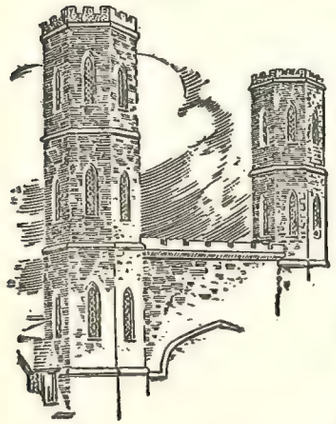
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WAR OF AMAZING KINDNESS

Frank Laubach, the great Christian who has taught millions of people to read and write, calls his life work a part of Christ's "War of amazing kindness." In other words, the Master rides up to the heart of mankind with no weapon save love—no confidence in anything save love to solve the tensions and anxieties and problems of our world. The power of love is beyond all imagination. On this Palm Sunday, therefore, I want to share with you another page from Stanley Jones'—testimony to the power of love even over so-called "enemies."

"Out of Korea comes this amazing story of a pastor's love. His two sons were brought before a peoples' court in Korea to be tried by the Communists because they were Christians. The oldest son, studying for the ministry, stood before the court and preached the Gospel to them with great boldness. They decided he should be shot. The younger son begged that his elder brother should be spared that he might go back and support the family—and that he be taken instead. The elder brother refused this offer, saying, 'No, they want me.' When he was blindfolded he prayed a prayer, 'Father, forgive them. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.' He was shot.

"The younger brother jumped up before the court and said, 'I believe exactly as my brother did. Why don't you shoot me?' And he preached the Gospel to them. 'You're as bad as your brother. We'll shoot you.' And, when they tied him up, he prayed the same prayer. 'Father, forgive them. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit.' He too was shot. When the pastor, the father, heard this, he walked the 45 miles, went before the court, and asked that the student who was ring-leader in the shooting of his two sons, be not prosecuted but be entrusted to him as his adopted son. This was done. The parents of this boy, moved by this love, asked that the pastor's daughter be permitted to come and live with their daughter, and teach her the Way. It was done. The adopted son, moved by this attitude, became a Christian, and began to study for the ministry. Hundreds were converted by this new Way.

"During the war, when the Communists over-ran the country, the pastor was put into prison. There he continued to preach the Gospel and to sing Hymns. While he was singing one day in his cell, a guard shot him sideways through his lips to stop the singing. The pastor, not able to eat, gave his meager rations to the other prisoners, saying, 'You take this and get strong and be ready to serve your country.' They finally shot the pastor in order to quiet his spirit. Quiet his Spirit? That Spirit will march down through the ages inspiring men and women by his deathless love. It is power."

Jesus Christ rides to your gates today, in His war of amazing kindness. Will you let Him in, to take charge of your heart, and wage that war through you?

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, on Palm Sunday, April 3rd, at 7:30 P. M.

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Bishop William P. Roberts, retired Bishop of Shanghai, will visit St. Stephen's Church for the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation on Sunday evening, April 24th. It is not too late to consider this important step in your spiritual pilgrimage.

The Annual Election to the Vestry has been postponed from the Monday after Easter to the Parish Meeting, which takes place in the Community House immediately after the Sunday Morning Service on April 17th, 1955.

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have presented for Confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together 200 persons who have been confirmed here over the past ten years.

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GOOD FRIDAY—
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12:30 P. M.—Address by Bishop Hart.
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2:00 P. M. to 3:00 P. M.—Meditations by Bishop Hart.

Saturday—12:30 P. M.—The Rev. Mr. A. A. Attenborough.

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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
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TO SET FORTH PRAISE
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TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Genesis 22: 1-14
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 626
The Second Lesson: John 10: 1-16
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TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Grant Us Thy Peace ..... *Mendelssohn*
Grant us Thy peace, Almighty Lord, Thou source of every blessing! Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word, All things in Thee possessing. In Thee is our hope and safety.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The High Road and The Low Road ..... The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 361 ..... *St. James*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 336 ..... *Rathbun*

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The Rev. Dr. Nathanael B. Groton, Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be our guest speaker Saturday, April 2nd.

THE BETTER VOICE

The Master of men lived and died for us to "make all things new." And the power of His life today remains so great that it can change stubborn people like us into forgivers. Listen to the story of George and Jimmy from that thrilling little book, "Come Wind, Come Weather." When the bombing of the English cities began, in World War II, George and Jimmy were moved into the country with hundreds of other children. Now these two were tough. They were pig-nosed and grubby, and they loved to fight; and nobody wanted to keep them in their home, till they landed at the home of a mill manager and his wife in Yorkshire.

The woman tucked them in for the night, and went downstairs to listen to the radio. Soon there we erthumps and yells from above, and she went up to find them fighting tooth and nail on the floor. She pulled them apart, sat them on their beds and calmly asked, "Why were you kids moved here from your homes?" "'Cause there was a blasted war on," grinned George. "Right. And it's bad enough having a war in the world, without having it in the house as well. Do you think that countries will ever agree if boys like you cannot agree?" They stared at her, solemn and surprised, for they had expected to be thrashed, as they would have been at home. She continued, "Now you sit there quietly, and let that stupid anger die away; and when a better feeling comes, let it show where *you* are wrong; and never mind about the other fellow. That better feeling you'll get in a minute will be God."

The boys said nothing for a long time. Then George spoke, "I pulled Jimmy's hair, and punched his nose—sorry." "All right," the woman said, "And what about you, Jimmy?" Jimmy wriggled uncomfortably, "I called George a damned fool before he pulled my hair." "All right, that's finished and done with," the woman went on. "I often get cross and fed up; and then I sit quiet and listen to the better voice; and then I know what to do. My husband does the same. It saves a lot of fuss and bother. Good night."

Jesus came on earth to teach quarrelsome mankind to "Listen to the Better Voice." Have you learned it, friend? It saves a lot of fuss and bother!

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Dxar Frixnd:

This wxxk I bought a nxw typxwritxr. This typxwritxr is an xxcxllxnt machinx but it has only onx dxfxct: onx of thx lxttxrs is missing, and this sxriously handicaps my work. I am ablx to usx this machinx, you sxx, but thx absxncx of thx onx lxttxr provxs vxry xxaspxrating at timxs, bxcausx whxn you nxxd it, it isn't thxrx.

Wx thought wx would writx to txll you that whxn you arx not prxsxnt, our Church is vxry much likx this typxwritxr; it is sxriously handicappxd by thx absxncx of onx of our important mxmbxrs. Thx vxry thought of your bxing absxnt makxs this xntirx church sad.

So, plxasx, won't you makx it a point to bx prxsxnt Sunday morning. Hxlp us kxxp up our attxndancx by bxing prxsxnt and a onx hundrxd pxrcxnt mxmbxr.

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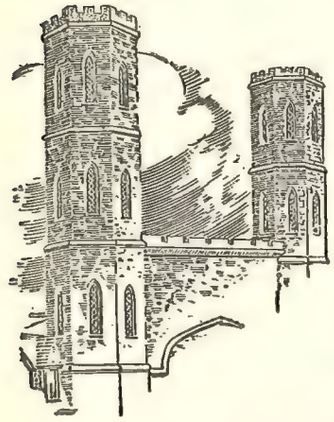
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The First Lesson: II Samuel 18: v. 5
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The Anthem: Turn Back, O Man ..... *Holst*

Turn back, O Man, fore-swear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, Still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim: "Turn back, O man; fore-swear thy foolish ways." Earth might be fair, and all men glad and wise, Age after age their tragic empires rise. Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep. Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, Peals forth in joy man's undaunted cry, "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!"

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: Take The High Road ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 545 ..... *Dominus Regit Me*
The Presentation

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RE-CREATION

A wise man has written, "The word 'Christian' means something . . . when a man calls himself a Christian, he means that he admits Christ into every area of his life." Our Lent will be positive, if we set ourselves to welcome Him into all the areas of our lives. Into our *recreation*, for instance.

Jack Miner did that, at Kingsville, Ontario. Some of you may remember that rare story. He had founded a bird sanctuary there in 1904, where he fed, protected, cared for bird life, especially the wild ducks and geese. Then in 1909 he began "banding" them—placing a very light, numbered metal band around a leg of each bird. Later on, when one of them was shot down, or hurt, many miles away, the person who discovered the band would send it back to Jack Miner. Hundreds of these bands came back through the mail, and a vast fund of knowledge was obtained about the migration routes and habits of wild fowl. This was Jack Miner's recreation—he banded birds because he enjoyed it. Then in 1914 he had a sudden, new idea: "Early one morning, like a star shooting across the heavens, God's radio—or God's guidance, if you prefer to call it that—said to me, 'Stamp verses of The Scripture on the blank side of your bird bands.' From the very first time I stamped such a verse on a band, I felt the help of God, and knew I now had my tagging system complete."

So, the following Spring, he began. A hunter, who had shot down a duck in the South, found the bird band, with Jack Miner's name and address, and, on the inside, "Mark 11:22;" and, looking it up in his New Testament, read, "Have Faith in God." A man, serving time in an Arkansas prison, noticed the incident in a newspaper story, and thus started reading his Testament. Sportsmen, as the years went on, wrote Jack Miner that their lives had been changed by the Bible passages his bird bands had directed them to. And a missionary deep in the Hudson Bay country came out, for the first time in 26 years, to tell Mr. Miner that these bird bands had stirred up a new awakening of faith in the Indians and Eskimo who came in to have the missionary interpret the messages. Jack Miner commented, "My bird sanctuary would never have become what it is, nor have gained world recognition, had I not taken God into partnership, and given Him first place." He had let God into his recreation.

Whatever your recreation, let it become rich and glorious by letting God into it. If you enjoy a game of cards, invite some lonely person to join you and two other friends—and your game will re-create all four of you. If fancy cooking is your hobby, share it with some young bride, or your own daughter (or son!—), and you will have a share in the recreation of many a soul—and—body in the years to come. If you have a knack of letter-writing, let God use that gift to bring new laughter and faith and peace of heart to distant people. You can take any gift—your deftness with knitting needles, skill at carpentry, a flare for interior decoration—just let God into it, and it will become a breath-taking adventure.

Whatever your hobby is, make it into true "re-creation" by opening it to God, let Him use it constantly, for the only true recreation is found in Him who said, "Come unto me, and I will refresh you."!

SHOPPING LIST

One of these days I must go shopping. I am completely out of self-respect! I want to exchange the self-righteousness I picked up the other day for some humility which they say is less expensive and wears better. I want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this season. Someone showed me some pretty samples of peace—we are a little low on this and one can never have too much of it. And by the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming on her and I think that some might look equally well on me. I must try on that little garment of long-suffering they are displaying. I never thought I wanted to wear it, but I feel myself coming to it. And I mustn't forget to have my sense of humor mended and look for some inexpensive, everyday goodness. It's surprising how quickly one's stock of goods is depleted.

The Rev. Mr. Attenborough wishes to announce that he has accepted a call to become Rector of Christ Church, Upper Merion. He will begin his duties there on April 17th, the First Sunday after Easter.

The Confirmation Class is now under way. It is not too late to enroll in it. If you are interested just come to the Rector's Study Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock.

We gratefully acknowledge these additional Bulletin subscriptions: Elizabeth G. Anderson, Carrie E. Campbell, George McKenna, Mrs. Charlotte Murray, Charlotte Shoemaker.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, who will be our guest preacher Monday through Friday, March 21-25, inclusive.

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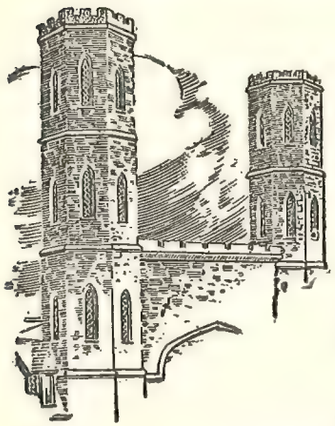
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The Anthem: God Is Love ..... *H. A. Matthews*
God is love, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God and knoweth God. Love never faileth. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear.

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The Sermon: "The Good Shepherd" ..... THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn, 411 ..... *Grace Church*
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CONTAGIOUS POWER OF FAITH

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There is a story of the great doctor, Sir William Osler, and a little girl named Janet, which bears witness to the contagious power of such child-like faith. Janet was dying, and the great doctor wanted her to come to death quiet and unafraid. He used to come to see her twice a day during the last month of her life. No matter how busy the great man was, he always made those two visits. When he came, he played the part of a friendly hobgoblin, and Janet was the fairy Godmother; and all their conversation was fairy talk.

One cold November day, the story runs, when the end was near, he mysteriously brought out from his inside pocket a beautiful red rose, carefully wrapped in paper, and told her how he had watched this last rose of Summer growing in his garden; and how the rose had called out to him that she wanted to go along to see his fairy godmother. That evening there was a fairy tea party at the table by the bed—Sir William talking to the rose, to his little lassie, and to her mother; always have the color of a red rose and the little girl was to understand that neither fairies nor people could always have the color of the red rose in their cheeks, or stay as long as they wanted in one place, but that they would be very happy in another home, and must not let the people they left behind them feel unhappy about it, nor be unhappy themselves. So, thru' such a simple story as Jesus used to tell, the great doctor let God guide him to take away from the little girl's heart all fear of death. So, in like manner, that child-like spirit in us can face the fog of death with quiet confidence; and that faith can bring peace and steadfastness into the lives of those about us.

LITURGY MEANS LAY-WORK

A woman's suddenly fainting in the front pew shifted the exchange between Minister and thundering response thus: "Lift up your hearts!"—"We lift them up unto the Lord!"—Will someone take this lady out?"—"It is meet and right so to do!" The congregation was doing its liturgical best in the situation!

Strangely, when Churches "go liturgical," they usually just interlard a hirherto simple service with archaic passages from some traditional prayer book. At the same time, when Roman or other high-church groups "go liturgical," they become less formal, more improvising and creative. Why this two-way traffic?

The word "liturgy" of course means "lay-work", from leit (laic) and ergos (work): it is the part of Christian worship which the people are supposed to get under. Thus the Liturgical Movement in the Roman Church seeks more participation by the congregation. People, not just choirs, sing. Prayers are repeated in the vernacular, not in Latin, so that people can say them. Even the Communion is reinterpreted as the act of all who gather round the table, not just of the priest bringing the sacrament down by himself.

Meanwhile this very lay-participation which Roman Catholics encourage is slipping away in Protestantism. We pay choirs, not to help us sing, but to sing to or for us. We shudder at an impromptu "Amen" in sermon or prayer. The congregation avoids its "work."

As today education and "group work" and Catholicism all build more "lay work" into their gatherings, can we reclaim its meaning in Protestant worship? One way is Quaker, every-member-equal participation, with silence for all. Discussion of the morning's sermon at a coffee session or an On-the-Other-Hand meeting right after the service is a growing custom. Like the "buzz-groups" approach anywhere, it makes the topic far more intimately real.

Even beyond such "audience participation," which Christian worship deeply needs and cannot live without, liturgies themselves may well be re-thought. Both minister and layman must again weave current culture, serious vocabulary, inner problems and outer history into living liturgy. To worship we need not step nostalgically back into middle English, nor shift to a technical vocabulary. To be really lay-work, liturgy must again speak in lay terms, about an Event which is history but also creative and poignant experience of everyman, everyday.

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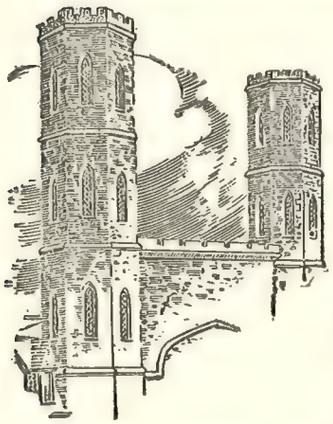
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The Anthem: "Worship" ..... *G. Shaw*
O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother; where pity dwells, the peace of God is there: To worship rightly is to love each other, Each smile a Hymn, each kindly deed a Prayer. Follow with reverent steps the great example of Him Whose holy word was "doing good"; So shall the wide earth seem our Father's Temple, Each loving life a Psalm of gratitude. Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangor of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease; Love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger, And in its ashes plant the tree of peace!

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The Offertory Hymn: 298 ..... *Tallis Ordinal*
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THE GIVER

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God is our dearest Friend. His Love finds expression in countless ways. Let us be thankful for His priceless gifts, but especially thankful that we have Him, our ever-loving Heavenly Father.

Before God's footstool to confess
A poor soul knelt and bowed his head,
"I failed," he wailed. The Master said
"Thou didst thy best—that is success."

A woman from Quincy, Florida has written: "Dear Friends at St. Stephen's; I have a deep feeling of thankfulness for what St. Stephen's meant to me when I visited your church early in March. Please know my heart is grateful for the meaning that came into my life anew after worshipping with you. Sincerely, Mrs. T. W. Cantey."

At a luncheon on June 7th the Philadelphia Bar Association honored Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Esq., on his 50th year as a member of the Philadelphia Bar.

"I have just come home from the Jefferson Hospital," writes a lady from Glenside. "While there I was lucky enough to be in a room quite near St. Stephen's. That meant that I could hear the Hymns played on your bells. They cheered me and reminded me that God is always with us. Thank you for them."

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E. Stanley Jones has written, "The first step out of confusion (which is the basis of anxiety) is a complete honesty with one's self and others. That hits at the center. When you are honest there, then healing spreads . . . We may, in that discovery, be as hard on ourselves as Bernard Shaw is in his description of one who is creating his own illnesses: "A self-centered little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world would not dedicate itself to making him happy." And then Shaw adds this, "The secret of being miserable is to have leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not . . ." Stanley Jones continues,

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Thomas Thraherne has wondenfully stated the fact that "by love alone" are all the vital problems of life solved: "God is present by love alone. By love alone He is great and glorious. By love alone He liveth and feeleth in other persons. By love alone He enjoyeth all the creatures. By love alone He is pleasing to Himself. By love alone He is rich and blessed."

"O, Why dost thou not by love alone seek to achieve all these? By love alone attain another self; by love alone live in others; by love alone attain thy glory?

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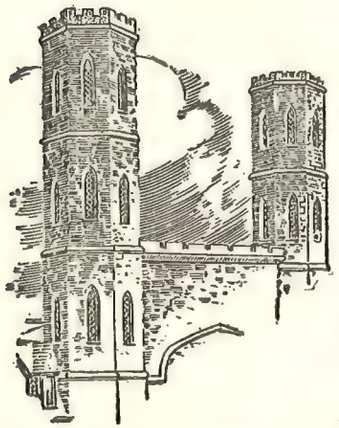
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THE PREPARATION
Organ Prelude: Psalm 18 ..... *Marcello*
Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book), Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 708 (Willan), Page 68
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The Nicene Creed (Unison), Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: "Hymn To The Trinity" ..... *Rachmaninoff*
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, both now, and ever and to the ages of ages, Amen. Only begotten Son, Word of the Father, Who art immortal. Thou didst vouchsafe for our salvation, to become Incarnate of the Holy Mother of God, the Blessed and ever Virgin Mary. Changeless essence, Lo, Thou wast made Very Man, and crucified. Thou, the God-Man to vanquish death by dying. O save us, Lord, have mercy upon us. To Thee, O Lord, we cry. Amen.
The Sermon: THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD .... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn 291 ..... *Mendon*
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THE CONSECRATION
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THE COMMUNION
Communion Hymn 208 ..... *Pententia*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING
The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Page 83
Glory Be to God on High! Page 84, Hymnal 739..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION
The Peace of God, Page 84
Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*
Organ Postlude

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IN THE HANDS OF THE POTTER

Jeremiah, in the vivid parable of the potter and the clay, presents a puzzling story. Here is the potter, who certainly knows what he is doing, and yet his hand spoils one piece of clay, and shapes another into a graceful vessel. Since the potter is the all-wise God, it is not easy to see why his hand should spoil one man, and mould another into usefulness.

A recent writer has keenly shown how God makes His natural world subject to His will—"somehow He leads the birds south and the pigeons home. Somehow He guides the bees in the bee-hive, and the ants in the ant-hill. Animals and plants do spontaneously and instinctively what they must do in His order." In other words, birds and animals have no choice—they *have* to do God's will, for He made them that way. But it is altogether different with human beings—"we, however, being Sons of God, possess the freedom to choose to follow His plan for us or reject it." . . . Human beings can "play God"—or they can fall in with His will, and live as His obedient and useful children. It is a choice, open to each of us.

In other words, God has given to human beings the unique freedom to be stubborn or pliable in His hand. If they are stubborn, resisting His purposes, they are broken when He seeks to mould them. If they are willing, responsive to His promptings, then His hand shapes them into the vessel He meant them to be. Each decides which kind of clay he will be!

The same truth is evident in the history of the nations. It becomes more and more evident that God intends no nation to lord it over the other nations as an enduring cock of the walk. It becomes equally evident that He intends nations to show compassion and mercy toward each other. Twice Germany tried to conquer the western world, and twice God broke Germany. And then after World War I, instead of making a merciful peace with Germany, we made one that sought to crush her—so, before long, we had another war on our hands, and God made us suffer for our stubbornness. After reluctantly signing the World War I Peace Treaty, General Smuts was heard to murmur sorrowfully, "They do not know how to treat a fallen foe." He knew, for after the Boer War, England had treated his people generously, and had won the reward of warm, dependable loyalty from the Boers. France should have remembered, for after her defeat at Waterloo, the English had given Wellington a free hand in making the peace terms, and he had immediaetly declared, "Then the first item in the peace will be that France shall live." As a result of that merciful and generous peace, the two nations had enjoyed more than a century of mutual support. Nations are as clay in the potter's hand—to be broken or shaped!

The business of clay is to be pliable in the hand of the potter. The mercy of the potter, in Jeremiah's parable, was shown as he gave the stubborn clay a second chance to be pliable: just as he had given a second chance to Israel; Just as He gives one to you. Recently I heard a woman thank God for His molding presence in a wonderful series of meetings, as she declared, "I think I have resigned as general manager of the universe." She had taken the second chance to be "as clay in the hand of the Potter!"

WANTED: A WORKER

When God wants a worker, He calls for a worker. When He has work to be done He goes to those who are already at work. When God wants a great servant, He calls a busy man. Scriptures and history attest this truth.

MOSES was busy with his flocks at Horeb.
GIDEON was busy threshing wheat at the press.
DAVID was busycaring for his father's sheep.
ELISHA was busy ploughing with 12 yoke of oxen.
NEHEMIAM was busy bearing the king's wine cup.
PETER and ANDREW were busy casting nets into the sea.
JAMES and JOHN were busy mending their nets.
MATTHEW was busy collecting customs.
SAUL was busy persecuting the friends of Jesus.
WILLIAM CAREY was busy mending shoes.

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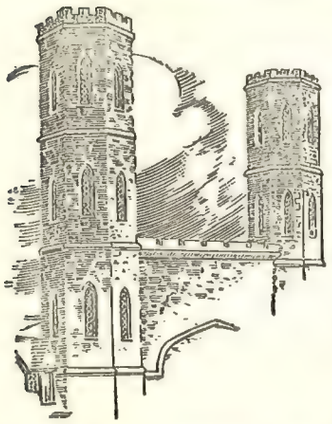
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Organ Prelude—In Paradisum ..... *Mulet*

Processional Hymn—370 ..... *Graefenberg*

Venite, Page 9, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 139, Page 514

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Hymnal 624

Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

Anthem—Let Us Now Praise Famous Men ..... *Vaughan-Williams*
Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, Leaders of the people by their counsels and by their knowledge. Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing; all these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

SERMON—For Whom The Bell Tolls ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 393 ..... *St. Catherine*

Massing Of The Colors

Pledge To The Flag

America, 4th Verse: Hymn No. 141

Prayers—Taps

Postludium Anthem—Rest In Peace ..... *Schubert*
Rest in peace, O souls immortal, who have passed on through death's portal,
Out of this world's care and strife, into heaven's all-glorious life.
Sleep with God, O faithful hearted, rest in peace, O souls departed.
All earth's strivings now are stilled, All earth's longings now fulfilled,
In His heaven's prepared place; ye who see Him face to face,
In the Father's love approved; rest in peace, O souls beloved.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

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He said, in part: "I wonder how many realize what an enigma we are proving to be in certain religious circles. There are many people who just cannot understand why St. Stephen's Church, a downtown Church, continues to exist. That is understandable. The natural advantages are against us—community, parking, transportation, a closely-knit fellowship, and all the other advantages that a suburban Church enjoys, located in the midst of its people. Natural advantages can be a Church's weakness. It can depend on them instead of its own resources. It can take for granted many things a downtown Church would neither care nor dare assume. An army is at its best when it has obstacles to meet and overcome. A Church is at its best when it daily wrestles with its own existence.

"You might ask—How does that 'wrestling' manifest itself? In many ways: In services that strive for perfection every time we meet together in public worship; in a choir that sings the finest liturgical music under the direction of a choirmaster skilled in the art; by a people who give liberally for the cause of the National Church at home and abroad; by a Pastoral program that strives to meet the needs of its people in all areas of life, and the needs of those who have no Church Home; by a devoted laity dedicated to the proposition that St. Stephen's has an unique and important part to play in the life of the Church that demands loyalty, love and sacrifice. These things are not easily discernable to those who study us at a distance, but they are a revelation to all who cast their lot with us.

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It might not be a bad idea to adopt as the warning signal, STOP—REST—PRAY. The vast majority of people do not intentionally choose the lesser things of life, but a great many of them, nevertheless, either drift or are driven into second-rate ways, and are missing out when it comes to happy, triumphant living.

The Church bids us slow down and reflect a bit.

CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

The true citizen of today is a citizen of the world, whose first loyalty is to God and all God's children everywhere. Patriotism comes as a second loyalty to be checked, disciplined, and determined by the first and greater loyalty. Unless the world is to move backward, we must deliberately foster a growing consciousness of the oneness and intimacy of human life.

Christianity is a fellowship divine and human—here and hereafter. Therefore, it is for the Christian Church so clearly and persistently to lead the way that we shall win a worthy peace.

Our enemies, Communism, Fascism, and every expression of selfishness, are the reversion of civilized man to the order of tooth and claw, of lust and greed and stupidity. They are a denial of God and His Christ. Their greatest effort is to obliterate this ideal of Christian Citizenship which recognizes the brotherhood of man, under the Fatherhood of God, and the constantly higher standards of humanity in modern civilization which have emerged from it.

Therefore, as Christians, the task which lies before us demands our consecration and absolute loyalty; to create in men mutual understanding and help, which slowly but with determination shall advance the world toward brotherhood and true peace.

Nothing short of this is a worthy Memorial to those men whom we with reverent and grateful hearts remember on Memorial Day,

Serve Thou, O God, the Nation's need;
The healing leaves restore;
Give us the courage, vision, strength,
That blest the days of yore!
The heritage we must preserve,
Whatever the cost may be:
Vouchsafe, O Lord, the lights of old,
To bring us back to Thee!

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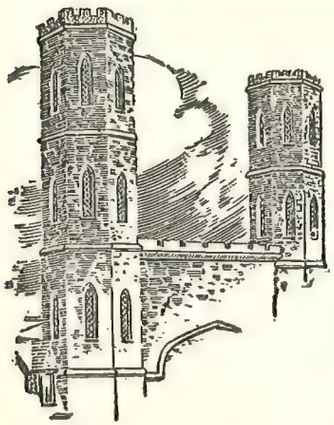
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After all, what is the part to be played by negroes in the world—what role has God for them? W. R. E. Clark, in "African Eagle" gives the clue to this answer. He tells how Achimota, a new Christian College on the gold coast of Africa, was opened in 1924. As all colleges have their seals, so it had to have its seal. What should it be? How could the great aims and ideals of this Christian School be put into a college crest? Here is the story:

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St. Paul points out that there are "diversities of gifts, but the same spirit"; that there are various members in the same body—and that one cannot get on without the other. Likewise, the white keys cannot produce the full beauty of music without the black keys; and the white people cannot produce a rich and harmonious civilization without the full, free partnership of black-skinned people. God made us that way—incomplete without each other.

This summer . . . The Church will be here, will you?
If not, your filling your envelopes in advance . . . will be greatly appreciated.

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"A Member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."
May 8th—Patricia May Cooper Gordon Reed Cooper

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together"
May 6th—George T. Gibb Lillian Swanson Gibb

BURIALS

"Rest Eternal, grant unto Them, O Lord."
April 29th—Vermira A. Fraser May 18th—May B. Keene
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NEW COMMUNICANTS

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Mr. and Mrs. John William Jones Mr. William Wilkie

The Rector has been invited by the Pittsburgh Council of Churches to conduct a full days Conference for the Clergy of the Pittsburgh area on Monday, June 27th.

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On the five Sunday mornings in July, the Rector will conduct a Mission of Spiritual Healing. The Mission, of course, is for all—not just for the sick! Here is a special opportunity for realizing the power of God in your life. Begin now to make your prayers in preparation for this Mission, and come to the services and join with many others who will kneel at the Altar Rail to talk with God about their problems. The Mission is a demonstration of the Gospel in action. The public is cordially invited.

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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: Solemn Melody ..... *Davies*
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THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: Jesus, Thou Divine Companion ..... *Plymouth Collection*

Jesus, Thou divine companion, by Thy lowly human birth Thou hast come to join the workers, burden-bearers of the earth. Thou, the carpenter of Nazareth, toiling for Thy daily food, By Thy patience and Thy courage, Thou hast taught us toil is good. Where the many toil together, there art Thou among Thine own; Where the tired workman sleepeth, there art Thou with him alone; Thou, the peace that passeth knowledge, dwellest in the daily strife; Thou, the bread of heaven, art broken in the sacrament of life. Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free; Every deed of love and kindness done to man is done to Thee. Jesus, Thou divine Companion, help us all to work our best; Bless us in our daily labor, lead us to our Sabbath rest.

The Sermon: Labor Day Sunday ..... The Rector

THE OFFERING

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THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

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THE CONCLUSION

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Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*
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HELL AND HEAVEN—Labor Day, 1955

A few years ago the daily newspapers announced the end of a long, long strike in the automotive industry. They called it the "Billion Dollar Strike" because it had cost working people and investors that much in lost wages and dividends. Fights between Capital and Labor are very costly—it may well be that Jesus' way of deep good will has more sense to it! In fact, any kind of quarreling is expensive, and needless enemies are a very costly luxury. War—between nations, or in your home—is certainly a most wasteful way of trying to settle any problem. Jesus had the Divine Common Sense of the matter when He bade His followers to care for each other, to have a lively concern for each other's needs and hopes—to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

After all, as old Patrick Henry pointed out, "We must hang together, or we shall hang separately." Life is like that. Working people depend upon Capital, and Capital depends upon working-people—and they can both prosper only if they will work intelligently shoulder to shoulder as partners. Jesus wasn't giving lovely advice—He was pointing out an eternal, hard-headed necessity when He commanded us, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

There is an unforgettable legend I like to share with you again and again—of a good man who died and went to Heaven. On his arrival, he asked if he might go down for a brief visit to hell, just to look it over. Permission was granted, and a guide went with him. On their arrival, the guide took him to hell's dining room, and the good man was amazed to find a great Banquet-Table, loaded with food fit for a king. Then the people came in, ghastly thin, like skeletons, shrieking in an agony of hunger as they saw the tempting food. Each had a long fork strapped to his right arm, and each plunged his fork into the roast beef and struggled to put it in his mouth; but it was impossible, and their despairing groans shook the floor of hell . They were dismissed from the table, and went away, sobbing. The good man had now had enough of hell; so he asked to be taken back to Heaven. The guide had him there swiftly, and took him immediately to Heaven's dining hall. There the good man saw the identical Banquet-Table, loaded with the same rich food. And the citizens of Heaven, as they strolled into the hall, had exactly the same forks and knives strapped to their arms. But they were healthy, well fed, vigorous people, and were joking happily together. The good man was mystified, but his guide said, "Just wait and see." When the Heavenly host was seated, suddenly each turned and faced his neighbor, speared a bite of food with the fork, and fed it to his neighbor. And the guide said, "You see, here we feed each other!"

Hell is simply that place where people think only of themselves. Heaven is any place where each thinks of his neighbor and cares for him. God grant that it may be said of your home, your town, your world, "We feed each other."

Charles E. Lewis, Jr., for a number of years a Flag Bearer at St. Stephen's Church, attended Manoeuvers at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, this summer. Charles has one more year at Temple University and then he will receive a regular army commission and career. Charles was a distinguished military student and in the upper three per cent of his class in the Business School of Temple University.

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Lord, we implore Thee, guard us and guide us; our doubts and fears remove now, and forevermore; we humbly pray Thee. Lord, in Thy mercy turn our hearts to Thee, and let us forever be full of deep humility. Lord, God Almighty, guard us and guide us, hear us, we pray Thee, and grant our supplication.

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The Sermon: What Is Sin? ..... The Rector

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The Recessional Hymn, No. 449 ..... *Olivet*

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The early Christians faced each day with glowing confidence. No matter how black the sky, they knew that God would lead them through the storm into sunlight again. They found that sickness and perplexity yielded to the power of faith. Jesus had said to the father of the sick boy, "All things are possible to him that believeth." The father had taken Jesus seriously, and trusted. The boy had recovered his health. They took Jesus seriously, those early Christians. If we take Him seriously, we shall make wonderful discoveries. We shall find, as they did, that *anything can happen* where God is trusted.

Today we are remembering that miracles can happen. To those who take Jesus seriously, they *do* happen. In the "New York Gazette" for Sept. the 4th, 1738, was an advertisement offering for sale: "Englishman, Cheshire Cheese, Negro men, a Negro girl and a few Welshmen." Two hundred years ago, in an American city, you could sell human beings and cheese in the same breath. And today there is no slavery, and we are at last tackling the necessity of treating negroes as equally human, equally children of God. It was people who believed in God the Father, and who trusted Him to do wonders, who opened the way for this miracle to take place. All things are possible . . . history backs up that claim!

However, you are so apt to think that miracles can only happen to mysterious, wonderful people. Stop and think—the early disciples were very plain people. They were as plain as a common candle. There was nothing very bright about them until they were kindled by Jesus Christ to believe in the power of God, and to trust themselves to His care. God certainly did the impossible through them, again and again!

Miracles happen to anyone who dares to trust that all things are possible to God; and who dares to act on that belief. Dr. Fosdick has written, "It is the Luther Burbanks who believe what can be done with thorny cactus. It is the Wilfred Grenfelds who believe what can be done in Labrador. It is Christ who believed incredibly in Peter and James and John. Everyone knows Tschaikowsky's great piece of music "Andante Cantabile." It is one of the loveliest of his compositions and it will never die. On a summer vacation Tschaikowsky heard a Russian baker singing to himself a popular song which began, "Vanya sat on a divan and smoked a pipe of tobacco." That is what Tschaikowsky started with! That is what he saw the possibilities in, and miraculously transformed into the "Andante Cantabile."

Jesus promised, "All things are possible to him that believeth." That can include you. You may consider yourself as unpromising as that cheap Russian song, but, in the hands of God, you can be transformed into *His* song. God *can* if you can simply stammer out, as the sick boy's father did, "I believe. Help Thou mine unbelief."

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM

"A member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of heaven."

August 28th—Stephen Owen Jones

MARRIAGES

"Those whom God hath joined together."

August 20th—Robert E. Lynch
Judith Elizabeth Hawkinson

BURIALS

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord."

July 25th—Josephine Baker Scofield
August 22nd—Theresa Krimmel
August 23rd—Florence B. McMullin
August 24th—William W. White

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

James Lewis Hinds, Jr.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Madeline White in the sudden passing of her husband on August 21st.

Having fulfilled the high standards of the American Guild of Organists' examination, our organist and choirmaster, Mr. John H. Henzel, has been awarded the Certificate of Fellow of the American Guild of Organists. Hearty congratulations;

APPRECIATION

Dear Dr. Price:—I happened to pass St. Stephen's Church this morning (Aug. 30) and stopped in to say a prayer. I fell in love with this quaint House of God and honestly did not know what kind of Church it was when I stopped there; but I did know it was the House of God, and the doors were open.

I walked around the Church on tiptoe, and took in the beautiful windows, and, on leaving, picked up a few pamphlets. And then I knew it was an Episcopal Church. On arriving home I was pleased to learn of your program of Spiritual Healing. God willing, I shall come back for I am greatly in need of God's healing . . . C. B.

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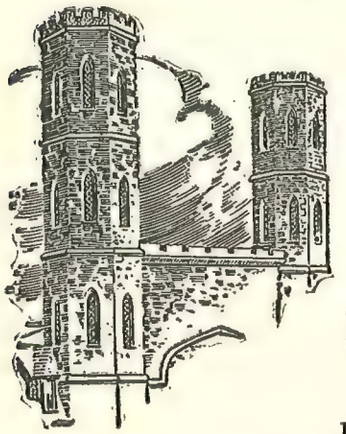
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INVITATION

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Andantino .....*Franck*
The Processional Hymn, No. 367 .....*Laudes Domini*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 119: V, VI, Page 492 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Daniel 5: 1-9, 13-30
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord! Page 11 .....*Matthews*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 12: 13-21
Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel!, Page 14

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The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

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The Anthem: Let All the World .....*Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King! The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly; The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing My God and King! The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; But above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Crisis in Education .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 289 .....*St. Anne*
The Presentation

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The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 554 .....*Lancashire*

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THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S

One warm August afternoon, I sat with a friend on his porch in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and we watched the ruby throated hummings birds feeding from the tubes of sugar-water he had set out for them. They would stand still in the air, their tiny wings beating so fast that you could not see them, and dart their long bills into the tube for a deep draught of the sweetness. My friend pointed out two birds of quiet-colored plumage—green-backed but lacking the ruby throat—and commented, "There, I believe, is a mother bird getting her daughter ready for the long flight South." And he reminded me how these thumb-size birds migrate thousands of miles South, over the land and sea, to reach their winter residence in the Southern Hemisphere. It is incredible that they have the strength to go that far! It is even more miraculous that they know the way, without map or guide. It makes one silent with wonder. It makes one thoughtful.

Someone has said "Traces of the Divine Author in the story 'The Planets Tell'"; and that is equally true of the story of the humming birds! "Observing the length and breadth of this mysterious universe, we have the inescapable feeling that Someone has been here before us. Things about us, budding, blooming, dying, do not explain themselves. Imagine a play without an author, a symphony without a composer, a child without a father, and only then try to imagine a world without a Maker."

One is reminded of the 24th Psalm which proclaims, "The earth is the Lord's and all the fullness thereof . . ." In other words, God fashioned the earth, and lent it to us for our use. It belongs to Him, and not to us. We are simply His tenants, living in His wonderful world. Someone has said, "Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth." Our bodies, our houses, our nation belong to God, and we occupy them by His grace. "Whether a man be planting a garden, running a machine or raising a child, he is using materials that are not his private property, and he is acting . . . as agent for his God." Therefore, a farmer has no right to exhaust the soil on his farm, and leave it worn out for the next generation—for that farm is God's. A parent has no right to choose what life-work his son shall pursue, for the child belongs to God and His purposes. Men and women have no right to live as they choose, because they are God's, and He alone knows what He made them for, and what He means them to do. The earth, and its people, are the Lord's!

When a person learns that the world is God's, and is glad of it, he is at last at home in that world. The story is told of two Americans traveling through Wales. When they were overtaken by a severe thunder storm, they found shelter in a rickety cottage where an old woman lived alone. As the storm grew steadily worse, they figured that both they and the old lady were in danger if they remained there. As they departed for safer quarters, they urged her to go with them, but without success. Finally, looking at them with a kind of disdain, she drew herself up and said, "I'm proud to have a God Who can shake the world like that!" She was God's creature, in God's world, so why be afraid! If we take Jesus seriously, we shall remember, that the earth is the Lord's, and find peace of heart.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the Annual Appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year the Benevolent Society sent 5,352 pieces of sewing at a cost of $518.93 for Episcopal Hospital, Jefferson, and Presbyterian Hospitals and the visiting Nurses' Society. The articles were cut generally ready for sewing by the Hospitals. In some cases the cutting was done by the Benevolent Aides: Mrs. Raspin, Mrs. Leithead, Mrs. Schrott, and Miss Miriam Daley.

Five hundred dollars will just about cover estimated expenses for the Season 1955-56. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing, and also the hospitals which desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

17th ANNUAL BAZAAR

The congregation for the Hard of Hearing of St. Stephen's Church is giving their Annual Bazaar in the Community House on Thursday, October 6th. A tasty luncheon will be served, and a delicious dinner in the evening. COME TO THE BAZAAR, BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

YOU ARE INVITED to consider membership in this Church. If you believe in God and wish to take your stand in fellowship with others—do so now. These are days of challenge to all of us who uphold Christ. The ministers of this Church will be glad to confer with you about the meaning of membership here and invite your inquiry.

The Rev. John Maillard of England will conduct a Teaching and Healing Mission in St. Stephen's Church on Saturday, November 26th through Tuesday, November 29th. Mark your Calendar and inform your friends! "Make the Mission" and be richly blessed.

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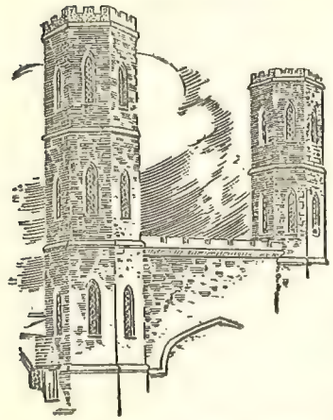
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The Processional Hymn, No. 159 .....*Duke Street*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 81, Page 442 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14 .....Dr. Herbert Old Matthews
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11
The Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-18 .....Dr. Leighton F. Appleman
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 644

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The Anthem: Sanctify, O Beatific Lord .....*Wood*
Sanctify, O Beatific Lord, my mind and soul and body, To the leading of Thy Word. Sanctify . . . to the Light and Love revealing, in the healing of Thy Word; Of Life Thou art the issue, of Light Thou art the Source, Thou in my soul indwelling, art the welling tide and course. Sanctify, Jehovah-Jireh, God.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Gospel of Your Salvation" .....The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 464 .....*St. Catherine*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen .....*Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn 517 .....*Watermouth*

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PRAYING HANDS

Jesus' bidding to men was to lose their lives, to let go of their demand to have their own way—to forget themselves in serving God, in serving other men. He promised that in self-forgetfulness they would find real life, deep joy. Those who are willing to take Jesus at His word find that His promise works out. When they forget themselves, God can remember them more richly. When they "let go and let God" use them for others, then—wonder of wonders!—God's power flows through them to save others. In the words of the old Scots Prayer, God is "glorified" in them.

Albrecht Durer as a boy was eager to paint and to carve; so eager that his father, a goldsmith, finally allowed the boy to leave home and begin to study the art of painting. Durer with an older man—who also wanted to become a great artist—lived together in the city, and tried to earn a living and learn to paint at the same time. They found that this was beyond their powers—they did not have enough strength or time in each day to do both. So the older man said, "I'll make a living for both of us while you study; and when your works begin to sell, I shall have my chance." Durer protested, but the older man had his way, and went to work in a restaurant, long hours of washing dishes and scrubbing floors, and waiting on tables, while Durer studied his painting and carving, also for long, long hours. One day Durer came home jubilant, with a considerable sum of money from selling some of his carvings. Now the older man could stop working in the restaurant; could start learning to be a painter. But when he began to paint, he found that something had happened to his hands—they were stiff and twisted from hard work, and from being in water so much—no longer could he paint with any skill. And Albrecht Durer was very sad because his friend had lost his power to paint, through his self-sacrificing love.

One day Durer came quietly into his friend's room, and saw him kneeling, his stiffened hands clasped reverently before him, and a great idea flashed into Durer's mind. "I will paint his hands as they are . . . when people look at the picture it will help them to think of God, and of prayer, and how much the love of God in a life will make that person sacrifice for another." That is the story of the famous picture "Praying Hands"—Which you have undoubtedly seen portrayed on church leaflets—those rough, clasped hands that remind us of prayer and God; that remind us of the God of the Cross alive in His saving power through the person who "loses" himself.

APPRECIATION

Dr. Price:—I want to try to express my thanks and gratitude for the many wonderful prayers said on my behalf. Your prayers at St. Stephen's are a life-line to those of us who seek your help. When I first wrote, my mind was in a terrible condition. I really feared I would have to go to a Mental Hospital. It gave me courage to know that constant prayers were said for me. I thank you with all my heart for the blessed prayers for me.—R. S. (California).

The Parking Garage, opposite St. Stephen's Church, has a special Sunday rate of 25¢ during the hours of 6 A. M. to 1:30 P. M.

WELCOME TO DOCTORS AND NURSES

Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller cooperation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors and nurses in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato.

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of fellow has a germ than what kind of germ has a fellah."—Shattuck.

"'Tis not the body, but the man is ill."—Dr. Weir Mitchell.

The Rector is to have a Mission of Spiritual Healing in St. John's Church, Elizabeth, N. J., on the evenings of October 16, 17, 18 and 19.

We have now received $5,560.85 on our pledge of $6,000.00 towards the Builders for Christ Campaign.

A PRAYER FOR ST. STEPHEN'S

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

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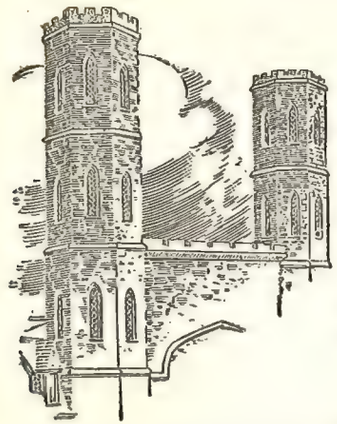
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: "Prelude" ..... *Richards*
The Processional Hymn, No. 316 ..... *Hermas*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 46, Page 397 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Eccleciastes 12
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 626
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:41-52
Jubilate Deo, Page 15 ..... *Stanford*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 214
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Grieve Not The Holy Spirit ..... *Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of Redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, Tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Church Needs A New Impulse ..... The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 493 ..... *Sandringham*
The Presentation

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Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

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THE VICTORIOUS WAY

How is it *possible* to "sin no more?" Certainly not by struggling strenuously against temptation—the man who walks down the street saying to himself, "I will *not* go into that saloon and have a drink" is inviting disaster and defeat. Victory does not come from whipping up one's small human powers against some sin. On the other hand, our tempted friend can say to himself, in the words of Paul, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it." That same man—no longer struggling directly against the saloon—finds God putting into his mind his family awaiting him at home, and he quickens his step, and strides out for home, along the way of escape provided by God.

"An unknown Christian" reminds us that the victory which overcometh the world is simply faith. He says, "we are to 'stand' not struggle—having done all things, to stand." The shield of faith is able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one (Ephesians 6:10-29). Faith *does* nothing; faith lets God do all. Jesus Christ has won the victory for us. "I live," says St. Paul, "Yet not I; Christ liveth in me." So we come back to the same theme—The secret of victory is the in-dwelling—Christ. Victory is in trusting, not trying. "This is the victory that overcometh the world (and sin also!)—even our faith!"

The victorious way is a clean-cut way of turning ones back on all sin—in other words, on all that is against God's will. "A pick-pocket once strolled into a rescue mission—so the story goes—and was converted. He saw in Christ pardon for all his sins, and power against them. Rejoicing in a new life he went on his way planning for the future. "In my un-regenerate days," he said to himself, "I used to pick 20 pockets a day. But I am now a Christian man, and I know that to pick pockets is to sin. So I must give it up, gradually of course. Tomorrow I'll make a start and for the rest of the month I shall pick only 10 pockets a day; next month by striving and struggling against this sin, I'll cut it down to 5 a day, for I'm a Christian man now. By the end of the year by constant endeavor (and the help of God) I hope to give up picking pockets altogether." Do you believe that story? The writer does not! We expect a pick-pocket or a drunkard, or a gambler, to give up his sin once for all—the very moment of his conversion. We tell him—and we tell him truly—that Christ is able to give him complete and instant victory."

Is God unable to give us a similar victory over what we deem to be lesser sins? He is able to make us "more than conquerors." It is, at bottom, a question of trust. As an unknown poet has written:

"Said the sparrow to the robin, 'I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so.'
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The Rector will preach at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, tonight He will address the new students of the Philadelphia Divinity School Tuesday at 9:00 A. M., and speak in the Lansdowne Methodist Church on Wednesday evening.

The Reading Company Employees Chapter of the St. George Association of which the Rector is Spiritual advisor, will have their Annual Corporate Communion Service in St. Stephen's at 8 A. M., October 9th, followed by a Breakfast at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel. Dr. Raymon Kistler, President of Beaver College, will be the speaker.

TESTIMONIAL

Dr. Price:—About six weeks ago when my husband suddenly collapsed, a friend in Cape May placed his name in your chain of Prayers. Mr. M. is now making a miraculous recovery from the serious operation which removed the cause. I want to thank all who had a part in the prayers which channeled God's healing to us.—G. M.

A very fine article on the work of our Prayer Fellowship appeared in the Philadelphia *Daily News*, September 3rd.

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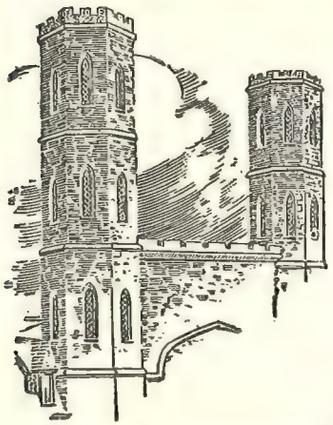
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: Cantabile ..... *Franck*
Processional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 714 *(Oldroyd)* ..... Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel ..... Pages 213-214
The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: Be Still, My Soul ..... *Whitlock*

Be still, my soul, for God is near; The great High Priest is with thee now; The Lord of life Himself is here, before Whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart His lowly throne thy Savior God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own for whom He once came down to die. I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call, to blend my pleading prayer with Thine: To Thee I give myself, my all and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

The Sermon: "World-Wide Communion" ..... The Rector

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 263 ..... *Bethlehem*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church ..... Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy,—Page 77 (Hymnal 716) ..... *Willan*
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 530 (All verses) ..... *Pater Omnipotens*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 (Hymnal 739) ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*
Organ Postlude

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. C. M. Dillon in memory of her husband, Dr. A. H. Dillon; and by Mrs. Charles K. Hay in memory of parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Huxley.

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There is a homely parable of an old mother elephant and her baby elephant. The old mother was tethered to an iron ring in the floor of the room where she was kept with her youngster. Suddenly she caught sight of a delectable handful of hay just beyond her reach, close to the wall of the room. Eagerly she stretched for it; strained and tugged and s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d for it; but she found she just could not reach it, and finally gave up the attempt.

Turning her attention to her baby, she saw that he was being pestered and bitten by a cloud of flies, so she busied herself in blowing the flies off with mighty blasts from her trunk. Her mighty blowing reached the wall of the room, and the current of returning air unexpectedly blew the hay back within her reach.

Life is like that. We do not find happiness by grasping for it—by straining and stretching after it. True happiness is not something one goes out and hunts and catches, like a fish, to bring home and enjoy. It is not something one can get by pursuing it directly. It is a by-product of a certain kind of life—that life that looks out for someone else, that gives itself away.

That is what Jesus meant when He said, "He that loseth his life shall find it." He meant that the woman who forgets herself in the loving service of Jesus shall find joy without even thinking of it. He meant that the man who forgets himself in someone else's need will suddenly find a song in his heart. Wherever earthly human beings like ourselves will take Jesus at His word; and sink ourselves in His great cause; forget our pin-pricks in caring for the wounds of others—then deep happiness slips in at the door when we are not even searching for it. All things seem to "work together for good," when we let ourselves go in love for God and people. It is a law of life. Happiness comes out of loving kindness. It works, always, and without exception.

You can check up on that law by looking at the life of Jesus Himself. He was always giving Himself away to people—day by day, until He gave His life on the Cross. And he was so glad of heart that children flocked to His feet, young couples invited Him to their wedding breakfast. He even "gave thanks" the night before He died. Deep joy always comes to the life that gives itself away.

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Now I am writing for prayers for farmer Karen Walsh of Durand, Illinois, eight of whose fourteen children have been stricken with polio. Please drop Mr. Walsh a note of encouragement, of faith. It will help him, because the letter I received from you did so much for me. L. B.

The Rector presented Mr. William C. Wilkie for confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on September 19th.

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RELIGION AND MEDICINE

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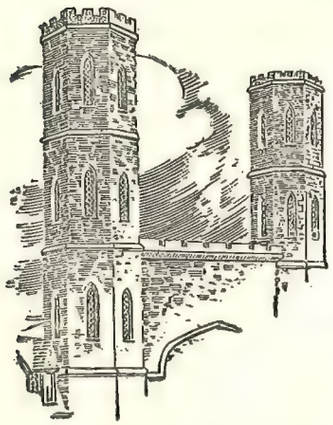
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11:00 A. M.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Organ Prelude—O What Their Joy! ..... *Matthews*
Processional Hymn—289 ..... *St. Anne*
Venite—Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm No. 72, Page 426, (Responsively)
First Lesson
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord! Page 11 ..... *Matthews*
Second Lesson
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 644
Anthem: Let Us Now Praise Famous Men ..... *Vaughan-Williams*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge. Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: all these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as tho' they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.

Sermon: "Such As I Have I Give Thee" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn—396 ..... *Aurelia*
Massing of Colors
Allegiance to the Flag
America, 3rd Verse
Closing Prayers
Taps
Postludium Anthem—There Is A Land ..... *Smieton*
Benediction, Dresden Amen
Recessional Hymn—590 ..... *Alford*

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EVERY MEMBER CANVASS NOTE IS VALUE GIVING

Bishop T. N. Carruthers of South Carolina tells of a man's awakening. At the time of the annual Every Member Canvass a pledge card from one man came in with such a notable increase that the Vestry commented upon it at the next meeting. When thanked for his generosity the giver replied, "There has been no increase in my business. In fact I have not had as good a year as usual. Bupt I discovered that I was not giving according to my scale of values. This appeared to me as I was making out my checks for the month. I have never doubted that my Church meant more to me than my automobile, which I use for pleasure, but my giving did not reflect that fact. I could get along without an automobile, but not without the Church. I am trying to square my gift with my sense of values."

The story is a good example of proportionate giving to the Church as many people are increasingly giving. We are not being overgenerous when we give to church and good works a scriptural tithe of ten per cent of our income. It is the recognition that all that we are and have come ultimately from God. It is a thanksgiving for what we have received. This year the Canvass slogan throughout the Church is, "to live . . . GIVE!"

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

Occasionally we print accounts written by individuals who feel that they have been helped through our Healing Ministry.

"Dear Dr. Price:—About a month ago I wrote you asking that my name be given to your Prayer Fellowship, for I desired to be restored to complete health. Among my complaints, I listed my inability to sleep without sleeping pills. I had been addicted to them for 8 years. Soon after your Fellowship started to pray for me, I was delivered from sleeping pills and have now slept for 3 weeks without them. One night as I was going to take my pill a voice seemed to tell me that I no longer needed it. I took it by faith and I have rejoiced every minute since that day in God's faithfulness!"

NATIONAL DEFENSE

I like to share with you once a year that story from the "Congressional Record" which suggests that "whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." A 19 year old G. I. who had been awarded a medal for bringing in a large group of Japanese soldiers, single-handed, tells his own story:

"I want someone to know that I don't deserve that medal. It happened this way. I was captured by the Japanese, with 5 of my pals; we were marched through the jungle with bayonets at our backs. I had to see my comrades one by one killed and mutilated. I said the 23rd Psalm. I said the Lord's Prayer. Die I must, but I determined not to let my captors see my fears. Trembling from head to foot, marching in mud up to my ankles, with the bayonet sticking in my back, I began to whistle the way I used to when I was a small boy and had to go through a dark street. So I whistled, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing cease them from distressing; sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own."

"Suddenly I became aware that someone had joined me in my whistling—it was my Japanese captor; he, too, was whistling the hymn. Soon I felt his gun fall back into place. He walked beside me then, and suddenly I jumped when, in perfect English, he said to me, 'I never cease to wonder at the magnificence of Christian hymns'; and in a few minutes talk revealed that the Japanese soldier had learned English in a Mission School Kindergarten to which I had contributed in my Sunday School days. The Japanese boy spoke of war, and how the Japanese Christians hated it. We both agreed on the power of Christianity, and what would happen if people really dared to live it; and then we began to talk of our families and our homes. Finally, at the suggestion of the Japanese, we knelt in the mud, and prayed for suffering humanity around the world, and for His peace that 'passeth understanding' among all men on earth.

"When we arose, he asked if I would take him back as a prisoner to the American headquarters. He said that it was the only way that he could live up to his Christianity, and thus help Japan to become a Christian nation. On the way back he found in various fox holes other Japanese Christians, and they too joined me. I shall never forget the joy and hope that came into their eyes as my Japanese friend unfolded to them, one by one, how we found each other, and why and where they were being taken. All the way back we talked of the Christian religion. When we neared camp, by mutual agreement they put on poker faces and sombre looks, and I, gun in hand, marched them into camp. After the war was over, they will spend their lives keeping alive and spreading an ever-growing Christian community in Japan. So, you see I don't deserve a medal for the most wonderful experience of my life." It would seem that the "defense of the Most High" might well be the strongest national defense of all. It sounds as if it might be worthwhile for the people of the earth to try that Defense whole-heartedly!

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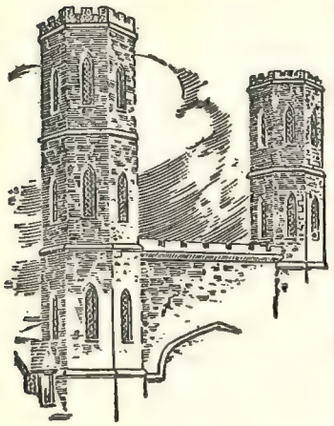
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: In Paradisium ..... *Mulet*
Processional Hymn, No. 126 ..... *Sine Nomine*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book), Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 714, Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, Pages 256-257
The Nicene Creed (Unison), Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest ..... *Stanford*
Text to be found in Hymn No. 126, Verses 1, 4, 6, 7, 8.
The Sermon: "The Communion of Saints" ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 125 ..... *Moultrie*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church, Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison), Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively), Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy, Page 77, Hymnal 716
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 483 ..... *Consolation*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!, Page 84, Hymnal 739

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God, Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 549 ..... *All Saints New*
Organ Postlude

Flowers were presented for our Altar on All Saints' Day by Mrs. Robert W. Vogelsberg and children in memory of husband and father.

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In common with many, I have learned to tithe every form of income, because I consider myself God's steward, and ask Him how He wants me to spend His money. I had a few dollars of His and asked Him what He wanted me to do with it. Next day I got my answer. I just knew. (One gets to recognize His way of speaking without voice or movement of lips, but forming the words in one's soul, to quote St. Julian of Norwich.) Many people ask how are we to know when we get guidance? If they tithed their income (however small or large) and then experimented in giving, asking for guidance as to the manner in which to spend this stewardship, they would soon learn to know when the Holy Spirit prompted the giving, through the love that flows with the gift, and the joy it brings to those that are helped.

What a revolution there would be in Christendom if church people gave away a tenth of their income.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." (Proverbs 3:9-10)

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening; and will address the Clergy of the Woodbury, Camden Area, N. J. on Monday, Nov. 7th.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1955

We are placing here the names of those having special claim upon us, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on Sunday, Nov. 6th:

Helen A. Street, John C. Reed, George B. Wilder, Mary Louise Wallace, Walter H. Griffith, Louise Gray, James A. Naves, Vermira A. Fraser, Samuel C. Dinsmore, Mary B. Keene, Mabel Irvin, Walter M. Seighmar, Joseph B. Scofield, Theresa Krimmel, Florence B. McMullin, William J. W. White.

TESTIMONIAL

Dear Dr. Price:—Received the Bulletin and enclosed folder on Tithing was very good. Have been a tither for many years and have never wanted to stop. I have talked to others about it and answer I usually receive is—"When we can afford it we will try it." My reply is, "You will never be able to afford it, for Satan will tell you, it can't be done. . . ." God has been very good to me and I have much to be thankful for. His promises have never failed anyone who put his trust in Him. When disturbed over conditions, repeat Phil. 4-6. E. L. H.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation contributions towards the support of the work of the Benevolent Society from the following: Mrs. Grace R. Armstrong, Mrs. Emma P. Atmore, Lillian Barlow, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Bishop, Anna Bondira, C. E. Campbell, Dorothy E. Carll, Miss Elsie Dahl, The Misses Daley, Mrs. Viola J. Downward, Miss Katharine M. Field, Mrs. John C. Funck, Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Mrs. S. L. Gilbert, Miss M. L. Gill, Anna W. Hauger, Mrs. Charles K. Hay, Emily Hewett, Frances T. Kalich, Mrs. Madeline Keller, Theresa King, Mary C. Kutzer, Ida M. Landenberger, Helen & Catherine LeDent, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead, Harry Lyster, F. Manon, John W. Marsh, Dr. Herbert Old, Mary Orme, Mrs. Alice Plageman, Dr. Alfred W. Price, Mrs. L. Price, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Mrs. Benjamin Reath, Mrs. Mary S. Roberts, Miss W. P. Sachs, Kathryn Schrott, Miss Mary Louise Seltzer, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Slatcher, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Doris Smith, G. Spahr, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. George T. Townsley, Mrs. Robert A. Trautner, Mrs. Ellen Vail, Thelma M. Weeks, Mrs. E. H. Wenrich, William C. Wilkie, Mrs. E. L. Hewes, William R. Myers, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, Mrs. F. M. Smyth.

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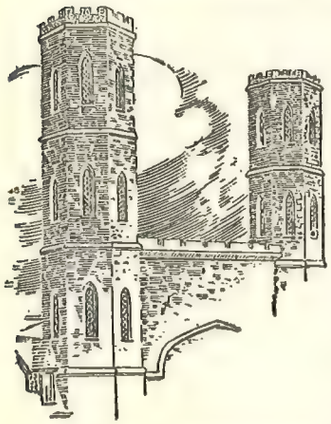
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The Processional Hymn, No. 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*
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Hallelujah; Hallelujah to God's Almighty Son; Praise the Lord, ye bright Angelic Chorus, in holy songs of joy; Man, proclaim His Grace and Glory.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: Justification By Faith ..... The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

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Advance notice is given of the Annual Burd School Card Party and Bazaar to be held on Tuesday, November 15th, at 1:30 P. M. in the Burd School, 4226 Baltimore Ave. The tickets are $1.25.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Trinity Cathedral, Newark, N. J., Oct. 31-Nov. 2, inclusive. He will preach also in St. John's Church, Passaic, and Calvary Church, Summit, on Monday and Tuesday evenings respectively.

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Miss Florence Appel, a valued member of St. Stephen's, was recently awarded $100.00 for outstanding performance in her position in the Flag Section of the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot. Miss Appel won recognition in 1943, when she presented the President's personal flag to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. At that time Miss Appel was a luncheon guest at the White House. The flag now stands in the Roosevelt Museum, Hyde Park, N. Y.

IF EVERY WOMAN in the Episcopal Church had and used a U. T. O. Blue Box, then, indeed, would there be a mighty gift and a great rejoicing as more needs of women's work in the world were met. A curious parallel exists between the ocean tides and the United Thank Offering. Both come in at regular intervals; the tide twice a day, the Offering twice a year. Both are charged with power. The Offering accumulates through a three-year period, retains its power, and then is measured out and transformed into lives of service. The power of the U. T. O. comes not from a few large gifts but from the large number of givers. Each new giver increases the power. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

1517 — REFORMATION DAY — 1955

On October 31st, 1517, a young Augustinian monk named Martin Luther posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenburg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among the Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon the fundamental Christian conviction. October 30th will be observed throughout the world as "Reformation Sunday." The Rector's sermon is: "Justification By Faith."

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

"Let your light so shine before men"—what do those words bring to your mind? I suspect that your hand almost reaches for your purse as you think of the offering in Church! Yet those words of Jesus, used so often as an offertory sentence, were never meant by Him to refer to an occasional act of giving money. They were meant by Him to refer to an occasional act of giving money. They were meant to picture the constant giving of ourselves to God, so that His light, His love, would shine through us, and make others see God.

After all, our own saints were simple folk through whom God had a chance to shine. Over and over again they forgot what they might get out of life for themselves, and simply gave themselves to take care of the needs of people around them. They kept giving themselves away to folk who needed them! kept giving themselves to God's purposes. They let their light shine—though, of course, it was God's light, not theirs that shone so gloriously through their lives.

Late one Sunday afternoon, a traveler came to a little village in the Alps, just as dusk was falling. He asked what time the evening service would be held in the little village Church, and found that it would be in about an hour. So he went to sit quietly and pray. As he looked about him, he was surprised to find that there were no lamps nor lighting fixtures at all; and dusk was coming on fast. Soon the people began to arrive—and each worshiper carried a candle-stick that held a lighted candle; and the congregation kept coming in until the church was ablaze with light. He learned that the man who had given the Church to the village had also provided the candlesticks and candles for all the people: and asked the village to promise that there would be no other light in the Church.

That wise giver wanted the people to remember, vividly, that they came to Church to *give out* their praise and gratitude, to give the joy of their presence in God's House, and not to get something for themselves. He helped them to remember Jesus' bidding —that the greatest opportunity in life is to let a little of the brightness of God catch fire in our hearts, and burn for others in the honest love we have for them.

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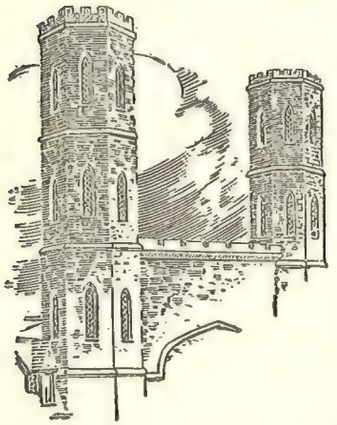
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: A Fantasy .....*Darke*
The Processional Hymn, No. 279 .....*Praise to the Lord*
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The Anthem: Let This Mind Be In You .....*Mrs. H. H. A. Beach*
Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Faith And Miracles" .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 446 .....*Passion Chorale*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*

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4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House
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INVISIBLE FORCES

In the old days when Greece was made up of many little States, the king of Sparta was visited by an ambassador from one of the other states. The king showed him around the city with pride. "It's a fine city," the visitor said, with a question mark in his voice, "but I am surprised that Sparta has no city walls." "Tomorrow morning I'll show you the walls of Sparta," the king replied with a quiet smile. The next day dawned, and the king took his visitor out on the Palace terrace, from which they could look down to the plain below, where ten thousand men were at work. "There," said the king, "are the walls of Sparta. Ten thousand men, and everyone a brick!" (That, by the way, is the origin of the friendly expression of praise, when someone says, "He's a brick!")

In the days when Jesus walked among men, and spoke so often about the Kingdom of God, even His own disciples were puzzled because He never spoke of armed soldiers and fortifications. To them a kingdom meant a stronghold, protected by the ancient implements of war. But Jesus knew that the only enduring strength lies in the invisible forces of character trained by God. A mighty Maginot Line becomes tissue paper when the morale of its defenders is undermined. So, in His wisdom, Jesus discarded the old shaky defenses, and put His whole confidence into the building of people whose lives would be castles occupied by the Spirit of God. Thus defended, He knew that they could meet life's most shattering blows with victory. Look out across the world today, and see the chaos caused by frightened statesmen who measure strength by hydrogen bombs. They have no defense against the enemy, Fear. Jesus was wiser than they.

We do not know whether the frightened statesmen are leading our world toward a catastrophe beyond our imaginations. But one thing we do know. That there's just one courage open to us as Christians. Each of us is one brick, one stone in the wall of our country; one brick in the wall of the Kingdom of God. If each builds the brick of his life strong with the peaceful wisdom of God, then he is doing his utmost for his country, and for God's Cause. He is doing his best to strengthen that Kingdom of God which, again and again through history, has survived the decay and fall of great nations and empires. When Jesus looked ahead, and planned for the up-building of His Kingdom, He looked at Peter (the average man, at God's service) and said, "Upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So, to your building, Peter!

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

Occasionally we print accounts written by individuals who feel that they have been helped through our Healing Ministry.

"I should like others to know of the wonderful healing I have had through the Laying-On-Of-Hands in St. Stephen's. I had been very ill for over four years, had seen four specialists and five different doctors, and also had two operations. But this did not heal me.

"I had a very bad back and my spine had started giving me great pain. I had to ease myself up very carefully in the morning, and work with my back bent, because it was so painful. At last I had to keep to my bed again.

"By super-human effort I managed to get to one of your Thursday Healing Services eight months ago. When I received the Laying-On-Of-Hands at the Altar of St. Stephen's I felt a strange cold sensation run through my spine, and I felt easier at once. On waking the next morning, I found that I could get up with no pain. I felt so happy. I got out of my bed and found my back completely free from pain; and I cleaned my house from top to bottom without pain or getting at all tired. I have had excellent health ever since."

The Rector will speak to the young people in Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 21st and Chestnut Streets, this Sunday evening. He will speak in Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening.

Our hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Marion, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 10th.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

At the great United Thank Offering Service in Honolulu $3,149,197.83 was presented to the Triennial Convention by the women of the Episcopal Church. Of this amount the Diocese of Pennsylvania contributed $139,867, and the women of St. Stephen's $2,016.74. Each of these three figures represents a substantial increase over the 1952 Triennial. The Fall In-Gathering will be October 30th. Let us continue to show this wonderful growth in the expression of our gratitude.

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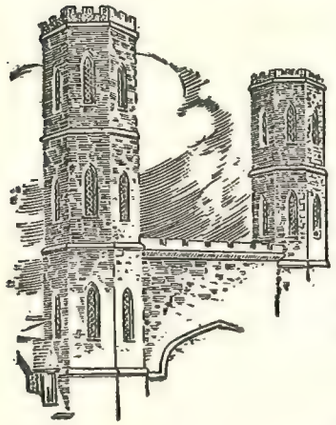
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The Processional Hymn, No. 158 .....*Puer Nobis*
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Psalm 103, Page 466 (Responsively)

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Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624
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The Anthem: Bless the Lord, O My Soul .....*Ippolitoff-Ivanoff*
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "A Penny's Worth" .....The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 480 .....*Holy Offerings*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn: 257 .....*Lancashire*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Kappel in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Shields. Flowers will be provided for Thanksgiving Day in memory of James Carrigan, beloved verger of St. Stephen's from April 1st, 1907 to September 21st, 1950.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class

7:30 P. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

Dear Dr. Price:—I have returned to my home in Florida and I do want to express my gratitude for the wonderful healing I received at the Altar of your Church. I had been the victim of melancholia, my brain felt stuffy, clogged and terribly tired. You probably don't recall, but paused and said a prayer over me which was so appropriate for my condition, and I received a great benefit. At a tea, recently, my friends remarked, "You look blooming, so rested, your eyes sparkle and you look in love with life."

L. S.

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 20th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by pledges, the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1956. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their pledges themselvs in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Members of our men's Committee will distribute the Pledge Cards following the Rector's Sermon and each person will drop his card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

The Rector, and Canvass Chairman, Wilson Leithead, have issued a call for 100% turnout of St. Stephen's members on Loyalty Sunday. By phone, by personal visit, and by every means available, all members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend for the annual re-dedication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

YOUR PLEDGE IS A RELIGIOUS ACT

Our Lord talked about money because it is important. Nothing reveals the state of your soul more clearly and more accurately than your attitude toward your possessions.

Your money is, in a very real way, yourself. Let me put it this way—If you earn $10 a day—a $10 bill is a day of your life, much more than just symbolically. It represents a day of your skill, intelligence, energy, a day of *YOU*.. Put it in a slot machine—the day is wasted. Lay it on the Altar—it is your offer of a day of yourself to God.

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED . . .

Opportunities for growth in number; in service; in spirit . . . are unlimited in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Your gifts make the difference between stagnation and expansion; between standing still and going places. New congregations are being added to the Diocese every year.

From all over the Diocese comes word of tremendous population increase and the construction of thousands of new homes. To meet the growing need of a growing area, the Church must move with the population. *GIVING TO MISSIONS MAKES THIS POSSIBLE.*

NINE REASONS FOR MODERN TITHING

1. It guides us by providing a method of intelligent giving.
2. It helps by freeing Church leaders from preoccupation with money for the more important task of ministering to people.
3. It places us all, rich or poor, on an equal footing before God.
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5. It shows us in concrete manner the everyday meaning of real gratitude to God for the many things He has given to us.
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THANKSGIVING DAY

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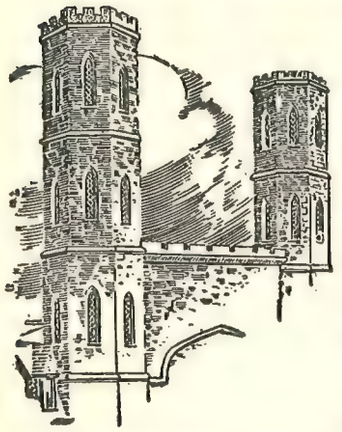
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Come, Savior of the Gentiles .....*Bach*
The Processional Hymn, No. 516 .....*Bethlehem*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 607
Psalms 121-122, Page 502 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Isaiah 55
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 1: v. 57
Jubilate Deo!, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 90
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: O Come, O Come Emmanuel .....*Arr. Elmore*
Text to be found in Hymn No. 2

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: .....THE REV. JOHN MAILLARD

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 529
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen .....*Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn 517

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GIVE AND LIVE

Thanksgiving Day always leaves wonderful memories, doesn't it! It brings us into touch again with people we have not seen for ages. It gives us the delight of picking up loose ends, of knowing each other freshly again, and loving each other the more for it! It also reveals how people change, over the years, depending on what they think and live. Jesus was so practical when He talked, "For whosoever would save his life will lose it, and whosoever loses his life for My sake will find it." There is a modern parable which I share with you at least once a year, which brings home that teaching of the Master:

"There are two seas in Palestine. One is fresh and there are fish in it. Slashes of green adorn its banks. Trees spread their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of healing water. Along its shores the children play as children played when He was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when He spoke His parables. And on a rolling plain not far away He fed five thousand people.

"The River Jordan flows on South into another sea. Here is no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters, and neither man, nor beast, nor fowl will drink.

"What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas? Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil on which they lie. Not the country round about.

"This is the difference. The Sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it, another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure.

"The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into generous impulse. Every drop it gets, it keeps.

"The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. The Other Sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

"There are two kinds of people in the world.

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On Thanksgiving Day we are reminded that there are two kinds of people; and that the only ones who continue full of life are like the Sea of Galilee, which gives and lives!

The Rector's office rug has finally seen its best days. If anyone in the Parish has a large oriental rug that could be given for this purpose, it would be greatly appreciated.

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THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

Dear Dr. Price:—Sometime ago I talked with you about my highly nervous condition and high blood pressure. I followed your spiritual prescription, and also went to the Altar Rail for the Laying-On-Of-Hands. I am happy to say that the doctor has checked the blood pressure twice, and both times it was as it should be. The peace I received at your Altar was indescribable. . . . J. R. W.

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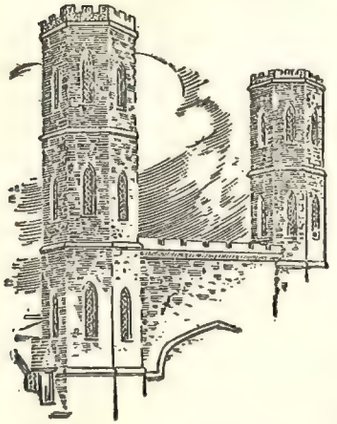
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: Sleepers Wake! A Voice Is Calling ..... *Bach*
Processional Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 714 ..... Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel ..... Pages 92-93
The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: And The Glory of the Lord (Messiah) ..... *Handel*
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
The Sermon: The Great Textbook ..... The Rector

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 403 ..... *Liebster Jesu*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church ..... Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy,—Page 77, Hymnal 736
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 213 ..... *St. Agnes*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 (Hymnal 739) ..... *Old Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Lancashire*
Organ Postlude

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THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

We are grateful indeed for the wonderful co-operation of so many of you in attending the Loyalty Sunday Service and placing your pledge Card in the Chest of Joash.

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RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE

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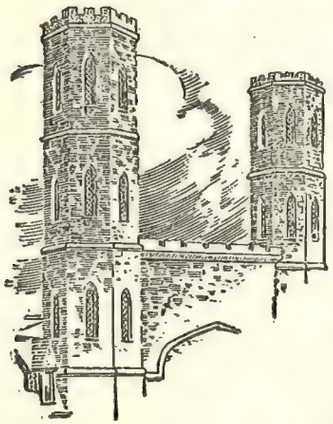
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11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Overture ..... *Handel*
The Processional Hymn, No. 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 56, Page 408 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:1-18
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 93
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: All They Of Saba Shall Come ..... *Rheinberger*
All they of Saba shall come, incense and gold gladly off'ring. And loud the praise of God the Lord proclaiming. Rise, then, and gird Thee with light O. Jerusalem, for the Glory of God, the Lord shall arise upon Thee. Alleluia! All they of Saba shall come to worship Christ, the Lord.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "For He Cometh, For He Cometh!" ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
The Recessional Hymn 5 ..... *St. Thomas*

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THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

Dear Dr. Price:—"Visualize what you want. Remember that God never does anything *to* us, or *for* us, but always *through* us . . . your treatment will really be just the getting of yourself out of the way."

Those words, Dr. Price, from your priceless booklet—Healing, the Gift of God—seemed to come alive for me and fly right up from the page . . . so I saw to it that they took root in my mind, where I could cling to them.

I had a slipped disc, which is a stubborn, painful, baffling condition to have in one's back-bone. When this condition persisted for almost five months, I really despaired. But when I got myself out of the way, and claimed the promises that His healing Life was flowing through me . . . and then got up and walked out on faith, I started to get really well again. When I could accept it in my mind and in myself, deep within, from that day on my back has become progressively better. I am deeply grateful for your prayers, and all the prayers from the group who pray for healing.

J. K. B. (Chevy Chase, Md.)

If you are one of those members of the congregation who do not receive mail from St. Stephen's then, somehow, your name is not on our mailing list. This is unfortunate, since only important mail goes out from here. If this applies to you will you put your name and address on your copy of "The Bulletin" and put it on the offering plate, or send it by mail?

The Rector celebrated Holy Communion at the Burd School Chapel on November 23rd, at which time he dedicated a large Altar Prayer Book presented by the girls of the School in memory of Dean Emory R. Johnson. He also dedicated the New Altar Rail and furnishings presented by the Women's Committee. The student body presented for dedication at the Altar the annual contribution of food for the needy of St. Stephen's Parish. Twenty-one girls have matriculated this year.

NOTHING BUT FACES

There come times when you have to have your vision tested. If you do not see what you should, then your vision has to be corrected; and it is. In the Kingdom of God our vision is just as important. The difficulty is that so many have faulty spiritual vision; and do nothing about it.

As George Buttrick has said, "Every life will be tested finally by this test—does it see *faces,* or only *things?* Some business men see nothing but things—price lists, profits, sales resistance—while other business men see faces, the faces of those who work, of those who have no work. Some statesmen see nothing but things—battle ships, voting booths, newspaper headlines. Other statesmen see faces—the faces of the poor, the faces of little children, the myriad faces of those slain in war. Some preachers see nothing but things—Church buildings, year books, card catalogues. Other preachers see faces—faces wistful and sin-scarred, faces lonely but brave. *The Master saw nothing but faces*—nothing on earth but faces, nothing in heaven but faces, nothing in hell but faces."

One man says, "I'm a farmer—as I sweat through the summer, I see my vegetable-cellar stocked for winter; and a big crop of potatoes to sell." Another—"I'm a mother, so I see new clothes to put on my children's backs." Another—"I'm a crossing-tender. It is my business to see trains and timetables." Another—"I'm an old lady, so my mind keeps seeing the monthly old-age check, hoping it won't shrink any." Another—"I'm a sick woman in a hospital—do you blame me for seeing the dull, tasteless food, and the same old four walls day after day?" These people see things; and do not expect to see anything else.

But the Master corrected people's vision. "The blind receive their sight." He taught the farmer to work through the summer thinking of the happy faces of the family for which he is provider; and the satisfied faces of the customers buying his fine potatoes. He taught the mother to keep her thoughts on the shining faces of the children who know they are loved; and who may best learn love through carefully mended clothes! He teaches the crossing-tender to think of the shining faces of families welcoming their men home at the end of the day—safe home because he has done his job faithfully. He teaches the old lady to see the faces of the world's hungry children; and to scrimp in order to help feed them. He teaches the sick person in the hospital to see the fears and doubts in the faces of the people who know not God; and, putting her whole trust in Him, to find that peace which gives new life to those about her.

What do you see as you look out on life? Does your faulty vision pick out things? Then your next step is plain. Seek out the Master in your inmost heart; and put yourself into His hands, that He may touch your eyes; for "His touch still has its ancient power." Once more it will be written that "the blind receive their sight." For your thoughts will be filled with *faces* all the rest of your days, the faces of those who can count on you to care for them, always!

SERVICES

SUNDAYS

9:00 A. M.—Holy Communion
11:00 A. M.—Sunday School
11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion First Sunday of the Month
4:00 P. M.—Bible Class
7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon
Holy Communion Third Sunday Evening

NOON-DAY SERVICES—12:30-12:55 P. M.

Mondays
Organ Recital

Tuesdays
Tuesday Noon Club for Business Men
Luncheon served before and after service

Wednesdays
Noonday Service with Address
Holy Communion—5:30 P. M.

Thursdays
Healing Service and Address 12:30 and 5:30 P. M.
MRS. NELLE COOK in Charge of Literature Table—Foyer of Church—Thursdays

Fridays—Holy Communion

ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appointments may be made by telephoning to the Church Office. Telephone Number WA 2-3807.

The Parish Visitor is in the Parish House daily, except Saturday, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

The Societies of St. Stephens' Church meet as follows:

The Girls' Friendly Society: Every Monday; supper at 6 p. m.
The Friendship Club: Every Monday at 8 p. m.
The King's Daughters: First and Third Tuesdays.
The Benevolent Society: Every other Wednesday at 10 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary: Regular Meeting Third Thursday at 11 a. m.
The Woman's Auxiliary for Hard of Hearing: First and Third Tuesdays, 3 p. m.
The Mothers' Meeting: Every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.
Boy Scouts meet every Friday at 8 p. m.
Order of St. Luke: First and Third Mondays.
Prayer Fellowship: Fourth Thursday at 7:45 p. m.
The Camp Fartherest Out: Third Thursday at 8 p. m.
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A Word of Welcome to Visitors and Strangers

St. Stephens' Church welcomes you most heartily to this Service. We will be happy to have you make this your Church Home. The Clergy would like to have any information indicated below. Won't you please mark in the proper space, and place on the Alms Basin, hand to an usher, or mail to the office?

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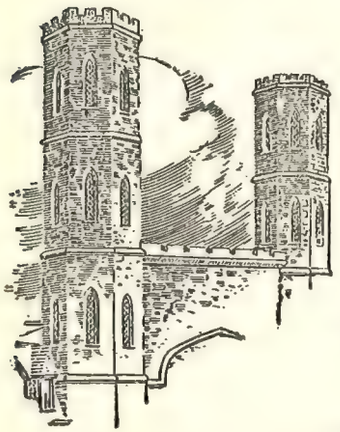
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Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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11:00 A. M.—SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

PAGEANT, "The Incarnate Word"

Organ Prelude—Adoration ..... *Purvis*
Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*
O Come, Let Us Sing, Hymnal 609
Offertory Hymn 440 ..... *Watchman*
"THE INCARNATE WORD"—A Pageant for Christmastide
By Robert Elmore and Robert B. Reed

PART I—The Prophecy
PART II—The Nativity
PART III—The Adoration By The Magi
PART IV—The Eternal Manger
HYMN No. 12, Verses 1, 2, 3, 6
Narrator—Donald Todd
Solo Parts—Donald Todd, Hellen Osborne, Harley G. Charles, Leah T. Henzel, Fil Oakford, Jr.
Property and Slides—May Falkingham, William D. Smith, Verger.
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THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

On a past year's Christmas card were these wonderful words: "If, as Herod, we fill our lives with things . . . if we consider ourselves so important that we must fill every moment with action, when will we have time to take the long slow journey across the burning desert, as did the Magi,; or sit and watch the stars, as did the shepherds; or to brood over the coming of the Child, as did Mary? For each one of us there is a desert to travel, a star to discover, and a Being within ourselves to bring to life."

Christmas comes next Sunday. "And I'm not nearly ready," many may say, thinking of things that still need to be done. But they would not be *really* ready, even if they succeeded in doing all these things, these Christmas "chores." They would find Christmas somehow disappointing; not what they hoped it to be.

If you want to find the full glory of the Birthday of Christ, you will need, *today*, to push aside everything that needs to be done, and sit down, and brood for a while over the meaning of Christmas. Sit down in the quietness of your own room, or the stillness of a church, and ponder over the wonder of Bethlehem. In the manger you will find God come among men; God consenting to be born as a human babe, so that we humans would know what He is like. You find the God who is willing to suffer when we neglect and deny Him, and yet keeps on loving us still. You find the God who keeps on knocking at our hard hearts, until we humbly unbar the door, make ready for Him to be born in us, and take up His abode within. You cannot make your heart ready for Him in a minute; any more than Mary could have. It takes time. Some of the things you were going to do will not be done; and no one will care! Your family and your friends will have more of Christmas because you took time to prepare for it. As Vachel Lindsay wrote:

"Except the Christ be born again tonight
In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,
The world will never see His Kingdom bright.
Star of all hearts, lead onward through the night,
Past death-black deserts, doubts without a name,
Past hills of pain and mountains of new sin
To that far sky where mystic birds begin,
Where dreaming years the angel-song shall win.
Our Christmas shall be rare at dawning there,
And each shall find his brother fair,
Like a little child within;
All hearts of the earth shall find new birth
And wake no more to sin."

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW:

Dear Dr. Price:—My health and affairs are in much better shape, and I do feel very grateful to you and the members of your Prayer Fellowship for your prayers in my behalf. My eye trouble (glaucoma) has cleared up. Just after writing you the first time, my left eye lost its feeling of hardness. I go on praising Him for His goodness, for His being on the side of health, for His power and His Love. My daughter writes me that she is better, and I'm hopeful that her nervous trouble clears up.—(J. S. C.) (Virginia)

WHEN DID YOU LAST GO TO CHURCH?

Many of our people could answer with satisfaction, "Last Sunday." It is easy to get into the habit of thinking, "O, I guess I won't go today; I'll go next Sunday." Before one knows it, many Sundays have gone by. It looks as if quite a number of our people have that habit. If you are one, let me say that we miss you, and I am sure that God does, too.

We acknowledge gratefully the contributions to the Benevolent Society by the following: Mrs. M. Atherton, F. Bartelli, Emma S. Bolay, Lily V. Coulson, Joseph G. Frutchey, Mrs. M. Keller, Katharine Kennedy, Minnie Lee, Mother's Meeting, Anna M. Reed, L. Rock, Mrs. H. Stiles, Mrs. W. B Walker.

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"A Member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven."

September 11th—Colette Olive Shumate
October 30th—Edith Welch Cameron
December 4th—George Patrick Shiflett
December 11th—Mary Louise Ehrenberg

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

September 9th—Richard H. Lamb and Grace Poole.

Burials

"Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord."

October 31st—Thomas J. Badey
November 8th—Grace I. Gosselin
November 14th—Sophie Vollneiler
December 5th—Albert O. Hamilton
December 9th—Samuel J. Hanna
December 12th—Harry Winterbottom
November 16th—Thomas W. Barr

New Communicants

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

William C. Wilkie
Mrs. Alice Stowe



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Philadelphia, Pa.

Easter, 1956

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9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
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10:45 A. M.—Personal Prayer and Meditation

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON by the Rector
Music and Choir under direction of John H. Henzel, F.A.GO.

ORGAN PRELUDE—Prelude and Fugue in D Major ..... *Bach*

Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

Christ Our Passover is Sacrificed for Us

THE COMMUNION SERVICE Page 67
Kyrie, Hymnal No. 714

The Anthem—O Christ, The Heaven's Eternal King ..... *Thiman*

The Sermon—Christ's Own Evidences of His Resurrection ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 98 ..... *Puer Nobis*
Sanctus, Hymnal No. 716

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal No. 739 ..... *Old Scotch Chant*

Benediction

Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*

Recessional Hymn 87 ..... *Fortunatus*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. The Flowers on the East window are in memory of the Magee family. The Flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore. The Flowers on the Pancoast Window have been provided by Mrs. Benjamin Reath.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House
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THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My beloved people of St. Stephen's:

It is abundantly plain to us that our bodies, as we know them now, are intended only to serve a temporary purpose, to serve as a means of communication with this passing, temporary world. They share with the bodies of the plants and animals the nature of mortality. They are born, they wax and wane, and decay, and turn again to dust. Even the machinery of the mind itself is subject to decay. The greatest saint may cease even to know the meaning of God or of prayer, so far as to make its appeal realizable by the conscious mind: the greatest genius may come not even to know how to raise his hand to his mouth, or to spell the simplest word.

If we identify ourself with this material machinery which acts through the senses, then we say, when the senses decay, that the *person* is dead. "He died," we say, "Yesterday." We mean by that that the material machinery through which we held converse with him, on that day ceased to function and began to turn to dust.

There is, however, no reason why we should identify the person with this material machinery which grows and decays and vanishes into dust. There is every reason to believe that "spirit" constitutes the self, and that the material form is nothing more than an instrument through which the self acts, modifying it and molding it to a not inconsiderable extent to fit its own purposes and desires, during the short time in which the self has need to pass through the experiences of this temporal world.

From time to time we have assurances that the self persists though the body passes away: The person makes himself known quite clearly to those who are tuned to receive the message. Easter tide perpetuates the experience of this truth in the case of Jesus of Nazareth.

The earliest, and probably the most reliable account of this appearing of Jesus after the Crucifixion is found in I Corinthians 15: 1-8. After the human form of Jesus was crucified, those who were in specially close touch with Him had definite experience of His continued life, untouched and undisturbed by the death of the body. For a few days they had this experience through sense-forms: they saw, they heard, they touched, they *knew*. This *sense* experience was probably necessary for their re-assurance: but it was only to be temporary, and passed away. After those few days, the presence of the immortal Christ came to them as "spirit," i.e. as a diffused, powerful influence, which made them more than ever sensible that He was alive—alive as He had never been, to the same extent, while in the material body. This presence of Jesus as "spirit" was not a shadowy, doubtful, make-shift, unsatisfying presence, a poor exchange for the full satisfying life-companionship in the body. It was far *more* real, and infinitely more satisfying.

The message of Easter is that we live *now*, not that we shall *some* day live, in the spiritual world: not that we shall *one day* be raised, but that we are *now* risen with Christ: not that we shall eventually pass from death unto life, but that we know that we *have* passed from death unto life.

To those who have this assurance, the body has its very real uses, as a temporary instrument, to be reverenced as a noble means to serve a good, though temporary purpose, like a cabin on a voyage. It is to be kept, so far as we can, clean and sweet, and even gay. But we are not to be alarmed when the harbor comes in sight, and we begin to see the outlines of our true home. Here, in the experience of space and time, the soul is always a stranger, a pilgrim, a sojourner. Outside of space and time, outside material sense of touching and seeing, of smelling and hearing, is the true sphere of spirit.

There today we can keep our Easter with Christ who, for our sakes, humbled Himself to be born, and suffer, and die, and to be buried, but who yet never left the heavens, and never was absent from the Being of God.

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Easter Offering

If we are truly grateful for the Blessed Resurrection, we will want to present an offering of Thanksgiving and gratitude to God and His Church on Easter Day, even as we are able and the Spirit directs us. For this purpose use the enclosed envelope.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th, 1956

10:30 P. M.—Holy Communion and Sermon by the Rector

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th, 1956

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON
By The Rector

Watchnight Service

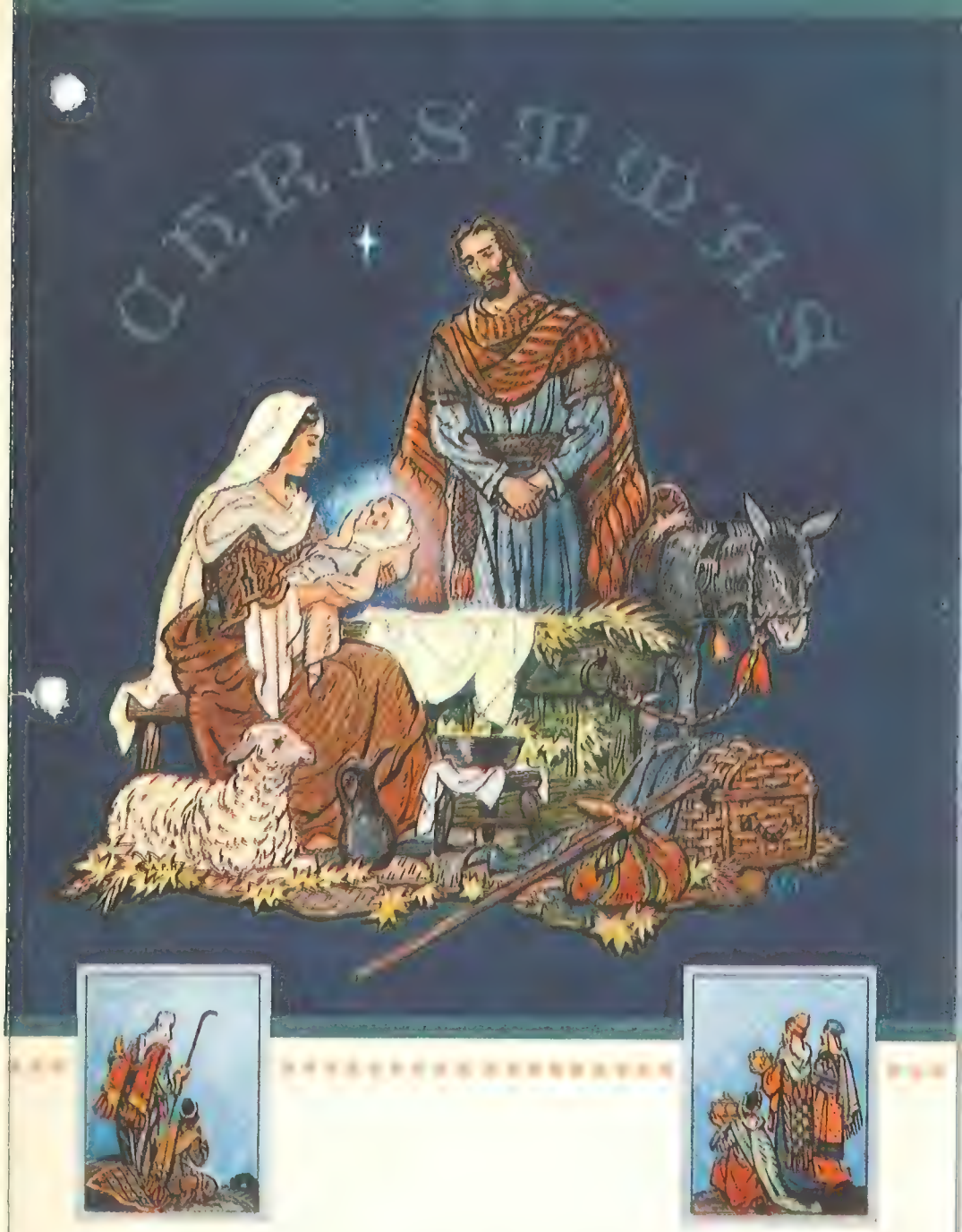
Monday, December 31st, 1956, at 11:00 P. M.

Prayer and Address by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
Followed by the Holy Communion

A Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time of special love offerings. Shall we leave out GOD? Surely, He and His Church shall be the first we think of. The enclosed envelope is very appropriately worded: "Christmas Offering." Will you use it for a gift for HIM?

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St. Stephen's Church—1956

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1956
CHRISTMAS EVE

HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

ORGAN PRELUDE: "A Child Is Born" ..... *Titcomb*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*
KYRIE, Hymnal 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
ANTHEM: "On Christmas Night" ..... *Vaughan-Williams*
SERMON: Christmas Worship On Christmas Day ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 33 ..... *Holy Night*
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Hymnal 716 ..... *Oldroyd*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
FOR THE GLORIA, Hymn 19 ..... *Carol*
PRAYERS, AND BENEDICTION, SEVENFOLD AMEN
RECESSIONAL HYMN 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS DAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25th, 1956

9:00 A. M. — HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 A. M. — HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Christmas Music under the direction of John H. Henzel, F.A.G.O.

ORGAN PRELUDE: Adoration ..... *Purvis*
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*
KYRIE, Hymnal 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
ANTHEM: "Come All Ye Who Weary" ..... *Elmore*
SERMON: Christian Worship on Christmas Day ..... THE RECTOR
OFFERTORY HYMN 30 ..... *The First Nowell*
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Hymnal 736 ..... *Lutkin*
COMMUNION HYMN 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
FOR THE GLORIA, Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*
PRAYERS, BENEDICTION, SEVENFOLD AMEN
RECESSIONAL HYMN 28 ..... *Regent Square*

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THE RECTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Church's power to win the world for Christ today lies ony in the degree of faithfulness with which she continues to go forth in His might to preach His Gospel to men. And what is His Gospel? Not simply the example He left of a perfect Life, though He is the Way: not even the teaching He gave during His earthly Ministry, though He is the Truth: but something more crucial than either. His Gospel is Himself! He is the Life.

The source of the Christian religion is that Jesus Christ was God focused in a human being. The Eternal Love stooped right down to our level, "living without supernatural advantages, but doing it perfectly" as J. B. Phillips puts it. Just as Jesus showed Himself in the Babe at Bethlehem, so He can be born again in each one of us. When we receive Jesus into our hearts, which we can most easily do at Christmas time, the very Light, Love and Life of God fills us. As God was focused in the Baby Jesus, so He is focused in us as we receive the Risen Jesus into ourselves.

"Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely,
love divine;
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angels gave the sign."

The Holy Babe, Love Incarnate! As we kneel at the Manger Throne there is a prayer and a pleading in our hearts: "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for Thee." Then shall Love be incarnate in us. Lo, a miracle is born. We arise from our knees to a life of gladness. Love is born in us: we are sad no longer: Love is our life, our music, our health, our gladness, our all—"My Lord, My God, My All."

Love does the things of love: it's its nature: it cannot help doing what it is its nature to do: love raises the dead, those who are dead in their sins; love does what it does for love's sake, not seeking any reward: love forgives, until seventy times seven: love heals every sickness and every disease: the prayer of love shall heal the sick: Love is All.

"O come, let us adore Him. . . . Christ the Lord."

Christmas Day should be more than a commemoration: it should be an experience of re-birth and healing.

"Light and Life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings."

It can happen to you this Christmas.

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ALFRED W. PRICE

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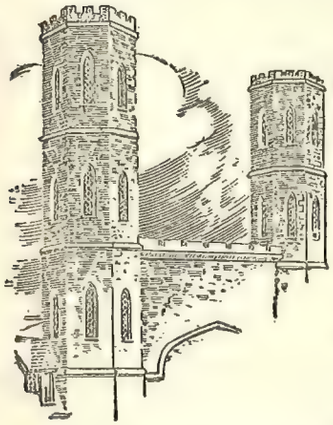
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: "Greensleeves" ..... *Purvis*
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The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: "Come, All Ye Who Weary" ..... *Elmore*
Come, all ye who weary, Life's pilgrimage dreary, Now hasten, your fears cast aside. In manger so lowly, By Mary so holy, The Christ Child, your Savior did bide. The magi who sought Him (their rich gifts they brought Him) did follow His star ever bright; With cattle attending (His love never ending) He lay there that hallowed night.
But hasten, nor tarry; The gift that you carry, Be sure that He'll cherish alway. The Babe in the manger no longer a stranger, Will bless you and guide you each day.
The Sermon: "The Narrow Gate" ..... The Rector

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 42 ..... *Gloria*
The Presentation—Doxology
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THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy—Page 77, 736 ..... *Lutkin*
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84, Hymnal 739

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 28 ..... *Stainer*
Organ Postlude ..... *Regent Square*

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FENCE-LINES

St. Paul was right when he said that nothing can stand between the love of Christ and His people. For the love of Christ has a way of shining over all obstacles, even the stiff and unchanging rules of the Church! That love—like the Star of many years ago—shines high in the hearts of all wise and humble people, and nothing can cut that light off from them. Nothing can stop that Epiphany ("Shining-Forth") from reaching expectant hearts.

St. Paul declared that not even "things present" can separate us from the love of Christ; and Margaret Applegarth points out that "There is nothing more *present* than a fence. There it stands, announcing to the world that something inside is being shut in; and something outside, being shut out. And if that fence is around a Catholic cemetery, it means that all the earth inside is consecrated ground, only for those who have died in the faith. It was that way in Poland also, of course.

But one day a Quaker came to town. He was a gentle sort—so gentle that, even though at first he couldn't speak a word of Polish, yet everyone knew exactly what he meant. He had a sensitive, sure understanding of those who were in need; and when a shipment of clothing came in, he always managed to put that clothing onto the shivering bodies of those who needed it the most, and not the pretending bodies of those who asked most loudly. He knew who needed shoes; and whose stomach was really empty. And he never played favorites, or saved the best suits and clothes for his special friends. He never seemed to notice the color of a man's skin or which language he spoke. He just looked for Christ's brothers and sisters who hungered and thirsted, and trembled with the cold. And with loving hands he fed and refreshed and clothed them.

So it was a calamity terrible beyond words when he died. It might have been from malnutrition; or from some vicious germ which attacked him when he was exhausted from working endless hours for his friends. Anyway, his body had stopped breathing—and they wept, broken hearted. They prepared his body lovingly for burial; and then, suddenly, with a jolting shock, it dawned on them that a Quaker was not a Roman Catholic; and so he could not be buried in their beloved cemetery, the only one in the village. They reasoned long and earnestly with the priest, but he shook his head sadly—it was the rule of the Church that you could not bury such a man in consecrated ground. Broken, mourning, the people buried the body of their friend just as close to the forbidden fence-line as possible. But they went home that night with heavy hearts. After darkness had fallen that night, however, the priest himself went out, and moved the fence-line over far enough to include the new grave. For the rule of the Church was definite enough about burying people in consecrated ground; but it said nothing about moving fence-lines! So the people took courage, and found a song of praise and thanksgiving again in their hearts. For the fence had not been able to stop the love of Christ.

No fence-line can ever cut off that shining Love! Look up, patiently and expectantly, into the dark night of your heart. You will find the Star of Christ's Love shining there, over all obstructions. God, through Christ, lighting your way—and even shining through *you* to others.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR INQUIRERS

When did the Episcopal Church come to our country? Did Henry VIII really found the Episcopal Church? What does the Church teach regarding "confession," "repentance," "forgiveness"? Where did our Prayer Book come from? How can we participate better in the services of the Church? These and many other questions will be answered at the Confirmation instruction lectures for children and adults, which will begin Sunday morning, January 1st, in the Rector's Study, at 10 A. M. The class will be held each Sunday until February 17th, when Bishop Hart will confirm those desiring Confirmation, which is entrance into the full fellowship of our Church.

We are grateful to Mr. Thomas S. Orme for the gift of a large Prayer Book to be used in the Chancel of the Burd School Chapel.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

In his sermon on Bible Sunday the Rector urged the members of our parish to read the Bible—to take a book a month, or two or three of the very short ones. Such an individual plan of reading will take you through the entire Bible in about two and a half years. A copy of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah was given to everyone present to be read during the month of December. On January 1st a copy of the Gospel According to St. Matthew will be given to everyone attending the service. In order to know how many are co-operating in this "Book of the Month" plan you are asked to sign your name to a slip of paper and place it in the Alms Basin stating that you have read "Isaiah."

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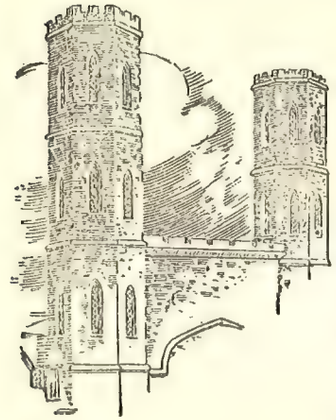
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER

The Organ Prelude: Chartres .....*Purvis*
The Processional Hymn, No. 46 .....*Morning Star*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS

The General Confession (kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE

O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 40, Page 390 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

The First Lesson: Genesis 28: V. 10
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 2: 1-11
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS

Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 109
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS

The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: "Eastern Sages At His Cradle" .....*Elmore*
Eastern Sages at His cradle make oblations rich and rare; See them give in deep devotion gold, and frank-incense and myrrh. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose, God the King of kings proclaimeth, Myrrh His sepulchre foreshows.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING

The Sermon: "Another Way" .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE

The Offertory Hymn 465 .....*Bethany*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING

Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn, 52 .....*Dix*

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Other kings have always needed to be propped up; have needed to lean against many supports: gold in the treasury to buy men's souls; a host of marching legions to destroy all opposition; games in the arena to keep the crowds in good humor; bread to feed the hungry to keep them from becoming dangerous. But Jesus Christ leaned on none of these supports. He leaned only on the Eternal God, the unseen and everlasting Father. And, while the supports of other kings had always crumbled in the end, the Supporter of Jesus stood firm as Pilate growled, "Behold your King!"; stood unshaken as the mob yelled, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Then Easter came, and the centuries began to file by; and the world began to see that true Kingliness needs no gold or armies to hold it up. Men began to see that a Kingly Spirit stands unbroken, unbreakable, before all the blows of life, because the spirit of the Living God within a man is stronger than any enemy there is!

Still, today, there are those who say, "Silly one—to worship Christ!" There is only one answer to that jeer—to put your trust in God so deeply that every thought, every hope, every day of your living, banks on Him, rests upon Him alone. There is only one answer that can be heard above the tumult of the world—your life, made victorious over all pain and heartbreak, because it rests upon the Rock of the Almighty.

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

We occasionally print accounts written by individuals who feel that they have been helped through our Healing Ministry.

"Dear Dr. Price:—I will never cease being grateful to you and your Prayer Fellowship for your prayers, and to God for healing me through them. It was so remarkable that the doctor still talks about it . . ." J. D. (Buffalo)

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RECEPTION

A reception in celebration of the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Price will be held in the Community House, 923 Ludlow Street (back of the Church), from twelve thirty until two thirty o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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A dozen students from the Princeton Theological School visited the Rector in his office on January 6th, along with the Presbyterian Chaplain of the Philadelphia General Hospital for several hours of instruction on the Ministry of Spiritual Healing.

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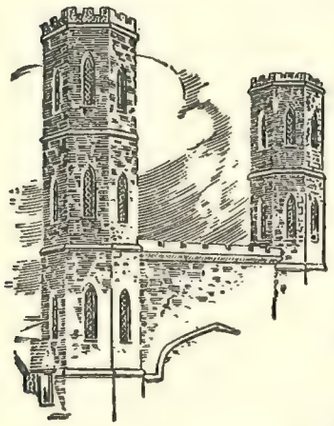
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The Anthem: Lauds ..... *Dyson*
Ye who have spent the silent night in deep and quiet rest, And joy to see the light that riseth in the East; Now lift your hearts, your voices raise, your morning tribute bring, and pay a grateful song of praise to heaven's Almighty King. And as this gloomy night did last but a little space; As heavenly day doth show his pleasant face, So let us hope, when faith and love their work on earth have done, God's blessed face to see above, Heaven's better, brighter Sun. ..... *George Gascoigne (1525-1577)*

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The Sermon: "Veils That Hide God" ..... THE RECTOR

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The shadow of the Cross falls across our paths whenever we stop to think how Jesus lived and died for us. It is well to remember that the Master Whom we followed to Calvary was at home among simple things and humble people. He cares not a snap of the finger for flashy pretence of religion, for proud self-denials which we speak of easily to our friends. He loves honest religion, which is learning to be gentle with the sins of others because it is occupied with rooting out its own. He can be at home in those glad hearts which love others at some cost to themselves. And He promises them: "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

DO YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDLY IN CHURCH?

Here are some suggestions as found in another parish Bulletin:

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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With hearts full of gratitude to the Giver of all gifts, and of warm affection for all who have been so loyally co-operative, so graciously and so generously helpful to the Rectory family. We join in wishing you all a New Year replete with personal fulfillment and material and spiritual prosperity.

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The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is being asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you and you need the Church. Confirmation Services will be held on February 12th at 11 o'clock. Instruction Class meets in the Rector's Study on Sundays at 10 A. M.

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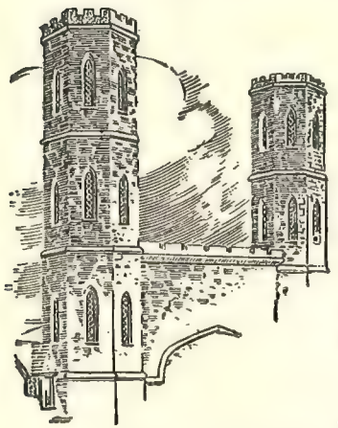
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Psalm 107: 1-16 Page 476 (Responsively)

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LIGHT THROUGH DARKNESS

Jean Kenyon McKenzie, who for 10 years was a gracious and beloved missionary among the Bulu people of Africa, once wrote:

"Minla is the little black boy who carries my lantern on my journey through the forest of our neighborhood. He is too small to carry much, but he has begged to go with me. "Even if I cannot carry a real load," he tells me, "I can carry a lantern, and surely you will be needing one."

"Sometimes, on the highway, the sound has been the sound of so many feet that I have said to Minla, 'Cover the lantern.' And this he does with the skirt of the little cloth he wears about his middle. Then I am able to see the many people who have been following our light; sometimes as many as 50 carriers are crowding up behind us, leaning forward under the weight of the loads they are carrying, looking at the white woman and the black boy who carries the lantern. You will always be followed in the night of the forest if you carry a lantern; the people who walk in that great darkness are glad to follow that light."

And you will always be followed if you carry the Light through the darkness of our life on earth. There is so much of mystery and shadow in this life; so much that we cannot understand. And there are so many difficulties and obstacles, hidden in the darkness, over which men stumble when there is no light on the path.

This is the Epiphany Season—celebrating the shining out of the good news of God's coming among us in the Light of Jesus Christ. I like to think of many of you, walking humbly and surely along the trail of life, with the Light of the world in your hearts. For, in the days of Christmastide you remembered to make new room for Him in your hearts, because you found your hearts growing cold and dark without Him; and you needed Him, within, to Light and warm your life. And now you walk with new assurance through this world of A bombs and lurid headlines; sure-footed because of His Light shining in you. Perhaps you do not realize it, but stop a moment, and be quiet—there are people following you along the trail of life, because of the Light in you heart. "You will always be followed in the night in the forest if you carry a lantern."

The Rector preached in the Berry-Long Memorial Methodist Church in West Philadelphia last Sunday night.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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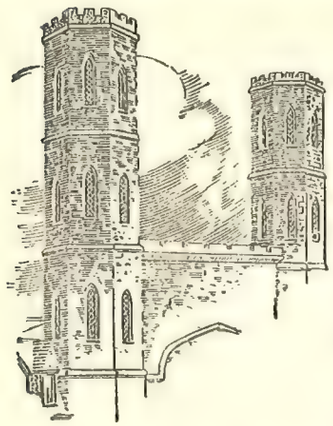
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Adagio ..... *Bach*
The Processional Hymn, No. 577 ..... *Christmas*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 139, Page 514 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Joshua 6: 1-21
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 7: 1-10
Jubilate Deo, Page 15 ..... *Stanford*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 118
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Turn Back, O Man ..... *Holst*
Turn back, O man; foreswear thy foolish ways. Old now is earth, and none may count her days, Yet thou, her child, whose head is crowned with flame, still wilt not hear thine inner God proclaim: "Turn back, O Man; foreswear thy foolish ways." Earth might be fair and all men glad and wise, Age after age their tragic empires rise. Built while they dream, and in that dreaming weep. Would man but wake from out his haunted sleep. Earth shall be fair, and all her people one, Nor till that hour shall God's whole will be done. Now, even now, once more from earth to sky, Peals forth in joy man's undaunted cry, "Earth shall be fair, and all her folk be one!" (CLIFFORD BAX)

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon ..... THE REV. DR. STANLEY R. WEST

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 409 ..... *Woodworth*
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In modern alphabetical terminology T E S O means Theological Education Sunday Offering, now a major source of income for the support of our eleven Theological Schools in the United States. By proclamation of the Presiding Bishop, in 1956, this falls on January 22nd. The leaflet enclosed in this Bulletin tells in a graphic way where the Alumni of the Rector's School in Cambridge, Mass., are serving. Numbers indicate the geographical spread on a map of the United States. On one side are pictures of the living graduates in the Episcopate, and on the other pictures of men serving in overseas Missions.

The offering from St. Stephen's Church will be divided between the Cambridge School and the Philadelphia Divinity School.

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Dr. Stanley R. West who has charge of the Sunday services today in the absence of the Rector. Dr. West has spent his entire ministry in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He has recently retired from a long and fruitful ministry in Calvary Church, Conshohocken. Dr. West preached the sermon at the Rector's Ordination Service 27 years ago.

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The February issue of the Baptist Leader features an article on St. Stephen's Ministry of healing.

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This universal language is the *language of action.* I understand that you have a kind heart, because your kindness takes shape in a friendly letter or deed—I can *see* your kindness. I understand how much you love your family because your love for them takes form in hard working devotion to their needs. In the same way we come to know the Love of God. For long centuries God in His wisdom spoke to men through words, on the lips of prophets and priests and sages and saints, And men could not be sure what God was like. Then when they were ready, He spoke to them in a new way: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, full of Grace and Truth." God's Love took form in a Life which we could *see,* in a death upon a Cross which we *beheld;* and ever since then, men have said, "God is like Jesus Christ. God's Love is like the Cross." This was the "Incarnation," taking shape in flesh before the eyes of people. God had spoken, at last, in the universal language of action!

George Washington, one day, had a tempting opportunity to preach a sermon on loving your neighbor. He was riding across farmlands with a company of gentlemen, when the last horse over a stone fence knocked over a number of stones, leaving a large opening. Washington suggested that they stop and repair it, but the others shrugged their shoulders; so he said nothing more, and rode on with them. When the party disbanded, one of them, riding homeward, found Washington back in the farmer's fence, carefully replacing the stones. "Oh, General," chattered the man, "You are too big a man to be doing a thing like that." "No," answered Washington, gravely inspecting his work, "I'm just the right size." Washington was preaching his sermon in the universal language of action. Words would have bored the farmer no end, but that deed of neighborliness spoke for itself!

If you want, with all your heart, to tell someone that you love them, say as little as possible about it, and show them in loving deeds. They will understand them, because your love has been made flesh, and they can behold it, right before their eyes! If you want to show God that you love Him, you will let Him dwell within you, and take form in loving acts, in tiny Incarnations of His Love in you!

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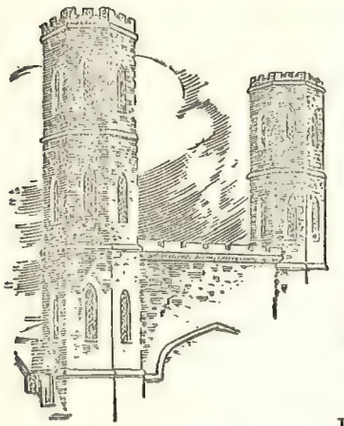
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: When In The Hour Of Utmost Need.....*Bach*
Processional Hymn 558.....*University College*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book), Page 67
The Kyrie, Page 68, Hymnal 714.....*Oldroyd*
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, Pages 120-121
The Nicene Creed (Unison), Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: I Am Well Pleased.....*Rheinberger*
I am well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my supplication; that He hath inclined his ear to me. As long, then, as I live will I on Him be calling. The sorrows of death came about me, the pains of hell gat hold upon me: affliction I found, and grief, then the Name of the Lord did I call on: O Lord, my soul do Thou deliver. How gracious is the Lord, and how just; yea, Our God is merciful, He guards the simple folk; I was in misery, He gave me help. To thy rest then do I bid thee, my soul, be turning, because the Lord hath rewarded thee.

The Sermon: "When The Wind Dropped".....THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 415.....*Martyn*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church, Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison), Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively), Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy, Page 77, Hymnal 736.....*Lutkin*
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 198.....*St. Flavian*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!, Page 84, Hymnal 739.....*Old Scotch Chant*

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God, Page 84
Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 553.....*Lancashire*
Organ Postlude

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PRAYER FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have finished another year in our Ministry of Healing in St. Stephen's Church. Devoting at least a half hour each day to pray for a long list of people may not seem a great thing for an intercessor to do, but it is quite often just the link needed for God's power to reach the one in need. We remember, with deep gratitude, that it is just the daily acts of prayer of each of our seventy-eight intercessors, which has made the work of the Prayer Healing Fellowship as a whole possible. They have shared with us at St. Stephen's the great burden of the need of those who write to us for prayer.

The number of our regular Prayer Fellowship intercessors has reached seventy-eight, and we now have a daily chain of prayers from ~~4 A. M. to 1 A.M.~~ We have each of the twenty-one hours taken three times over by our 78 members. Each intercessor is disciplined to give a fixed hour each day for his prayer activity. Each needy individual is lifted up in prayer to God twenty-one hours a day for a period of four weeks. The patient is requested to keep us informed of progress. Chronic cases can be renewed for longer periods of prayer.

During the past year, 3,704 persons requested our prayers. This means that 3,704 people were remembered 21 hours a day for a period of four weeks by our 78 prayer helpers.

We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing co-operation and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "Workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Has all the prayer, faith and devotion of intercessors and friends been worthwhile? No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported at the monthly meeting of the Prayer Fellowship and in the weekly report to the members all progress and cures are recorded. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His Name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . For, where two or three are gathered, in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of prayer can never be overestimated.

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THESE SIGNS FOLLOW . . .

Dear Dr. Price:—The enclosed gift to St. Stephen's Church is in appreciation of the new life found there last January in obedience to "Go—believing!" (A. E. McC.)

Boy Scout Troop No. 2 of St. Stephen's is in first place in order of percentage of Scouts of First Class rank or higher in a listing of 32 Troops of the Wm. Penn District. Congratulations to Mr. James O. Lyman, Scoutmaster, and his able assistants.

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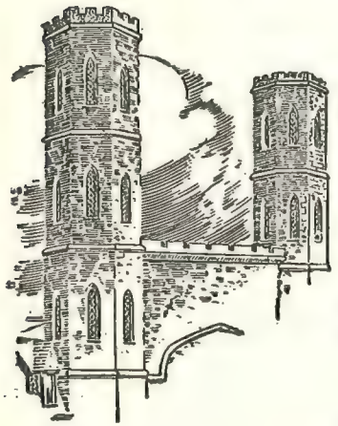
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Processional Hymn 567 .....*Dulce Carmen*

Creed and Prayers

Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1-2 .....*Nova Vita*

The Order of Confirmation, Page 296 in the Prayer Book

Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3-4 .....*Nova Vita*

Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring .....*Bach*

Jesu, Joy of man's desiring, Holy Wisdom, Love most bright; drawn by Thee our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassion'd, striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying, 'round Thy throne.

Sermon .....THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART, D.D.

Offertory Hymn 572 .....*Maryton*

Closing Prayers and Benediction

Sevenfold Amen

Recessional Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*

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I again re-affirm what I promised as my bounden duty as a confirmed member of the Church:

To follow Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior;
To pray daily;
To worship God every Sunday in His Church;
To receive, regularly, with due preparation, the Holy Communion;
To work and give for the spread of His Kingdom.

Sign.....and place in Alms Basin at time of offering.

WHAT IS "GETTING" YOU?

What gets your mind gets you! It is important to realize that mental attitudes affect bodily states. It has become a truism that the mind has a power over the body and that healthy thoughts tend to produce healthy bodies. The awkward fact we must all face is that resentment today may mean arthritis tomorrow; anxiety today may mean stomach ulcers tomorrow; fear today may mean glaucoma tomorrow. The encouraging fact is that tolerance today may mean better health tomorrow; love today may mean peace of mind tomorrow; faith today may mean healing tomorrow.

If fear gets your mind, fear will get you. Your body is part of you, so if fear gets you it will get your body too. By the same law, if love gets your mind, love will get you. As your body is made for love, you stand a better chance of enjoying good health if you are loving than if you are hard and resentful or full of fear. If love gets your mind it will get your body too. If Jesus gets your mind He will get your body. To be preoccupied with Him is to give your body its best opportunity of manifesting health.

Critics have said that advocates of Spiritual Healing reduce religion to a health cult. The criticism reveals a misunderstanding. Spiritual Healing is not concerned mainly with the power of mind over matter, nor with physical cures, but with the only true way of life—the union of the whole human personality: body, mind and spirit, with the Lord Jesus. Life with Him is life at its fullest on every level. If Christ is in you, His healing is in you. Has He got you?

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania
February 12, 1956, 11 A. M.

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come unto you."

Amick, Pamela
Durning, Patricia Florence
Hanna, Margaret Mary
Lewis, John Carlton
Price, Jean Van Dyke
Stout, Edith Hamilton Rhodes
Wilkie, William Charles

The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission in Grace Presbyterian Church, Jenkintown, during the evenings of February 12th, 13th, and 14th.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A. M. Bishop Hart will preach at 12:30 P. M., and the Rector will celebrate the Holy Communion at 5:30 P. M. Bishop Roberts, retired Bishop of Shanghai, will preach on Thursday, and Dr. John R. Hart, of Valley Forge, will preach on Friday and Saturday.

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW: . . .

Dear Dr. Price: My family is yet rejoicing with thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father, over the healing of my nephew, and we are so grateful to you and your group of S. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BC.D. (Alabama)

The Rector addressed the Department of Prayer and Worship of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania at the Church House on February 10th.

ABOUT THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Confirmation Service consists of two parts. In the first, the candidates ratify and "confirm" on their own decision and responsibility the promises made for them or by them at their baptism. This section of the Service stems from the Reformation and distinguishes the Anglican and Lutheran forms from the Roman Catholic and Orthodox confirmation rites. The second part of the service, which begins with the Versicles on Page 297 ot the Prayer Book, continues the ancient and medieval patterns of the Office in which the candidates are "confirmed" by God for the fulfillment of their promises by the strengthening gifts of the Holy Spirit imparted to them through the Laying-On-Of-Hands by the Bishop.

THE CHALLENGE OF LENT

The Lenten Season into which we are now entering is the most opportune time of the year for the enrichment of our spiritual lives. It presents an opportunity for us to contemplate our responsibilities and obligations as followers of the Christ who trod the road of suffering, thru' clouds of misunderstanding and sorrow, and emerged victorious over sin and death.

Are you satisfied with yourself?—Are you all you know you ought to be?—Are you sometimes lonely, longing for the Divine Companion?—Are you burdened with problems that need solution?—Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness?

Then this Lenten period is your opportunity to enter into a deepening experience of fellowship with God thru' meditation, prayer, devotional reading, and helpful ministry to others. In "keeping Lent" you may discover for yourself the sources of joyful, peaceful, and fruitful living. And the Lenten Season will culminate for you in a gloriously inspiring Easter.

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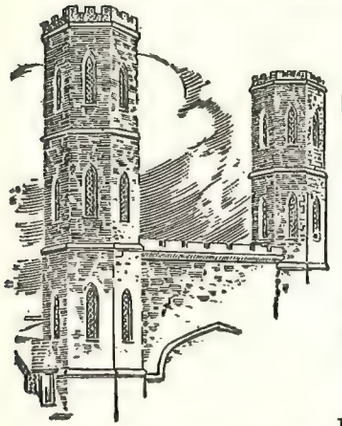
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INVITATION

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The Organ Prelude: Abide With Us.....*Weinberger*
The Processional Hymn, No. 58 .....*Langran*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (kneeling), Page 6

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O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 96 Page 459 (Responsively)

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The First Leson: II Samuel 12:1-13
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 623
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Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 646

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 125
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: God of Grace and God of Glory .....*Timmings*
God of Grace and God of Glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; crown Thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour. Lo! the host of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.
Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control· shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor Thee.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Acceptable Year Of The Lord" .....*The Rector*

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 411 .....GRACE CHURCH
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 339 .....*St. Christopher*

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WHAT SHALL I DO?

How strange it is that as soon as Lent is mentioned, church people start thinking of the sinful things they should stop doing. Hosts consider Lent the season in which they should battle their sins, like an "open season" on game. Yet men have learned, through bitter failure, that to dwell on a sin is to put yourself in its power. Lent began last Wednesday, so we'd best straighten out this matter.

Picture in your mind the fiery John the Baptist preaching to great crowds on the banks of the Jordan. He hit out straight from the shoulder against the hurtful sins of those people. He blasted them. But he did not fix their minds on those sins. He made the people face them honestly; and then he turned their thoughts away from the sins, to the eternal God and His judgement, so that they cried out, "What shall we do then?" And he told them, simply and practically, what they could do: Share their clothing with the shivering, and give a square deal to tax payers, be gentle and uncomplaining. Those people went away from the fire of John's Spirit to learn the new ways of honesty and compassion.

Forget the sorry brooding over your sins. Forget about that trifling self-denial you have chosen for your Lent self-denial. Stop and think what the rest of your household would choose for your Lent "self-improvement." Would they not wish that you would be easier to live with? In place of prickly temper, to learn patience. Instead of demanding your way, to concern yourself with their needs. Think of your Lent as a half-starved refugee in Germany or Korea might want it to be—would he not wish that you would cut out some of your needless spending on little luxuries, so that you could use that money to feed his hungry body by a gift to Care or meals for millions?

Discard that silly old "What shall I stop doing?" And take on the mature Christian purpose "What shall I do?" Make up your mind, "I will feed the hungry with the money I save by cutting out desserts"; or, "I will learn good temper by regular habit of five minutes of sincere prayer before joining the family at the breakfast table;" or, "I will build up my faith by reading one deeply religious book in place of trash." You make your own list—of what you are going to do in Lent, prompted by Christ in your heart.

Robert Louis Stevenson put it this way: "It is certain that all think too much of sin. We are not damned for doing wrong, but for not doing right. Christ would never think of negative morality; thou shalt, was ever His word. To be honest, to be kind—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy . . . and the Kingdom of heaven is of the child-like, of those who are easy to please; who love, and give pleasure." Now at the beginning of Lent, get your mind on loving, Christ-like ways which will start you off on a more warmly Christian life. Ask yourself, "What shall I do?" And let God do the answering. Then, when He tells you, get on with your building His heaven around you. Your family will remember that Lent!

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW:

We occasionally print accounts written by individuals who feel that they have been helped through our Healing Ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—This is just a thank you note from someone who has been greatly benefited by the Healing Services at St. Stephen's. I am not manifesting, as yet, perfect health, but my spirit lives in a new world, and I am full of thanks to you and the Christ within. I believe so in the work you do! It steadies the poor disturbed ones, and the atmosphere in St. Stephen's seems to vibrate with peace and love! C. F.

The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission in the Swarthmore Methodist Church on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at 8 P. M. February 19th to 22nd.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rt. Rev. William Crittenden, D. D., Bishop of Erie, who will be our Lenten speaker Feb. 20th to 24th, and to the Rev. John R. Logan, Jr., Chaplain of the Brotherhood, who will be the preacher on Saturday, Feb. 25th.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will again sponsor the Annual Washington's Birthday Communion and Breakfast to be held simultaneously in seven Churches in the Diocese. The Service in St. Stephen's will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 8 A. M. and will be followed by a breakfast served in the Community House. Bishop Warnecke of Bethlehem will speak to us over F M Station W F L N. Mrs. Theodore Bechtel and her ladies will serve the breakfast at St. Stephen's. Tickets are $1.25. Phone your reservations to the Church Office.

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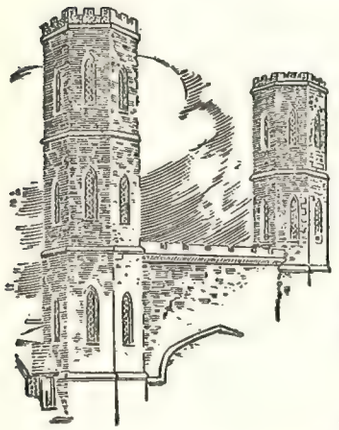
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The Processional Hymn, No. 423 ..... *Federal Street*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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Psalm 119:14, 15 Page 487 (Responsively)

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The Anthem: Soprano Solo: "God is My Shepherd." ..... *Dvorak*
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Friendship of Jesus" ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 364 ..... *Charterhouse*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

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4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House
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BUILDING THE KINGDOM

It may be that some consciencious person among you may not feel quite satisfied with a Lent aimed at the habit of learning loving ways. Some may feel disappointed in turning aside from the old custom of making themselves feel a bit uncomfortable for forty days. They always got a glow of piety out of it, like the little girl asking, "Do you want to know what I've given up for Lent?"

Frankly, that old, falsely pious way of keeping Lent makes you worse, not better. It is a cheap way of "make believe" that you are not such a bad person, after all. And there are no people harder to live with than self satisfied prigs. Jesus used flame-throwing words against them—"Hypocrits!, white-washed sepulchres!, blind guides of the blind!" How can we get free from false piety, and thus avoid those words hitting us?

Lent leads straight to the Cross. We had best face that Cross by looking at it now with humble, wondering eyes. Sometimes I sit alone in the Church, looking up at the Altar Cross, and then I shut my eyes, getting into my mind the picture of Him who died that day to save me from my sins, for a life of loving kindness. Then I go out, with that picture ready to be called up in a moment of need. Again and again that living picture of God's love saves me from sharp-edged words, from harsh judgements, from smug self-satisfaction. Then there comes a mometn when I am tempted, and I do not call up that picture, and I betray my Master. I have found that the way of strength and compassion is possible only with the Cross in mind day after day.

A wise and wonderful friend of mine put it, "Lent is the Season when we come into the presence of the Cross which condemns all evil without discouraging us." If God loves me that much, then I cannot go on bruising others through my selfishness. His great love for me makes me ashamed of my nasty little self love; yet it does not make me hopeless, for God sends His Holy Spirit to give conquering power to everyone who treads His loving way. The Cross, therefore, condemns without disheartening. A love so great assures me that I'm God's child, and, with His constant aid, can learn to act like one. It persuades any Peter that, since God made him, God can also make him courageous, able to stand up to temptation without surrender.

As we hang the picture of the Cross before our thoughts in Lent, we begin to see what God has done for us in Christ. At last we know that, with God, all things are possible. It is even possible that God, through you, can build a bit of heaven on earth where love actually reigns. Our Lenten task is to get on with that building.

The Rector is very grateful to Mrs. Walter B. Walker for a lovely framed picture of "Christ Healing the Sick in the Temple" and to Mr. Roland R. Randall for a picture of Christ standing close to a doctor and patient in a sick room. These pictures are on the walls of the Waiting Room adjacent to the Rector's Office.

The Rector will speak to the Baptist Ministerial Association Annual Meeting in Salem, N. J., on March 3rd.

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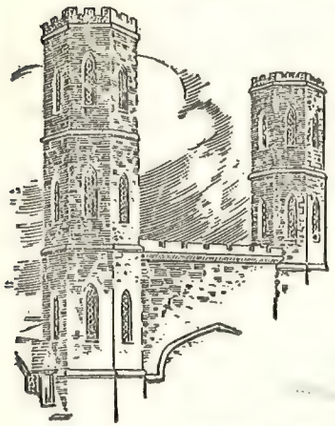
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THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: "Be Still, My Soul" ..... *Whitlock*
Be still, my soul, for God is near: The Great High Priest is with thee now; The Lord of life Himself is here, before whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart His lowly throne Thy Savior God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die. I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call, to blend my pleading prayer with Thine. To Thee I give myself, my all; and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE BAPTISM OF JESUS" .....THE RECTOR

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Communion Hymn 483 ..... *Consolation*
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OUR SICKNESS OF SPIRIT

We like to think of Jesus as the Comforter, and He was—the matchless Giver of true, deep comfort of heart. But He was not at all easy in making life easy for men. (Someone has said, "His way is simple—but it is not easy!") Instead, comfort-loving people have always found Him very upsetting. He had a searching way of asking, "What do ye more than others?" We must face the fact that He expects us to live strenuously, willing to live in as real hardships as our men in the service, in the armed service of our country. All true leaders have led their followers into tough campaigns to win kingdoms. Jesus out did them all by calling on His followers for a life-time of of strenuous sacrifice to win the Kingdom of God.

In Matthew 23:25-28 we find Jesus facing the smug Pharisees with scorching words that laid open their souls. Speaking to a great crowd, He said to those Pharisees, "You take a great deal of pains to polish up the outside of your lives so that they look clean to people; but actually, you are like the graves in your cemeteries—neatly whitewashed on the outside, but full of corruption within." The Pharisees did not like those burning words, because they knew that Jesus spoke the truth. Jesus went on, "Clean up the inside of your lives first. Cleanse your hearts."

Jesus spoke that same great truth over and over again. "The Kingdom of God is within you"—take pains that God rules your heart, your will, your inner life from which all your thoughts and deeds flow. They are the well springs of your life. If the well spring of your life is clean, your whole lives will come clean also!

When the French went down to Panama to dig the mighty Canal, they took doctors to treat the patients for fever; but the fever killed doctors and patients alike; and the French finally withdrew, defeated. They had been working on the "outside of the cup." When General Goethals went down to Panama with the Americans, he took engineers, and great ditchers, and immense quantities of sewer pipes; and drained the foul marshes, and did away with the disease-carrying mosquitos, and thus defeated the fever at its source. So we built the Panama Canal.

For us this Lent can be a Panama Canal of the spirit. We can get at the source of our sickness of spirit, deep within us—praying God to help us clean out the swamps of our self-love, our self-centeredness. Face God in the quietness of your room, praying, "Create a clean heart in me, O God," and let Him wade into your inner life with you. It will be strenuous, but, in the end, if you persist with Him in removing the selfish habits of heart, you will find that deep comfort which comes alone from God's cleansing the well springs of our lives!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Many of our parishioners are using the plan suggested by the Rector to read the entire Bible through in two and a half years. Those who started the plan last December have now read three books. Those who attend the services on March 4th will receive a magazine called "The Good News" which narrates the Gospel according to St. Luke, and carries beautiful illustrations. Be sure to get your copy!

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THESE SIGNS FOLLOW

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Mrs. A. Thomas Nelson

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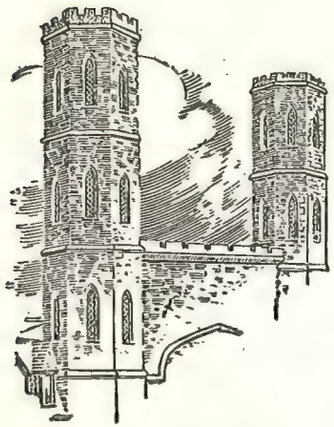
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
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The Processional Hymn, No. 536 ..... *Old 124th*
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TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 57 Page 409 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: II Samuel 18: V. 5
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 15: V. 11
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 646

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 130
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: God So Loved The World ..... *Stainer*
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world thru' Him might be saved.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Jesus and The Canaanite Woman" ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 406 ..... *Stephanos*
The Presentation

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Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*

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GOD'S LOVE

The stuffy Church leaders never liked Jesus. From the first they were jealous of Him, because of the crowds that listened to Him so eagerly. They were angry with Him when He broke their chilly-hearted laws and healed a man on the Sabbath Day. Then their anger deepened, for there came a day when He went into the Temple, where they made such a fat profit selling animals for sacrifice; and when He saw the sharp, greedy trading right in His Father's House, His voice flamed out, "My House is a House of Prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." He drove their money changers out of the Temple. That finished the patience of the Church leaders. He had struck at their "racket." He must die.

Since the beginning of His ministry, Jesus had been trying to teach people that a human being is more important to God than anything else; more important than Sabbath rules; more important than any property. "How much then is a man of more value than a sheep," He had told them. Their Sabbath rules might well be changed, or suspended, for the sake of sick men needing to be healed. Their Temple business could be cleaned up for the sake of people needing a true House of Prayer. Rules and property came second with Jesus—the deep needs of human beings come first.

And are we innocent? A child in our house smashes the kitchen window. And there is an outburst of anger, as if the window were a treasure of great value. Sometimes such a scolding sears into a child's mind—years afterwards, perhaps, he remembers that once his parents thought a window pane more important than himself. Jesus was very clear about such things. He said that such parents ought to be drowned. They are valuing property as more precious than a child.

Little by little we are beginning to see what Jesus meant. A century ago the South said, "Let us alone with our slaves. This is our business; and ours alone. They belong to us. They are our property. Let us alone." But they were not let alone. History finally said that souls of men are of more value than property rights. Recently the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that human beings of dark skins cannot by light-skinned people be discounted as less valuable, and therefore excluded from common privileges. It will take years for this to be worked out in practice, but a magnificent start is being made already. And the world is seeing that our land is beginning to recognize that dark-skinned people are as much the children of God as white-skinned ones; that He loves men, quite regardless of their shade of color. In fact, God may well be "Color blind"; for Jesus was!

Human beings are so valuable, Jesus taught, that they can belong only to one person—God Himself. Ordinary property can be given, bought, and sold. But people are so precious, in God's eyes, that they can be transferred into the possession of another only by giving themselves. And the only Being to whom a human being can rightly belong is God; by willing and joyous surrender of himself into God's keeping! In Lent you can come to understand that God loves you so much that He has given you freedom—He values you so amazingly that He desires your love only because you give it to Him of your own free will.

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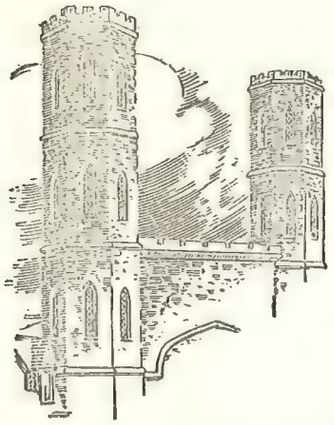
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Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The Anthem: Greater Love Hath No Man .....*Ireland*
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Transfiguration of Jesus" .....THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn 336 .....*Rathbun*
The Presentation

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"Well, Sir," said young Mary, "When I first open my eyes in the morning, I pray, 'Lord, open the eyes of my understanding.' And while I'm dressing, I pray that I may be clothed with the robe of righteousness. And while I'm washing, I ask for the washing of re-generation. As I begin my work, I pray I may have strength equal to my day. And when I kindle the fire, I pray that God's work may revive in my soul. And while I'm preparing and partaking of breakfast, I desire to be fed with the hidden manna and the sincere milk of the Word. As I sweep out the house, I pray that my heart may be cleansed from all its impurities. And as I am busy with little children, I look up to God as my Father, and pray for the spirit of adoption, that I may be His child. . . . And so on, all day; everything I do furnishes me with a thought of prayer."

"Enough! Enough!" cried the old minister. "These things are revealed unto babes, and often hid from the wise and prudent. Go on, Mary," said he, "And pray without ceasing. And as for us, brethren, let us bless the Lord for this exposition, and remember that He has said, "The meek will He guide in judgement."

As we seek to grow in grace and strength through these Lenten days, each of us might be learning to "Pray without ceasing." Practice it, day by day; adapt your life to it, and let it become a part of your day's routine. No one but God can tell what new power may be added to your life if you learn to "Pray without ceasing!"

CHURCH PERIODICALS

Even the most unenlightened person will readily admit that Church members are not well informed about the work program of the Church beyond parochial boundaries. We do have excellent publications, but they are not read as widely as could be desired. If every Church member automatically subscribed to a religious journal in the same way that a Rotarian or an Elk or a Legionnaire takes the official magazine, we would be a much better informed Church.

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We extend a hearty welcome to Dean Philip McNairy of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N. Y., who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher, March 19th-23rd. His sermon series will be on the subject of "Treasures in Earthen Vessels."

We welcome the Rev. James Dawe, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Wissahickon, who will preach on Saturday, March 24th.

THESE SIGNS FOLLOW: We occasionally print accounts written by individuals who feel that they have been helped through our Healing Ministry:
Dear Dr. Price:—I wish to tell you that through the prayers of your Prayer Healing Fellowship and your healing literature, I have found such wonderful peace of mind and I am enjoying better health both mentally and physically than I have known for years. I still practice your daily meditations and shall continue to do so. I am able to do all my own work and still find time to help others. Gratefully, R. H.

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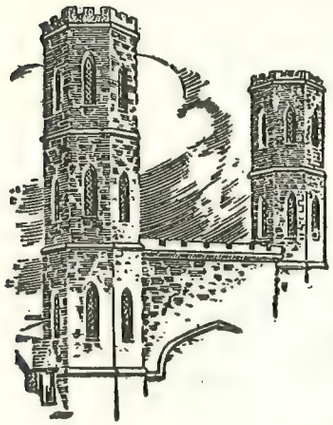
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The Processional Hymn, No. 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 119 Page 492 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: Zech. 9:9-16
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Matthews*
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Jubilate Page 15, Hymnal 646

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The Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" ..... *Handel*
Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "What Jesus Said About Religion And Politics" .... THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*
The Presentation

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The Recessional Hymn 58 ..... *Langran*

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STAND FOR CHRIST

What was it that so agonized Jesus in the Garden that He prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me"? Certainly it was not death that He dreaded, for He was always ready to trust Himself in His Father's hands. Nor was it, I think, that He wanted more time for the training of His disciples—for He had taught them enough. What *was* it, then, that so tore Him with agony that the sweat poured down His face?

Stanley Jones has, I think, put his finger on the answer. "Was it not that He, who came to save men from sin, was causing men to sin by going on and making them take sides, knowing that they would decide against Him? He knew that His enemies were gathering; that they would come for Him. There would be a trial. His judges would have to make up their minds for or against Him; and the crowd would have to decide where they stood, for Christ or against Him. Jesus knew those flinty-hearted leaders, so jealous of Him; and He knew their cleverness in swaying the people. They would call Him an unpatriotic agitator who upset the people from the old ways. And He knew that the simple, muddle-headed people would be easily fooled. What He was pleading for in the Garden was that this awful moment—when the people would have to decide for, or against, God—would be put off. But His Father bade Him to go forward. For, men must learn to see which is the devil's way and which is God's. So Jesus bowed His head to the Father's will, and went forward. His heart was heaviest, I think, when He heard the hoarse cry break from the crowd, 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!' God help them—they had decided."

Still Pilate's question calls for a decision: "What, then, Shall I do unto Jesus who is called the Christ?" And this time it is not some far away people who must answer. It is YOU who must speak up. Do you prefer to ease along in the old, comfortable grooves of the world's ways—grasping a little pleasure today, dodging a God-given burden tomorrow, serving yourself with true enthusiasm? If so, then you will try to get rid of Him who makes people-in-selfish-ruts uncomfortable; and your life will shout, "Crucify Him," even if your lips are silent. But if you are asking His Light on your decision, you may well see that the old ruts only bring us into a world of chaos and conflict and nightmare. You may, in a flash of certainty, understand at last that the only hope of mankind is to scramble out of the old ruts, and walk the great highway of God, following Him who loves you into God's peace.

The Living Christ is again in agony this week—for He shrinks from confronting you with this awful choice. But there is no escape—decide you must! It is getting late. Will you cling to the old rut—or will you stand for Christ?

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Reunion of Confirmation Classes

Those who have been presented for confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together over 200 persons who have been confirmed here over the past 14 years.

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GOD'S MIGHTY ACT

James Stewart of Scotland has written: "The most characteristic word in the Christian religion is the word "Resurrection." For this is what Christianity essentially is: a religion of Resurrection. It is true, of course, that for us Christians the Cross must stand at the heart of things. But a man may gaze at the Cross, and miss the Gospel that saves—for he is still on the wrong side of Easter. Christianity's symbol is not the dead figure on the crucifix but Christ risen, trampling a broken Cross beneath His feet. There would never have been a New Testament at all apart from the burning certainty of all its writers that He whose mighty deeds they were recording had conquered death and was alive forever.

"Notice, particularly, how the writer of Hebrews puts it. He says, speaking of the Resurrection, 'It is God who did this thing. It was God's mighty act that brought up the Lord Jesus from the dead.' Here the Apostle is praying for those Christians that the identical force which God had exerted in taking Jesus out of the grave might operate on a similar scale in their own lives: might go inwardly to work to make them strong and pure and brave and vital—to make them, in short, resurrected personalities, throbbing with new life! . . . This is what the Gospel offers—the power which shattered death for Jesus, to help us now to live!

"It is this that explains the irrepressible excitement of early Christianity. They said, 'Here is a way of victory! We know it. It has worked for us. Why not for *you?*' But we are so slow to take it in. We say, 'It can't apply to us.' But those men of the New Testament reply, 'You surely don't imagine that the power that took Christ out of the grave is going to be baffled by you? That the God who did this terrific thing is going to find your little problem too hard for Him to deal with? He that brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus, shall He not,—today, if you will ask Him—revive and quicken you?"

"There is one condition. Before the Creative God can come into our life, one thing is needful—self-surrender; self-commitment. There is no road to Easter except by Good Friday; no way to the risen quality of life except by the life laid down. And, that being so, there is no road to the power of Easter for any of us except at the cost of self-commitment.

"Here, then, is the question each of us must face. With all the power that resurrected Christ awaiting to be used, why should my life ever be helpless and maimed and impoverished and defeated? The ultimate secret of resurrection-power was given by William Cowper:

"The dearest idol I have known, whate're that idol be,
Help me to tear it from Thy throne, and worship only Thee."

That is the streak of blood. That is the Good Friday sacrifice. And beyond it—all the power of Easter . . . A conquering soul; all the thrill of being risen with Christ; all the marvel of life blossoming red from the dust of self's defeat."

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(C. H. B.—Conn.)

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Many of our parishioners are using the plan suggested by the Rector to read the entire Bible through in two and a half years. Those who started the plan last December have now read four Books. Those who attended the services on April 1st received a booklet of the American Bible Society containing five of the Epistles of Paul the Apostle,—Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Thessalonians. Be sure to get your copy!

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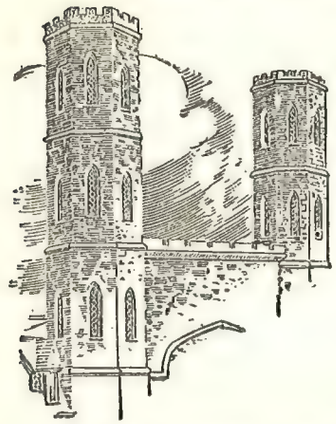
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HUMILITY

Sometimes you and I speak of the greatness of our democracy, and I believe we have good reason to do so. But if we speak with pride—as if we frail children of dust were responsible for that greatness—then we are wrong!

Dr. Emrich, in his remarkable book "Earth Might Be Fair," once pointed to the source of our greatness. He looked back to the days that followed the American Revolution, when our forefathers gathered to frame a new government. Humanly speaking, the outlook was black—patriots were exhausted from a seven-year war; and there was little enthusiasm for the new nation to be. The forces of division were rampant. What could a handful of men do? But these leaders did not put their faith in man's talents. They remembered that they were children of the Most High; and they framed their government on that heroic faith.

Out of that faith came our freedom of worship, and the right to a job. Dr. Emrich points out, "If it is a man's duty to worship God, then he has the *right* to do so, and no state may demand of him the worship due to God alone. If it is his duty under God to develop his talents by work; if he cannot be a man without work, then he has the right to work. There is in man, when he lives this eternal life with God, an inner stronghold of freedom which no earthly power may assault; his rights are written in the stars." In the same way, freedom of speech and freedom of the press stem from our belief that we are the children of God. For since you are God's child, you have the right to speak what He puts in your heart. It is your parentage alone which gives you importance. Because He is your Father, you are entitled to the rights of a free democracy.

The Psalmist looked up at the majesty of the night sky and knew that he was only a "little two-legged creature beneath the awful splendor of the heavens." "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" He asks in true humility. And the New Testament gives us the answer, that we are the "heirs of God"; that we are worth noticing in the universe only because we are the offspring of God. It is not that we deserve the consideration of the Almighty. Rather, we receive His loving aid as "Grace" because we are His own children because He is a great and loving parent. Think hopefully of the greatness of our nation. We can preserve and increase that greatness only if we walk very humbly with our God!

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Feb. 20th, Mary L. Bary
Feb. 23rd, Robert A. Trautner
Feb. 28th, Sallie F. Wiseman
Mar. 2nd, Margaret L. Gill
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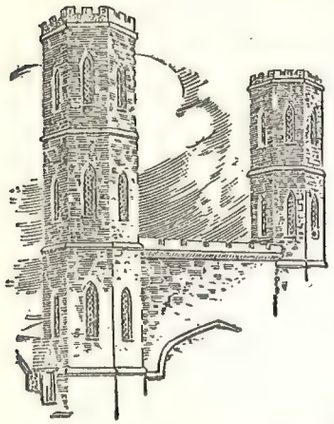
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "What Doth The Lord Require of Thee?" ..... The Rector

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The Offertory Hymn 418 ..... *Franconia*
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4th Annual Visit of The Choir of St. Michael's Lutheran

ANSWERING LOVE

Human beings certainly get black feelings about this world of ours. In the old legend of Ulysses, Circe changed his followers into animals, and then promised that he would change them back into men again if Ulysses could persuade them that they would be better off as men. Ulysses thought that this would be quite easy, but found that no one of them was willing to exchange the happy animal state to resume the miseries of a human being once more. That dreary legend sounds like the people of today who groan, "I hate to think of my children growing up to face the years ahead!"

Surely one cannot answer those discouraged people with "Blue-bird of happiness" talk. We cannot close our eyes and deny the reality of the evil and the agony in the world today. But we can point out that so many of these miseries have grown out of hard-hearted Christianity, out of genuine paganism. When a child of God forgets his parentage, he is apt to descend to the level of a beast.

We can also tell them, with full sincerity, that, when we have trusted God, our lives have never become a nightmare. We have faced tragedy, trusted God to see us through it, and have always found ourselves coming out into light again. We have faced the end of a blind alley, trusted God, and seen the door opening into new life. The experience of God-trusting people, all down the ages, has been that He led them faithfully through every wilderness, through night and day. The Apostles of every day rejoiced to find that evil spirits are subject to the power of God within them. Those who entrust themselves to the goodness of God live among miracles.

I love to recall the friend of mine who woke up in the night once to hear his small son, Peter, calling him. He got up and went into his room and turned on the light; and there Peter was, with all the bed-clothes off him, looking very cold. But the small boy was asleep. My friend tucked him in and went back to bed. In the morning Peter said, "You know, Daddie, I woke up in the night, and was cold, because all the bed-clothes were off. So I called you." My friend said, "Yes, you did, Peter—but when I got there, quickly, you were already asleep again." "Oh, yes, Daddie," replied Peter, "I went to sleep right away. I knew you'd come." He trusted his father. Those who trust the Eternal Father find the same answering love, without fail!

MEN'S RETREAT

The Rector will be a speaker at the Men's Retreat of the First Christian Church, Tenth street and Roosevelt Boulevard, to be held at the Spring Mountain House, Schwenksville, May 4th, 5th and 6th. The men of St. Stephen's Church are invited to attend. The cost is $18.50 which includes seven meals and two night's lodgings in a fine hotel. Here are some of the things we attempt to do: 1. Live in the Kingdom of God for one whole week-end. 2. Learn more about prayer and how to cultivate its practice. 3. Listen to God in the sacred periods of silence. 4. Discover an answer to our personal, family, and social problems through group and individual counselling. 5. Develop our God-given potential to become creatures of love, through Christian Fellowship and recreation. 6. Discover, or re-discover the true meaning of what it is to be a modern disciple of Christ. 7. To be so filled with the power of God that the course of your life will be different because of your Retreat experience.

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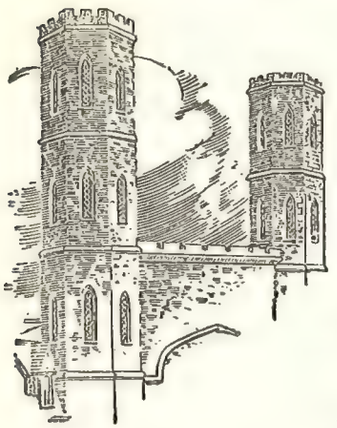
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Preambule, Complainte ..... *Vierne*
The Processional Hymn, No. 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 139: 1-16 Page 514 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: II Esdras 2:42-47
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 623
The Second Lesson: John 11: 18-30
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 174
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: With A Voice of Singing ..... *Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "How Jesus Met Failure" ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 556 ..... *St. Andrew of Crete*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*

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VESTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

On the Monday following the Annual Election to the Vestry, a Meeting was held to organize the twelve members of the Vestry for the new year of service. Dr. Herbert Old was appointed Rector's Warden, Emeritus; Mr. David L. German, Rector's Warden; Mr. Edwin S. Heins was elected Accounting Warden; Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Chairman of the Executive Committee; Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, Clerk of the Vestry; Mr. Edward S. Morris, Treasurer of the Burd School.

The following are giving themselves in God's service as Vestrymen and leaders in the work of St. Stephen's Parish, and their leadership is greatly appreciated by the Rector:

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The Rector will speak at the Church Family Night program at the First Methodist Church, Roxborough, on April 29th.

BURD SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday afternoon, March 18th, 1956, A Memorial Service was held in the Burd School Chapel celebrating the 100th Anniversary of this fine Institution. A special service was arranged and conducted by the Rector. Mr. I. Smith Raspin gave an inspiring address on "Burd School: Past and Present," and Bishop Armstrong gave a talk on his impression of the School. The service was followed by a Tea.

The Burd School had its origin in Mrs. Burd's Home at 9th and Chestnut streets in 1856. Mrs. Burd was the mother of eight children, all of whom died in early life, the last in 1845. All are buried beneath the "Angel of the Resurrection" Monument in St. Stephen's Church.

Following her death on Good Friday, April 6th, 1860, it was disclosed that Mrs. Burd had left practically her entire fortune for the building and endowment of a School where fatherless girls should be educated and prepared for life. The Rector and Vestry of St. Stephen's Church were named as Trustees, and under the Trust the founder's wishes have been strictly followed.

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There will be two other occasions in the Anniversary Celebration, and it is hoped that many of our congregation and friends will attend. There will be an "Open House" on Saturday, June 2nd, from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., and the Commencement Day on June 16th, at 2:30 P. M.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The United Thank Offering of the women of the Church is a free will offering, given in addition to their regular Church pledges as an "expression of gratitude and thankfulness." Initialed in 1889 by the late Mrs. Richard Sorcle of Boston, the first offering was $2,000. In 1955, the three million dollar mark was reached for the first time.

The Spring Ingathering of St. Stephen's Church will be on Sunday, May 6th. Anyone, who is unable to be with us on May 6th can mail their envelope to the Church Office.

Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead, our Parish Custodian of the U. T. O., feels confident many more women in St. Stephen's would like to join us if they knew more about the work done by the U. T. O. To supply the incentive to get them started, literature is being mailed to all our families.

As Forward suggests, practice saying "Thank You, God, for my All." Then drop a coin in your Blue Box. You may think it a mechanical habit at first, but after a time, warmth of love and well-being rises within and becomes a transcendent thing for the gratitude expressed.

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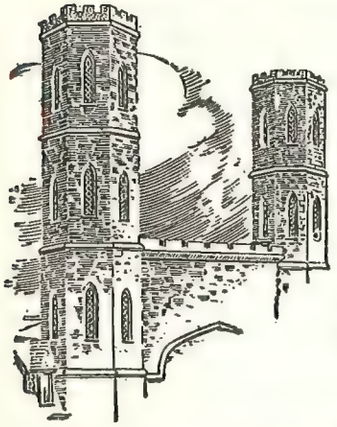
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: "Break Thou The Bread of Life" Hymn .... *Prelude-Bingham*
Processional Hymn 296 ..... *Dix*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 714 ..... Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel..... Page 175-6
The Nicene Creed (Unison) .....Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: Deck Thyself, My Soul ..... *Whitehead*
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render: Sun, who all my life dost brighten; Light who dost my soul enlighten; Joy, the sweetest man e'er knowest; Fount whence all my being floweth. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, let me gladly here obey Thee; Never to my hurt invited, be Thy love with love requited: From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure; through the gifts Thou here dost give me, As Thy guest in heaven receive me.

The Sermon: "OUR DAILY BREAD" ..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 138 ..... *Claudius*
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church .....Page 74

THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) .....Page 76
Holy, Holy, Holy—Page 77 ..... Hymnal 716
The Consecration Prayers, Page 80 through 82

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 197 ..... *Picardy*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving .....Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 .....Hymnal 739

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God .....Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 199 .....*St. Thomas*

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Many of our parishioners are using the plan suggested by the Rector to read the entire Bible through in two and a half years. Those who started the plan last December have now read nine books. Those who attend the services on May 6th will receive a copy of the Epistle of Paul to the Romans. Be sure to get your copy!

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening. He will speak in Trinity Church, Easton, on Monday evening, and at 8:30 A. M. Tuesday he will speak to the Protestant Clergy of Easton. On Tuesday at 1 P. M. he will speak to the Women of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.

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"The Drinking Problem And The Problem Drinker" will be the subject of the Annual Institute of the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations, which will be held at Christ Church, Phila., on Monday, May 14th, starting at 4:30 P. M. The program will extend through supper and until 9 P. M.

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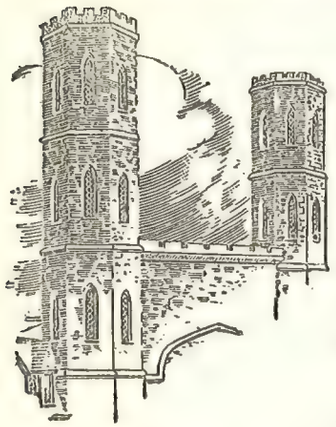
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The Processional Hymn, No. 352 ..... *Diademata*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The Anthem: God Is Love ..... *Matthews*
God is love, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God and knoweth God.
Love never faileth. There is no fear in Love, but perfect love casteth out fear.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
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THE WEAPONS OF CHRIST

Stanley Jones, in his helpful book, "The Way to Peace and Power," gives many a clue to the age-old secrets of Christian power.

In one place he quotes Professor Royce, "No man is safe unless he can stand anything that can happen to him"; and Stanley Jones goes on to declare that the Christian is, therefore, more safe, for he can use anything that can happen to him. "Everything is grist to his mill. He makes filthy rags into beautiful paper, makes tears into telescopes, coins heaven out of hell." Then he goes on to give clear examples of Christians making use of *anything* that can happen to them, and turning it to the glory of God.

Kagawa for instance, shared his bed with a beggar, and as a result, caught trachoma, which almost robbed him of his sight. But Kagawa did not lament over this, saying simply, "Having so largely lost my eyesight, the power to see has extended into every part and parcel of my person." Eye-blindness, by the inward power of Christ, was transformed into wider seeing. When Doctor George Washington Carver, the great Negro scientist, lost his life savings through a bank crash, someone asked him if he knew he was bankrupt, and he replied, "Yes, I heard," and went on teaching as if nothing had happened. He had inner riches, in Christ, that the worst bank crash could not touch. When a faithful, courageous Christian Pastor lost his only child—a gay little girl—he quietly said, "Now I must laugh twice as much, for now I have to laugh for both of us." Disease, poverty, and tragic loss are taken into the mill of the Christian's soul and transformed into something strong and beautiful which strengthens other people. The Scribes and Pharisees tried all sorts of tricks to crush and beat down Jesus—but each time, when the dust cleared away, He stood there, taller and stronger than ever.

People shudder at powerful, crunching Communism—but here, in quiet Christian faith, is something stronger than any pagan cleverness. As we have learned by hard experience, the Devil always wins if we try to fight him with his own weapons. But when we take up the weapons of Christ (compassion, and patience, and understanding) the Devil is no match for us. If you want to find unconquerable strength, keep on looking as a Christian like the Japanese Kagawa, who said, "I find no necessity for pessimism. Have I not strength in abundance to lay temptations low? I see no need for concealing the fact that I am surprisingly strong. Since I became God-possessed, it has become impossible for me to commit my soul to wanton thoughts. I glory in the might of the Almighty Who dwells within me."

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(W. S. B.)

"HELPING TO LIVE . . . LIVING TO HELP"

Perhaps the basic purpose of the City Mission's Ministry may not have been expressed in exactly those words before, but they sum up the work of the City Mission so well that they were chosen as the theme of a booklet which we are sending to all our Church families.

We believe that everyone who reads this booklet will understand more clearly than ever before what the work of the City Mission means to this community. As a step towards acquainting more people with the story of the City Mission, and enabling those who wish to share in its work to do so, the Board of Counsel, of which your Rector, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, and Mr. Edwin S. Heins are members, recently adopted a new policy of having Associate Members of the City Mission—persons who are too busy to take an active part in this work, but who can use this way of becoming identified with the City Mission and of giving it some much needed financial support. As the booklet explains, the dues for Associate Membership are $5.00 a year. Please fill out the application blank and mail to the Rector, with your check.

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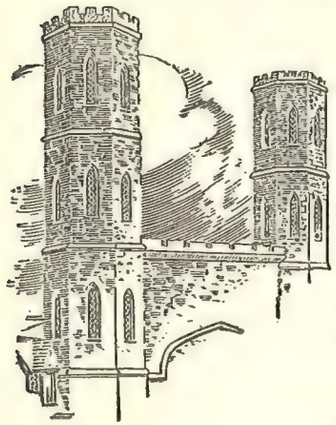
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The Processional Hymn, No. 370 ..... *Graefenberg*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The Anthem: "Come, Holy Spirit" ..... *Norman Coke-Jephcott*
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER"..... THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn 378 ..... *Mendon*
The Presentation

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GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

This is "Whitsunday"—often called the Day of Pentecost—when we remember God's gift of His Holy Spirit to the early Christians, binding them together into the Church. The name was first "White-Sunday," for the early Church people wore robes of white on that day, when they gave themselves to the faithful following of the Risen Christ, listening ever for His Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost, as it is described in the Book of the Acts, was a day of exaltation, of deep and powerful excitement, as the Holy Spirit took hold of those humble lives and filled them with power to serve God beyond their wildest hopes. It is well to remember, however, that God's Spirit does not always come in such gloriously turbulent ways. More often it comes to us in a deep-reaching, growing serenity, as we learn humility in committing ourselves to the guidance of His Spirit. Grace Carpenter has pictured it faithfully as she writes of "The Purpose of God":

"The purpose of God is like a great river, bearing all humanity upon its broad and mighty current.

"In its course there lie rapids and shallows, dangers and temptations of the spirit; but it flows ever toward the completion of His will.

"We may launch our frail craft of life against the compelling tide, and become worn and broken in the struggle.

"We may drift aside, shunning adventurous waters that demand the sure hand of faith and courage; and, in indolence or fear, float idly in the shallows that lie along the river.

"Or, careless and self-confident, we may strike out, rudderless, into the rapids, and be carried to disaster.

"But, if we commit ourselves, in faith, to the power of the current, which is love, we are comforted by a sense of ultimate fulfillment.

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THE DIOCESAN UNITED THANK OFFERING SERVICE

will be held at the Episcopal Academy, May 21st, in the Chapel at 10:30 A. M. The Rev. Raymond J. Hammer, currently on furlough from St. Saviour's Church, Tokyo, will be the speaker. The offerings of the parishes of the Diocese will be presented, and the women of St. Stephen's are reminded, if they have not already made their offering, to send it to our Parish Custodian, Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead.

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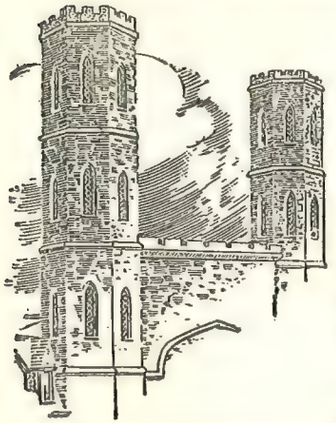
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Processional Hymn 562.....*Webb*
Venite, Page 9; Hymnal 609
Psalm No. 139, Page 514
After First Lesson: Sanctus (Holy, Holy Holy).....*Faure*
After Second Lesson: Deliver Me.....*Faure*
Anthem: Blessed Jesus, Lamb of God .....*Faure*
Sermon: "MEMORIAL DAY".....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 589.....*O Quanta Qualia*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge to the Flag
America, 4th Verse: Hymn No. 141
Prayers — Taps
Postludium Anthem: In Paradise.....*Faure*
Benediction, Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 599.....*Vigiles et Sancti*

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FOUNDATIONS FOR PEACE

Because this is Trinity Sunday, and just before Memorial Day, I want to tell you how a God-guided medical officer was taught by the Holy Spirit what he should say.

One of the most terrific problems we face is the problem of hate. Our men who have been on the fighting fronts have seen terrible things done to their comrades—starvation and torture; and it is only natural that they should hate the men who did these cruel and barbarous things. Even we who are civilians at home, and have only seen newspaper articles and pictures, have been deeply stirred to hatred. It is natural that we should be. But we cannot stop there. There are so many things that are natural, and which are not right! To allow hate to breed unchecked in our hearts means that we are willing to have the seeds of another war take root within us. To enjoy hating others means, for any who call themselves Christians, direct disobedience of the Master Who plainly commanded them to love all men, even their enemies. What can we do about this hatred? What can we do, as followers of Christ, to build foundations for the peace of the world?

Out in the Pacific some years ago (1945) an American warship took some wounded Japanese prisoners aboard. A rather startling thing happened—one of the American medical officers aboard took charge of the care of these wounded Japs, and, to the indignation of his fellow officers, took the same consciencious care of them as he did our own wounded. In the ward-room other officers criticized him angrily. Some said that it would be best to leave the Japs below decks without any care, and let them die as they had let our men die. Finally, one day, a fellow-officer "sounded off" with scorching words of scorn over his decent treatment of the wounded enemy prisoners. The doctor waited until the hot-mouthed officer stopped, and asked, "Did you go to Mass last Sunday?" "Yes." "Did you go to confession before-hand?" "Yes." "And you belong to a Christian Church?" "Yes." "Then," said the doctor, with steel in his voice, "You're a d..... hypocrite." The ward-room grew tense, as the doctor continued, "Let me tell you what I mean. When we went to war, we said a lot about four freedoms, and about playing the game according to the rules of decency. I propose that we keep on playing the game according to the rules, even if the other fellow doesn't. What is more—there are some good Japs down there, among the bad ones. And when the Japanese war lords have been liquidated, and little Ishy goes back to Japan, he is going to say to his people, 'Those war lords of ours lied to us. They told us that all Americans are beasts. And when I was wounded, I was treated decently aboard an American warship and given such good care that I got well.' I'm going to keep right on taking good care of little Ishy and the rest—Has anyone else anything to say?" And the ward-room was silent. If Christianity can be preached as convincingly by a naval officer, then civilians like ourselves should be able to obey the command of our Master, to love our enemies, for the sake of the peace of the world.

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The Rector has given permission to "Crossroads" television series to use his name and likeness, and to impersonate him and dramatize an incident of spiritual healing that occurred in St. Stephen's Church. The date and time of the television film will be given later.

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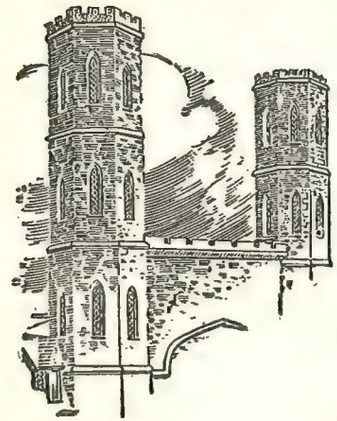
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THE PREPARATION

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Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*
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THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: "Bread of the World, In Mercy Broken".....*Candlyn*
(The text may be found in Hymn No. 196)

The Sermon: "TWO KINDS OF CHRISTIAN HOPE"..... THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING

The Offertory Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*
The Presentation—Doxology
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THE CONSECRATION

The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
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Holy, Holy, Holy—Page 77, ...Hymnal 736 (Lutkin)
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THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn 197 ..... *Picardy*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING

The Prayer of Thanksgiving .....Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 .....Hymnal 739

THE CONCLUSION

The Peace of God .....Page 84
Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 366 ..... *Sarum*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker in memory of her mother, and by Mrs. Kathryn Schrott in memory of her parents.

7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer & Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

UNEXPECTED SURPLUS

That great Quaker, Rufus Jones, once wrote, "A little boy on a great occasion had the loaves and the fishes with which Christ fed the five thousand. It looked as if there wouldn't be enough food to go around to the great crowd, and the little boy's eyes bulged with wonder when he saw everybody eating. Then, to everybody's surprise, there was a heap of "left-overs"—twelve baskets full. It was an unexpected surplus.

"It is one of the unique characteristics of Christ to produce an unexpected surplus. He was always doing the unexpected, the surprising thing, going beyond the usual, the ordinary; flinging in a surplus. The "second mile" is a striking illustration of the principle. Christ is always lavish. He gives you more than you expect, more than you ask for. That is what is meant by *grace*. It is the uncalculating feature of love. It pours itself out without any limit. It gives you more than legal good measure. It comes in like the Bay of Fundy tide. You expect 15 feet, and you get 60 feet.

"Nature has to a degree prepared us for this revelation of surplus, for this lavishness. We cast our seeds out on the soil, and we do not just get back what we planted —it comes back multiplied a hundred fold. There is a Chinese proverb that any fool can count the number of seeds in an apple, but nobody can count the number of apples in an apple seed.

"But let us come back from this short excursion into nature, to Christ and His unexpected surplus. One of the earliest cases of healing in Mark is that of a man with infantile paralysis. His friends tore a hole through the clay roof of the house where Jesus was preaching, and let the man down with ropes, landing him in front of Jesus. The sermon instantly changed into a clinic. All that the man expected, all that he asked for, was to be physically healed. To have his legs again. But the first thing he knew was that his sins were forgiven. His mind was set free, even before his body was liberated. What he needed most was to get the load off his soul. Jesus did both things when the man only expected one. He went out not only with cured legs, but with a calmed mind as well. He had an unexpected surplus.

"Christ found a poor, bare-footed fisherman of Galilee named Simon—impulsive, fickle, unstable, and blustering. He turned him into a rock-man—made him shepherd of the sheep and the lambs in the new Church of the Spirit. The greatest Christian monument in Rome—St. Peter's—bears *his* name. There is hardly a Christian city in the world that does not have a Cathedral or a Church of St. Peter. What an unexpected surplus of glory has piled up around the name of that humble man!"

Peter experienced the "grace," the lavish generosity, of Jesus Christ. It is yours —for the asking.

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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
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The Processional Hymn, No. 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 50 Page 401 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Genesis 3
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Matthews*
The Second Lesson: Revelation 3: V. 7
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 191
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Sing To The Lord ..... *Tye*
Sing to the Lord in joyful strain, let earth His praise resound; Ye who amidst the ocean dwell, and fill the isles around. Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song, let all combined with one accord, the cheerful notes prolong.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Noah's Ark" ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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"A young man entered training as an art student in London. During those years he thought he would draw a portrait of Christ. He was disappointed . . . he tried, and failed and tore it up. He tried again later, but failed to satisfy himself. The world war broke out and his work came to an end. He went to camp and was finally sent to France and to the front. He was billeted in a French Chateau in a room with nine other men. When he went to bed the first night, he was distressed to see over the beds of the other men vulgar drawings that were being circulated in those days. He was tempted impetuously to pull them down, but remembered that everyone had a right to put on his wall-space whatever he liked, so he planned rather what he would do with the space over *his* bed.

"The only spare time he had was at night, and the only drawing material a pencil and a plain post card. He determined to try again to draw a head of Christ. He worked at his drawing for several nights with only a candle to give him light, and when it was finished, he nervously pinned it on his wall. He did not know what the other men would say or do when they saw it in the morning.

"In the morning they simply looked at it, said nothing, and went out. In a few days all the other pictures were pulled down by them, and only his drawing remained. He had lifted up the Risen Christ in testimony to those around him."

In your heart you want to lift up the Risen Christ to those about you. Remember that you cannot do it by criticising the wall-space of their lives. But, if you have the likeness of the Christ living in the wall-space of your life, it will do wonders in the lives of those about you, who will *change themselves* because they find a lot of Him in you!

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A lady telephoned her bank to arrange for the disposal of a thousand dollar bond. "Is the bond for redemption or conversion?" the banker asked her.

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April 18th—Myrtle K. Harkins
Lavina K. Hamilton
April 29th—Carl Grammer Torrey
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May 27—Kenneth William Price

MARRIAGE

"Those whom God Hath joined together"
April 14th—Robert Bruce Hanes and Joan Elizabeth Copeland

BURIALS

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"
April 13th—Carrie Powers
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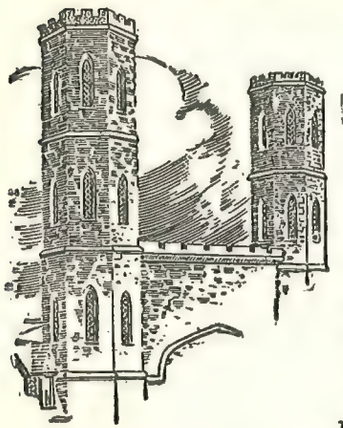
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The Organ Prelude: A Fantasy ..... *Darke*
The Processional Hymn, No. 433 ..... *Langran*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624..... *Stanley*
The Second Lesson: I Corinthians 13
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The Anthem: God's Peace Is Peace Eternal..... *Grieg*
God's peace is peace eternal, here discords all our joys displace; we wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, before the Judge we all must bow. God merciful and kind will shield us, and from evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the poorest soul release, who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING

The Sermon: "Abraham Leaves Ur" ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE

The Offertory Hymn 551..... *Ein Feste Burg*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING

Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 567..... *Dulce Carmen*

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OVERCOMING FEAR

Those who have studied the strategy of warfare are familiar with the "flank-attack." The idea is that you do not attack the enemy head-on, at his strongest point; but rather approach him from the side. The same strategy is necessary in spiritual warfare. As we saw last Sunday, you do not overcome sin and impurity in others by attacking it directly, but by the spiritual flank-attack of lifting Christ before them. The same indirect strategy is called for if we are to overcome fear in our lives.

The writer of the first Epistle of John indicated clearly the victorious flank-attack on fear when he said, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." In other words, if fear of any kind grips you, occupy yourself straightway with the needs of those about you. Don't fight the fear directly; turn away from it, and write a letter to a friend, fix the kitchen door for your wife, bake one of your husband's favorite pies, telephone your neighbor to inquire about her sick child, start making out your order for the seed company so you'll have a fine garden for the family. In other words, train yourself in the honest practice of loving-kindness, and you will defeat fear; for most fear and fretting is worry about yourself, is plain selfishness. When Jesus said, "Thou shalt love," He was laying down the spiritual strategy against fear, and many other evils. If you learn the habit of concern for others, fear will be pushed out of your life. Doctor Link tells this simple story of the conquest of fear, in the words of the young woman who won the victory:

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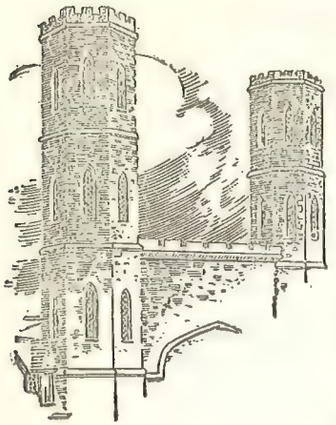
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The Processional Hymn, No. 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 116 Page 486 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: Genesis 37:2-35
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 5: 1-16
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

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The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 194
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The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Holy, Holy, Holy ..... *Faure*

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Human Story Of Moses" ..... The Rector

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 304 ..... *Beecher*
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The Benediction, Dresden Amen
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SUMMER SERVICES

During August, while the Rector is vacationing in Kennebunkport, Maine, the Sunday services will be under the direction of the Rev. George E. Boswell, Rector of St. James' Church in Bristol, Penna. The weekday services in August will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Meckling.

During July and August the weekday services will be held on Wednesdays at 12:30 P. M. and 5:30 P. M. and on Fridays at 12:30 P. M. The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission at the eleven o'clock service during the five Sundays in July.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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The Rev. William Wood of the London Healing Mission and an Associate Warden of the Order of St. Luke, Mrs. Agnes Sanford, author of "The Healing Light" and other books on spiritual healing, will speak. Mrs. Ethel T. Banks, of San Diego, California, Editor of "Sharing" Magazine, and Secretary of St. Luke's Press, will be a speaker as will also the Rev. Dr. Crawford Brown, Rector of Church of Our Savior, San Gabriel, California. The Rector will be a speaker also.

Anyone interested in healing is welcome to attend the three sessions each day. Reservations are coming in from California, Florida and other distant places.

The Rector has a featured article, "The Power To Heal," in the July issue of "Guideposts" Magazine.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Those attending the services on Sunday, July 1st will receive a booklet containing St. Paul's Epistles to the Corinthians. The assignment for August will be the book of Genesis. We are attempting to read together month by month the various Books of the Bible.

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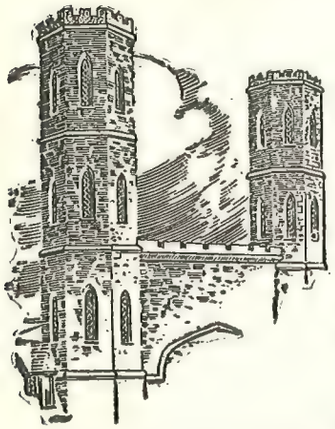
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THE PREPARATION
Organ Prelude: Preludio.....*J. S. Bach*
Processional Hymn 157
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) .....Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 701 .....(*Merbecke-Martin*) Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel .....Pages 209-210
The Nicene Creed (Unison) .....Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: All Labor Gained New Dignity ..... *Smith*
(Text: Hymn No. 510)
The Sermon: "Labor Day" Sermon .....THE RECTOR

THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn 573 .....*Federal Street*
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7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer & Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

TURNING TO GOD

Saul went out with a farm-hand, to search for the mission live stock (some mules, the modern translator tells us), and mules are valuable beasts on a large farm. They hunted far and wide until Saul finally decided that they had best turn homeward before his father sent out a rescue party! Then it was that the hired man suggested that they consult Samuel, the prophet of God. Samuel told Saul that the mules were already on their way back to his father's barn. But Samuel had more than that to say to Saul, for he went on to declare that the nation needed a leader; and that God had chosen him, Saul, to be their king.

Saul had set out in the morning with a narrow horizon, the important need of just one farm. And he had come back at nightfall with the needs of a whole kingdom of farms on his shoulders. When he turned to God, his whole horizon was widened. How much like life that is! We kneel to pray for someone we love in the armed forces—it is the pressing need of our lives and terribly urgent. And, as we kneel, God widens our horizon until we also see the pressing needs of others,—the terror in the hearts of innocent victims of the blunders of other people. We see hundreds of thousands of under-nourished people in the over populated, under-planted nations: hungry, aching, despairing. We see the grief of hosts who no longer have a living son to pray for. We see the hardships and the wounds and the loneliness of millions of young men, of many nations. When we turn to God with our personal need, He shows us the need of all His children, everywhere.

Saul turned to God to ask a favor, and was given a task. How much like life that is! It is risky business, this turning to God, for when we say, "Thy will be done," God sets us to work. We pray for a friend in trouble, and God opens our eyes to what we can do to bring comfort to the friend. It is risky business, turning to God, as Saul found out, and we do, also! But those who—who listen to His prompting, and undertake the task He gives them—are the people who find the deepest happiness and the most abiding peace. For He fills their minds and hearts with bigger concerns than their own small mules; and gets them to put their shoulders under the needs of the whole family of mankind!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Those attending the services on Sunday, September 2nd will receive a booklet containing The Revelation of St. John The Divine. We are attempting to read together month by month the various Books of the Bible. This will be the 15th Book.

Mr. Elmer S. Carll received the degree of Batchelor of Law in course as of the class of 1920 by President Dr. Robert Johnson, of Temple University, on June 14th.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP is a public statement of faith in the message and mission of the Christian Church. You need the Church, and the Church needs you. Do not neglect this vital matter any longer. Give it your serious attention at once. Speak to the Rector.

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(B. R., Kentucky)

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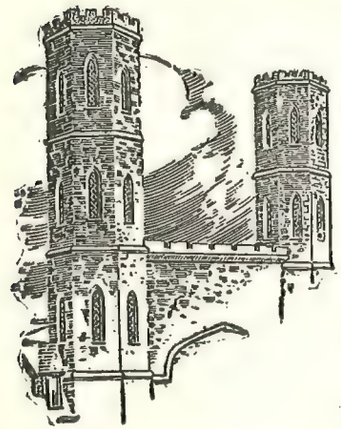
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The Processional Hymn, No. 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 607
Psalm 46, Page 397 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: I Kings 3:8-17
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 10: 2-16
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 210
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The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: God Be In My Head ..... *Davies*
(Text: Hymn No. 466)

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Three-fold Foundation of a Good Life"..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan*
The Presentation

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Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*

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7:30 P. M.—Evening Prayer & Sermon by Mr. Meckling

DEVOTION TO GOD'S JOB

A man once said to me, "I haven't been feeling very well, and, you know, when you don't feel right, you don't get things done." There are a lot of people like that.

But the world has to have people who do their jobs no matter how they feel—milk men who deliver the milk even when they are dog-tired! R.F.D. mail carriers who head out in the bad weather even when that rheumatic knee is bothering them; housewives who cook three meals a day even when their hearts are heavy; fathers who go to work in the morning even when it's the last thing in the world they feel like doing.

There are some people you can always depend on to keep on the job. Something deep within them makes a habit of sticking to the task God has entrusted to them. That makes all the difference in the world—to accept a job from God, knowing that He wants you to do it. Peter never wavered after that day when Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." If the Master gave him that job, it was great enough for Peter to keep doing, come hell or high water.

One of the reasons for a habit of frequent prayer each day is that it gives God a chance to show us what He really wants us to do; to pass by the fussy little chores that we relish; and, instead, do the important things that make a living difference to the happiness of others. That habit of letting Him speak within us, bidding us to do this rather than that, frees a person to carry out God's purposes, and it builds true disciples and life savers.

In a rural section of Southern California, a Mexican mother died, leaving a family of 8 children. The oldest girl, not yet 17, was a tiny thing, and on her shoulders fell the burden of caring for the family. The neighbors watched her as she took up her task with courage; kept those children clean, well fed, and in school. A friend complimented her, but she replied, "I can't take any credit for something I have to do." "But, My dear, you don't have to. You could get out of it." The girl was silent for a moment, and then said, "Yes, that's true. But what about the 'have-to' that's inside of me!" Deepen that "have-to" within you, by constant walking in step with the Master, and you will bless other lives as that girl did, by unswerving devotion to God's job.

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The Processional Hymn, No. 516 ..... *St. Anne*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 609
Psalm 81, Page 442 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38: 1-14
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Matthews in Ab*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 10: 1-24
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The Anthem: Sanctify, O Beatific Lord ..... *David Wood*
Sanctify, O Beatific Lord, my mind and soul, my soul and body, to the leading to Thy Word. Sanctify, O Beatific Lord, to the Light and Love revealing, in the healing of Thy Word; Of life Thou art the issue, of light Thou art the source, Thou in my soul indwelling, art the welling tide and course. Sanctify, Sanctify, Jehovahjireh, God.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon:
Healing in the Name of Jesus Christ ..... REV. WILLIAM WOOD

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The Offertory Hymn 515 ..... *Beatitudo*
The Presentation

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The Recessional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*

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4:00 P. M.—Reception in Community House—Introduction of Conference speakers.

7:30 P. M.—Address by Mrs. Agnes Sanford, "The Prayer of Faith."
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HEALING CONFERENCE

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All the evening lectures will start promptly at 7:30 P. M. The afternoon programs are available and all details will be found therein. Tickets for the Tuesday Supper must be purchased before Monday.

WELCOME

To young people coming to Philadelphia for school or college, to families moving into the city from other places, to residents of hotels who expect to be here only a brief time, the Parish, its Vestry and ministers extend a cordial welcome. The services on Sundays at convenient hours and of varied character, the open pews in a church which is always open, are all at your service.

On week-days, there are not only noon-day services with helpful messages, but there are many groups with many purposes meeting in our modern Community House. There is a place for YOU in one or more of them, whether you are young or old, man or woman, boy or girl, professional person or home-maker.

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The literature which you sent has been invaluable to me and I shall be eternally grateful to God, to you, and to all who have had any part in the progress, thus far along the road to complete recovery.

(O. G. P.—Michigan)

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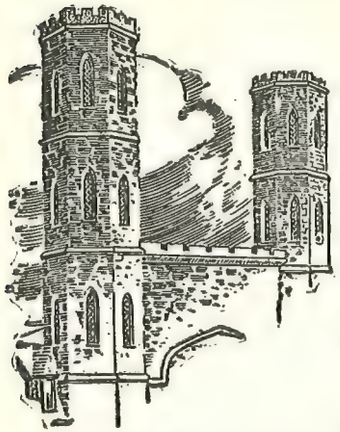
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The First Lesson: Daniel 6: 1-23
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The Anthem: Bless The Lord, O My Soul..... *Ivanoff*
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. And forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering and great in goodness. He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

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MEMORIALS

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Fair Linen Cloths.....$50.00 to $100.00
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21 Altar Cushions $530.00

The Rector will address the Clergy of the Evangelical Reformed Church of the Philadelphia Area at 10 A. M., Sept. 25th.

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THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW: Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel that they have been helped through our healing ministry:
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THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS

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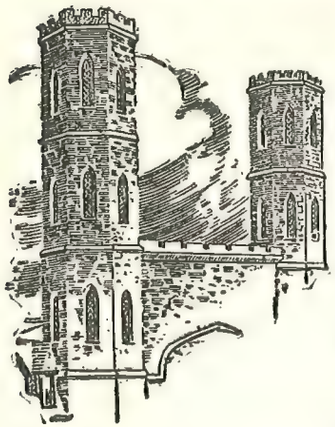
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The Processional Hymn, No. 388 .....*St. Thomas*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 607
Psalm 145 Page 520 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 12
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2: 41-52
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 644

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The Offertory Hymn 416 ..... *Beatitudo*
The Presentation

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Lectures by the Rev. William Wood and Agnes Sanford were based on the "Will of God To Heal."

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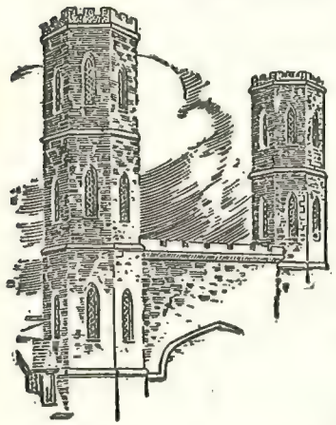
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THE PREPARATION

Organ Prelude: Invocation ..... *Timmings*
Processional Hymn 536 ..... Old 124th
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) .....Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal No. 714 .....Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel .....Page 215-16
The Nicene Creed (Unison) .....Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION

Anthem: Let All The World In Every Corner Sing.....*Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King! The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King! The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; But above all, the heart must bear the longest part. Amen.

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WORKERS' COMMUNION

Sunday, October 7th, is World-Wide Communion Sunday. We combine our Annual "Workers' Communion" with this of our parish organizations. We ask them to begin the Fall Season at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessing on all we do.

The Rector will speak to the students at the Phila. Divinity School on October 9th at 9 A. M. and on October 10th he will speak to the New Jersey District of the New York Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, tonight at 7:30 P. M.

You are welcome to attend the Annual Card Party and Bazaar of the Burd School on Tuesday, October 16th, at 1:30 P. M., at 4226 Baltimore Ave.

The Sunday School sessions for the Fall and Winter will be resumed on October 7th. The time each Sunday will be 11 o'clock.

Eighty one kneeling benches have been provided for the transept and nave pews in compliance with the wishes of Miss Katherine Kennedy, in her bequest to St. Stephen's Church. We now have all the pews furnished with comfortable kneelers.

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Dear Dr. Price:—Last week-end the Woman's Society of our Church in Seward, Alaska, had a Spiritual Retreat. From the moment that I was asked to lead the closing service, it seemed to me that the thing I ought to do was to tell the women about my recent experience in finding God adequate. I did so very simply, giving all the glory to God for the marvelous change that has come into my life. People were deeply moved and, as soon as I had finished somebody asked that I make copies of "A Spiritual Daily Dozen" and the thrice daily affirmations that were on another leaflet you gave me. You see, I had told them about the Healing Services at St. Stephen's and how I was healed emotionally there, and had read the things mentioned above as part of the closing meditation. They now want me to make copies for all the women of the Society.

I can't tell you how terribly grateful I am. When I remember how tired and discouraged, despairing and desperate I was just a year ago, it seems hardly possible that it is the same person who is now in excellent health, working hard on a difficult new job (nursing in Seward General Hospital) making friends and participating in Church and community activities, loving life again, and mostly feeling adequate and very happy. I can't truthfully say it's been easy but it *has* been tremendously worth while and I wouldn't exchange these seven months for anything in the wide world. Problems are no longer overwhelming and I often feel a kind of reckless daring (which is entirely foreign to my nature), realizing that God has brought me here and therefore it is up to Him ot see me through. (Margaret Field, Alaska)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Those attending the services on Sunday, October 7th will receive a booklet containing the Book of Proverbs. We are attempting to read together month by month the various books of the Bible. This will be the 16th Book.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"Christ's faithful soldiers and servants"

July 22nd—Anna May Achuff
26th—Emma Walters Davis
Aug. 5th—Edward Redding King
Sept. 23rd—Carol Ann Metcalfe

Marriages

"Those whom God hath joined together"

June 16th—Sidney Miller and A. Catherine LeDent
29th—Donald H. Cowart and Marian K. Faut

Burials

"Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord"

June 4th—Robert Campbell
19th—Marion Headman
20th—Agnes J. Pearsall
21st —Alfred Miller
July 26th—Charlotte M. Jones
Aug. 21st—Dr. Evelyn A. Rider
22nd—Grace A. Garrett
Sept. 5th—Lillian M. Kutzer
15th—Sarah J. O'Donnel
28th—Gladys Cowperthwaite

New Communicants

"No longer strangers but members of the household."

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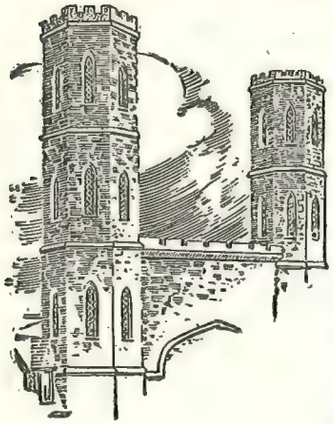
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The Processional Hymn, No. 280 ..... *Stuttgart*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

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The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

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O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 607
Psalm 72 Page 426 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: II Kings 6: 8-17
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
The Second Lesson: St. John 9: 1-38
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 644

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
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The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 217
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The Anthem: God's Peace Is Peace Eternal ..... *Grieg*
God's peace is peace eternal, here discords all our joys displace; we wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, before the Judge we all must bow. God, merciful and kind, will shield us, and from the evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the vilest soul release, who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: Jesus Christ And Mental Health ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 411 ..... *Grace Church*
The Presentation

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The Benediction, Dresden Amen
The Recessional Hymn 394 ..... *St. Asaph*

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CHANNELS TO GOD'S POWER

The men who founded our nation were not fretful, jumpy, nervous men, straining to succeed. They were serene, quiet, settled men, confident in their cause, and confident in God. They wrote "In God we trust" onto our coins for keeps. Their patriotism was determined to found the kind of a nation that He wanted to found; and the energy of their purpose was forever overflowing into action.

One of our great American spiritual leaders has written, "Before I came to India as a very young evangelist, I was impatient and out of sorts with people in a camp meeting because they were so unresponsive. I went out after a meeting and lay down under an apple tree exhausted. The Lord seemed to come to me and say, "You're tired, aren't you?" "Yes," I replied, "I am, for I have worked hard." "And you're out of patience, aren't you?" "Yes," I replied, "I am, and I have a right to be, for these people are hard and unresponsive." Then he quietly said, "Do you see this apple tree? How does it bring forth fruit? Does it work itself up into a stew, trying to be fruitful? Or does it simply keep the channels open, taking in light and soil and sky, and allowing life to flow through itself into the fruit? And is it not unstrained? Then if you'll not fret and worry about results, but simply keep the channels open, letting My life flow through you; then you will bear fruit naturally without strain or drain." I rose relaxed and released. I didn't have to succeed—I only had to keep the channels open. God did the rest." He continues,

"In my quiet time . . . in the early morning came with power this statement of Ananias, when Jesus called on him to go to help blinded Saul, "Here am I, Lord." The voice said, "If you will say that in every situation, "here am I, Lord," then I'll take care of the rest. If you will put yourself at My disposal in every situation, then you won't hve to be anxious about anything—success, power, poise—it will all be yours." A calm possessed me. Life was centrally simplified. A door was opened to me which no man could shut. My "little power" didn't matter—His resources did."

To continue the great heritage of our forefathers, we must walk closely with God, casting all our cares on Him. We must set aside, each day, a Quiet Time, when we open our minds and hearts and wills to His Life and power and love. To help you in your Quiet Time, we recommend an investigation of the tract racks in the vestibule of St. Stephen's where you can find a number of meditations which will open the channels to God's coming. It is my hope that you will keep open the channels to God's unfailing strength!

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The Rector will preach in Olivet Methodist Church, Coatesville, Sunday evening, October 14th.

We are grateful for the gifts from three members of our congregation towards the Sanctuary cushions and Altar replacements amounting to $160.

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the Annual Appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year the Benevolent Society sent 7,001 pieces of sewing at a cost of $614.84 for Episcopal Hospital, Jefferson and Presbyterian Hospitals and the Visiting Nurses' Society. The articles were cut, generally, for sewing by the Hospitals. In some cases the cutting was done by the Benevolent Aides: Mrs. Raspin, Mrs. Leithead, Mrs. Schrott, and Miss Miriam Daley.

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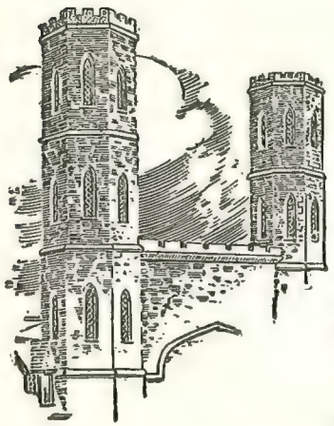
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Opening Sentences, Page 4

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TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 607
Psalm 91 Page 454 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38: 1-14.....Dr. Herbert Old
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 623
The Second Lesson: Colossians 4: 2-18 .....Dr. Leighton F. Appleman
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The Sermon: What The Church Thinks about Faith-Healing....The Rector

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The Offertory Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*
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The Recessional Hymn, 529 ..... *Racine*

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INASMUCH

One day shortly before he was crucified, Jesus was sitting with His disciples on the hillside of the Mount of Olives. He declared to them that God would open His hospitality only to those who had been concerned for suffering people, and had ministered to their needs, saying, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." What did He mean by those words?

Long ago there was a humble, kind-hearted cobbler who worked diligently at his bench day after day. As he worked, he thought of the great goodness of God, and of the compassion of Jesus in dying for us on the Cross. The more he thought of Jesus, the more he yearned to see Him face to face; so, one night, he prayed with all his heart that Jesus would come to his humble home on the *morrow*.

Early in the morning, he made ready for his Master—tidying the yard and making the neat little house spotless and shining for Him. As he was tapping away at his bench, there came a knock at the door. He sprang to his feet and eagerly opened the door. But it was only a grimy beggar who came to beg him to mend his shoes. The cobbler threw off his disappointment, and willingly made the beggar's shoes sound and durable once more, which pleased the poor man greatly. Back at his bench, the cobbler turned his mind again to the coming of his Lord—and another knock rang out. Hopefully the cobbler opened the door; but it was only a bent old woman, asking for some bread for her empty stomach. The cobbler sighed, but graciously broke his own luncheon loaf in half, sharing this and his mug of milk with her. So she went on her way, strengthened, with a glowing smiles of gratitude on her lips. Back to his work he went, until the western clouds glowed with sunset fire. Suddenly there was another knock, and when the cobbler flung the door open, he faced—not his Lord, but a small child who had lost his way, and was frightened. The kindly cobbler led the child home, and returned to his empty home with a heavy heart. That night he prayed, "Master, You said that You would come; but You did not!" And there came the reply, "But I *did* come. I was the poor man whose shoes you mended. I was the hungry old woman you fed. I was the lost child you took home."

After all, Jesus did promise that He would be with us to the end of the world. He is in the heart of the beggar, feeling the pain of the broken shoes. He dwells in the hungry old woman, feeling her gnawing hunger. He is in the lost child, feeling the agony of His lostness Each time when we help a sufferer, in our own community or by a gift across the world, we minister to the joy of Jesus. It's thrilling to live that way—as you may have found!

The Rev. Mr. Meckling, The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing and its Auxiliary, want to thank all those persons who helped make their 18th Annual Bazaar its greatest success. The profits from the Bazaar and donations exceeds, slightly, $2,000.00. We are grateful for this wonderful result.

The Rector will speak to the patients of Byberry State Hospital on October 22nd.

WELCOME TO DOCTORS AND NURSES

Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors and nurses in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato.

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of fellow has a germ than what kind of germ has a fellah."—Shattuck.

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MONEY

If you have been away and your pledge is a little behind, the Treasurer would be grateful if you would try to bring it up to date. If you do not know where you stand Mrs. Hauger, who is in the Parish House every Monday morning, would be glad to tell you.

We want to express our thanks to these contributors to the work of the Benevolent Society: Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mrs. Philip A. Arnold, Mrs. Craig Atmore, Hazel L. Bainbridge, Lillian Barlow, Rev. George R. Bishop, Mrs. James Brady, Belle Brown, Mrs. Evelyn Burkley, Lillian E. Butler, Olga B. Carlile, Miss Elsie Dahl, The Misses Daley.

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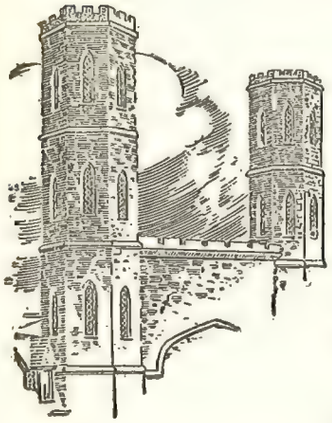
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Prelude ..... *Matthews*
The Processional Hymn, No. 569 ..... *St. Flavian*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 607
Psalm 132 Page 508 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Ecclus. 44:1-14
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 17-12:2
Jubilate Deo!, Page 15 ..... *Stanford*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison, Page 220)
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Beautiful Savior ..... *12th Century-Christiansen*
Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, Robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is Fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nation! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine!

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: The Spiritual Roots of the Reformation ..... THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Sevenfold Amen
The Recessional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

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TURN BACKWARD, O TIME!

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

The U. T. O. will be presented in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, on Thursday evening, Nov. 8th, so it is time for our women to prepare their individual offerings. You are asked to put the contents of your blue box in the special envelope, and bring it to Church on October 28th. All women of the Parish are asked to participate in the offering. Mrs. Wilson Leithead is Parish Custodian of the U. T. O.

We have a need for men's suits and overcoats to distribute to needy people who come to St. Stephen's Church for help, especially at this time of year. Please bring or send them to the Church office.

There is still need among the refugees and homeless in Korea, Germany, Austria, Japan, Italy and the Middle East, for clothing. World Community Day, November 2nd, has been appointed as the time for the annual clothing drive. Will you help relieve the wants and discomforts of those in need?

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R. B. (Pittsburgh)

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1517 — REFORMATION DAY — 1956

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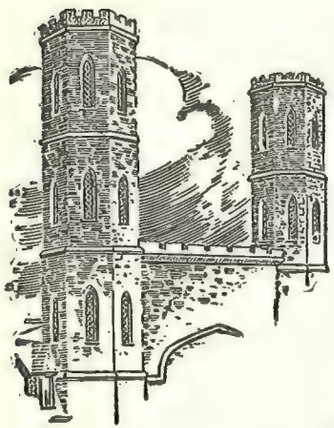
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The Kyrie, Hymnal 714, Oldroyd ..... Page 68
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THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: "There Shall Be No Night There" ..... *David D. Wood*
And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun; for the Lord shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.
The Sermon: "THREE FACTS ABOUT DEATH" ..... The Rector

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THE COMMUNION
Communion Hymn 204 ..... Adoro Devote
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

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THE CONCLUSION
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Sevenfold Amen ..... *Stainer*
Recessional Hymn 599 ..... Vigiles et Sancti
Organ Postlude

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God's share is giving in relation to our incomes rather than in relation to a minimum Church Budget. It means placing our gifts to God at the top of our family budgets—above any of our other financial obligations.

What percentage shall I give? The Biblical tithe is 10 percent. The modern tither gives at least 5 percent of his net income to the Lord and 5 percent to secular needs (Red Cross, Boy Scouts, United Fund, etc.) The big thing to remember is that Tithing is a *Spiritual Practice*—an orderly method by which God's children in God's ordered universe express their gratitude to Him for all of His wonderful blessings.

Are Tithers different from other people? Yes, they are! So much so that they are a mystery to others who wonder materialistically, "How can people be happier with $9 than $10?" But Tithers have a peace of mind and serenity of soul that comes only to those who have shown their gratitude to Him in a continuing, living act of faith. Tithers are not religious fanatics. They are people like you and me from all classes and economic groups. But they *are* different, because their lives have been changed in a wonderful way, to the point where they are actually *living* the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

HOW SHALL I MAKE MY PLEDGE? In the privacy of your Church Pew—on Loyalty Sunday, November 18th—you will be given an opportunity to sign a pledge card for 1957.

No matter how hard you try, you cannot get ahead of God in giving. The more you give the more you receive in return (either spiritual or temporal)! God's arithmetic is this: $10 minus $1 equals $10 plus. In other words, nine-tenths with God goes much furthur than ten-tenths without God!

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BOOK OF THE MONTH for November is a collection of eight of the shorter books of the Bible—Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malichi. A copy of this collection will be given to everyone who attends the Sunday service on November 4th. This will be the 24th Book.

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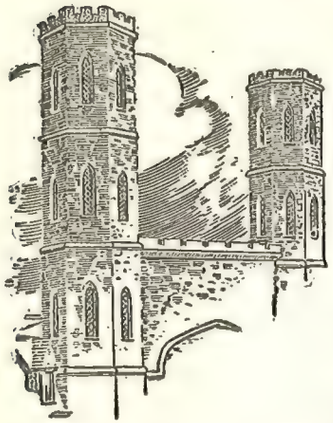
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A Solemn Melody ..... *Davies*
Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
Venite—Page 9, Hymnal 609 ..... Chant
Psalm 57, Page 409 (Responsively)
First Lesson ..... Rev. Earl Sensor
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
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Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 644
Anthem: Deliver Me, O Lord ..... *Faure*

Deliver me, O Lord, deliver me from death eternal, upon that day of terror, that day of trial: then shall heaven and earth be moved, be consumed together, for Thou shalt come upon the earth in judgement. Trembling I stand before Thee, and wait in fear till judgement shall come upon the earth, and men shall know Thine anger. Day of wrath and doom impending! Death then is struck and all creation wakes; Day of wrath and day of sorrow! Great the waking, exceeding bitter. Rest eternal grant them; Lord let light perpetual shine upon them, O Lord.

Sermon: THE HOPE OF PEACE..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 143 ..... National Hymn
Massing of Colors
Allegiance To The Flag
America, 3rd Verse
Closing Prayers
Taps
Postludium Anthem: In Paradise ..... *Faure*

In Paradise be thou received of angel hosts, thy coming attended by all the blessed martyr throng, thy pathway guided into the Holy City, Jerusalem. May the chorus of angels there receive thee, and with Lazarus, blessed of Abraham, Lazarus, once a beggar, now comforted of Abraham, be thine eternal rest.

Benediction, Dresden Amen
Recessional Hymn 396 ..... Aurelia

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Most of the world's woes are due to *not* knowing what to do with things. Money, for instance. Thoughtful, right-minded people agree that the first and simplest God-given use of money is to care for the needs of a family. Yet hosts of people pour millions of dollars in the race-track windows—like the young man I met one Saturday night, who had started for home with his pay check and two shopping bags, to buy Sunday dinner for his family. But he had gone to the dog races instead, and was now going home with empty wallet and empty shopping bags. *"It's knowing what to do with things that counts."*

Many non-Christians are asking, "What is the Christian religion for? What do you do with it?" When the disciples asked Jesus a question like that, He answered, "Ye are the salt of the earth." In other words, by trusting God, and obeying His loving will, you become easier to live with. Your faith makes your life into the salt of the earth, giving the flavor of living back to people for whom life has grown dull and dreary. Your faith can restore courage to frightened people, and make life taste good to them again. Your Sunday worship, right now, can settle a deep peace in your heart which you can pass on to vexed, hurrying, straining human beings.

A well known preacher dashed off the train as it pulled into the Grand Central Station and luckily secured a red cap porter right away. He had two very heavy bags. "Please bring them quickly," he snapped, "I'm in a terrible hurry"; and he dashed ahead up the platform. Looking back, he saw the red cap trudging along with the heavy truck, and shouted, "Come on—I'm late!" The patient porter looked at the impatient preacher, and said, "Where you steaming for, brother? That ain't no way to make time. Just walk on ahead and I'll come right along, and there won't be two minutes between us." The Parson slowed down and walked beside the porter, who turned on one of those big smiles with which negro men are blessed, and said, "I's livin' de relaxed life. Take it easy, boss. You can do a lot in a short time if you just go along easy with it. Besides, you'll live longer." "Thanks, my friend," the preacher said, rather humbly, "I happen to be a minister, and will preach this to my congregation. Do you go to Church?" "Yes, indeed, sah, I sure does." (And here he finished the preacher completely!) "And I tries to practice what I hears there." *It's knowing what to do with things that counts!*

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A real miracle has happened—following 10 treatments, a cure has been effected. A second specialist checked him yesterday, and can find no trace of the cancer.

I want to tell you how deeply we both appreciate the help we received through your prayers. Even had it not been God's will that my Dad should be cured of the cancer, we would have benefitted immeasurably just from knowing that prayers were being offered for him. When an answer to prayers, such as the one we have received, results—there are just no words to express our thankfulness. L. S. (Greensburg, Pa.)

The Rector will speak in St. Augustine's Church, Camden, on Nov. 15th, at 8 P.M.

PLEDGE DAY

Advanced notice is given of our Annual Service on Sunday, Nov. 18th at 11 A. M. called "Loyalty Sunday," or "Pledge Sunday," when we drop our Pledge Cards into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated to the work of the Episcopal Church at home and abroad. This year we have asked some thirty men to either phone, write or call upon the members of our Church families to urge them to attend this service to hear the Rector's Sermon and to participate in this meaningful service. Let nothing hinder your family from being represented at this service!

MORE "THANK YOU'S" FOR BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Beatrice I. Cassady, Mrs. Elizabeth Fay, Edith M. Frazier, Ethel M. Stackhouse, Nicholas Todd.

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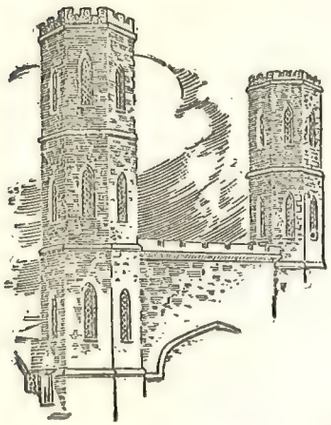
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TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison), Page 117
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: Immortal, Invisible..... *Thiman*
Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days; Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, Life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all Life Thou livest, the true Life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight, All laud we would render, O help us to see, 'Tis only the splendor of Light hideth Thee. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "OFFERINGS TO GOD" .....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 480 .....*Holy Offerings*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction
The Recessional Hymn 576 .....*Ora Labora*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Kappel in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Shields.

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FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

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Members of our men's Committee will distribute the Pledge Cards following the Rector's Sermon, and each person will drop his Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

The Rector, and Canvass Chairman, Wilson Leithead, have issued a call for 100% turnout of St. Stephen's members on Loyalty Sunday. By phone, by personal visit, and by every means available, all members of the parish have been invited and urged to attend for the annual re-dedication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's parish and every member of it.

YOUR PLEDGE IS A RELIGIOUS ACT

Our Lord talked about money because it is important. Nothing reveals the state of your soul more clearly and more accurately than your attitude toward your possessions.

Your money is, in a very real way, yourself. Let me put it this way—If you earn $10 a day—a $10 bill is a day of your life, much more than just symbolically. It represents a day of your skill, intelligence, energy, a day of YOU . . . Put it in a slot machine—the day is wasted. Lay it on the Altar—it is your offer of a day of yourself to God.

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A parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous is repairing the broken backs of a goodly number of our Church Hymnals and Prayer Books. Our sincere thanks to this thoughtful person.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

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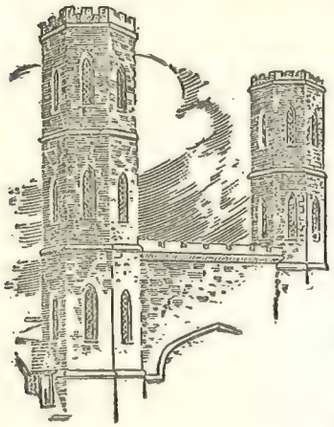
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Psalm 119, Parts 5 and 6, Page 492 (Responsively)

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O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt Him also in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders. He turneth the wilderness into standing water, and dry ground into water-springs; and there He maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; and sow the fields and plant vineyards which may yield fruits of increase. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God Whom earth and heaven adore; from men and from the Angel Host, be praise and glory evermore.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: *"Juvenile Delinquency; Who Is To Blame"*.....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-y-Botel*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen.
The Recessional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*

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PRESIDENT'S DOCTOR QUOTES BIBLE

According to United Press, Dr. Paul D. White, consultant to President Eisenhower, said God may have given Moses a clue on how to avoid heart disease.

This heart specialist said: "It is conceivable that a few years from now we medical men may repeat to the citizens of the U.S.A. the advice that Moses was asked by God to present to the children of Israel, 3,000 years ago."

The advice to which the doctor referred is contained in Leviticus 7:23 and 24: "Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox or of sheep or of goat. And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use; but ye shall in no wise eat of it."

He said scientists differ on the role of fatty diets and "we must be sure of our grounds" before repeating the advice. For example, he said, rest and relaxation might be even more important.

Religious habits of earlier days, calling for periods of meditation and fasting, "may well have helped" keep blood pressure down, he said.

Since the mind plays such an important and vital part in a person's life, we should like to say that however important diet is, there is an even more important piece of advice which the Prophet Isaiah gave.

Speaking to the Lord, he said: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee." (Isaiah 26:3)

Trusting in the Savior, Who died for our sins and rose for our justification, takes care of the sin question. Confiding in Him and casting all care upon Him relieves one of all worries. Knowing He will be with one in the valley of the shadow of death, delivers from all slavish fear. Knowing one shall be with, and like Him, hereafter, settles the eternal question. "A mind at perfect peace with God, Oh! what a word is this!"

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—July 22nd was a day I will long remember—I visited St. Stephen's eleven o'clock service with my son who has been on your prayer list for the past month—suffering from cancer. Meeting you personally was indeed a privilege and the laying-on-of-hands healing service meant more to us both than I can ever express. This was the longest trip Bob has been able to take in six months—but your memorable sermon, and the relaxing mood you bring your members to feel, makes you feel closer to God than I've ever experienced in my entire life. God's Presence enveloped and took over our entire being—we could feel His healing power working within ourselves—an experience that one could not possibly feel except with a person like yourself—dedicated and devoted to your ministry. Such eloquent phrases with such sincerity—and to see the people flock to the Altar desiring help and strength from our heavenly Father. I shall never forget this sight nor be able to retell the inner calm that came over me. I felt that God had called us to go to Philadelphia yesterday—having been reading your helpful booklets this past month. Nothing can ever erase the memories of this inspiring trip. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and for our son, Bob. E. O. J. (New Jersey)

The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission in Trinity Cathedral, Newark, N. J., November 25th to 28th, inclusive. He will preach Sunday and Wednesday evenings and at noondays. He will preach in Short Hills, N. J., and Jersey City on Monday and Tuesday evenings, respectively.

The Rector will speak to the Annual Diocesan Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Thursday evening, November 29th, at St. Augustine's Church, 27th and Girard Avenue.

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

Yes, I want to pledge to the Church as a Thank Offering for God's Goodness to me and mine. I undertake to give for the

Support of my Parish — Work of the Church in Diocese, Nation, World

$..... per week $..... per week

Signed .....

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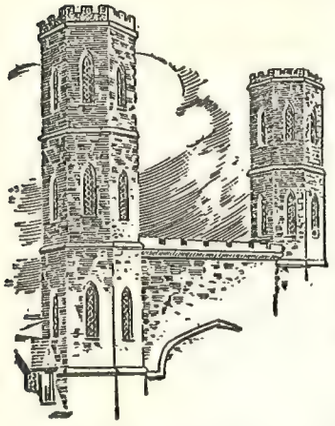
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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The Ordef of Service is found on page 67;
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on pages 90-91

11:00 A. M.—Church School

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON by the Rector

Prelude: Sleepers, Wake ..... *Bach*
Processional Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*
Kyrie, Hymnal 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
ANTHEM: Blessed is He That Cometh ..... *Gounod*
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
SERMON: "Three Good Excuses For Not Following Jesus" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*
Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy, Hyymnal 716 ..... *Oldroyd*
Communion Hymn 204 ..... *Adoro Devote*
Gloria In Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 318 ..... *Hosanna*

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH FLAG

On Sunday, December 2nd, at the 11 o'clock Service, the Rector will dedicate a new Church Flag, presented by Mrs. Emma Johnson and Miss Kathryne Johnson, mother and sister, in memory of Walter E. Johnson.

Many have asked the meaning and symbolism of the Episcopal Church Flag. We give the official explanation by the Church's Commission on Flag and Seal.

A red cross on a white field is the cross of St. George and indicates our descent from the Church of England.

The Saint Andrew's Cross in outline in the canton recalls our indebtedness to the Scottish Church in connection with the consecration of our first Bishop. Bishop Seabury was consecrated at Alberdeen November 14, 1784.

The nine cross crosslets symbolize the nine original dioceses which adopted the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

The colors, red, white and blue, obviously represent our country and stand for the American branch of the Anglican Communion.

RICH ENOUGH FOR CHRISTMAS?

Christmas is only four weeks away now—that great Day when God slipped into our world in the form of the Human Jesus. Ever since that First Christmas Day, wherever God slips in, the darkness retreats, and there is love and peace. Right now so many people are figuring whether they have enough money saved up for Christmas. Lists are being made, lovingly and with a touch of anxiety—will I have enough to get the presents that will express my love? *Am I rich enough for Christmas?*

Our peril in America is that we shall forget what true riches are. We are so apt to think in terms of "bought" gifts, of so many dollars put down on the counter. We forget that love cannot be bought and delivered. You can quicken your preparation for Christmas by re-reading O. Henry's unforgetable story, "The Gifts of the Magi" —one of the young men and the young woman who were very much in love. She had beautiful hair, and he knew that she longed for a certain costly hair-comb exhibited in a certain store window, which would look stunning in that lovely hair! She knew how he prized his heavy gold watch chain, and had dreamed of attaching to it a certain handsome pendant he had seen and admired. So, secretly, each scrimped and saved, out of their slender funds. And Christmas sped closer and closer—and neither had enough to buy the cherished gift. So, on Christmas Eve, he pawned his watch chain, and bought the wondrous hair-comb. And, that same evening, she had her hair cut off, and sold it, to buy the gleaming pendant. And then they faced each other—she with her shorn head, and he with his chain-less watch! At first they were horrified; but then, little by little, it began to dawn on them that each had received the costliest gift that can be given, the gift of a love that sacrifices gladly, without stint, for the beloved one! Those nigh-penniless ones were rich enough for Christmas!

If you are willing to stop, and be thoughtful, and say your prayers, you can find some costly gifts that someone deeply needs of you—a forgiving letter to someone who hurt you sorely long ago, and against whom you hardened your heart; a warm invitation to a lonely little old lady (who may be rather a bother!) to share the cheer of your Christmas Dinner; the gift of some prized book or picture of your own that someone admired once (and you said to yourself, "I can't part with *that*"); a knitted scarf for someone who will have few presents, or making those shelves for your wife which you have been postponing so long. You make your own list—and, in the name of the Christ Child, dare to get a bit reckless in your love!

Are you rich enough for Christmas? Tonight pray deeply to the Father of the Bethlehem Babe—and ask Him to cleanse your heart of clogging selfishness, and to fill it with the abundance of His love! Let Him into your Christmas preparations now—and then, my friend, you *will* be rich enough for Christmas!

CROSSROADS

The Rector will be presented with the "Crossroads" Award on "Movie Time, U.S.A." television program, Friday afternoon, November 30th,, commending him for his work in helping others in their hour of need.

Vincent Price, the distinguished actor, will portray the Rector in a drama in the "Crossroads" television Series, November 30th, at 8:30 P. M. on Channel 6 ,entitled "God's Healing." This true-life drama tells of the healing of a young wife at childbirth by a reconciliation with her estranged mother. Miss Frieda Inescort, a veteran actress, plays the neurotic and semi-invalid mother who had opposed the marriage of her daughter, Marcia Henderson, to a college student of little means. The story centers on the regeneration of the embittered mother, beset by imaginary ills.

Mr. Charles V. Kershaw, a valued member of St. Stephen's, appeared in Carnegie Hall, New York, on November 18th, where he presented a recital of his unique Bell Ringing skill.

The Rector will conduct a two-hour seminar on the subject of Spiritual Therapy at Temple Theological School on December 3rd from 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.

The Rector will conduct the short program—"Guideposts"—over T.V. Channel 6, December 3rd, 4th and 5th, at 8:55 A. M.

BOOK OF THE MONTH for December is the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. A copy of this Book will be given to everyone who attends the Sunday service on December 2nd. This will be the 25th Book.

MOTHERS' MEETING ANNUAL BAZAAR

To be held on Thursday, December 6, 1956, in the Community House. A lunch "snack" will be available from 11:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. Come to find some useful article, to enjoy good fellowship, and to help a worthy work.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give their families the fullness of Christmas cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special Christmas Dinner Envelope.

The Rector dedicated an Altar Prayer Box on Thursday, November 15th—presented by Mrs. Nelle Cook. This Box contains the names of those for whom prayer is offered by the 90 members of our Prayer Fellowship, twenty-four hours a day. During the past ten months, 6,000 have been remembered in this daily chain of prayers for an average of four weeks for each person.

Mr. Leonard L. Eyster, a valued member of our Prayer Fellowship, has a five-page article, "Candle In The Wind," in the Advent number of "Forward Day By Day."

Our "Thank you" to these contributors to the Benevolent Society: Mrs. David S. Gamble, Madeline Magee, Mrs. Helen LeDent, Mrs. H. F. Sachsenmaier, William Wilkie, E. L. Wenrich.

And to these folks for their Bulletin subscriptions: Jean C. Allen, The Rev. Mr. Evans, Mary McEwen, Mrs. David S. Gamble, Mrs. Charlotte Paist, Mary H. N. Schaefer, Mrs. Edward J. Cooke.

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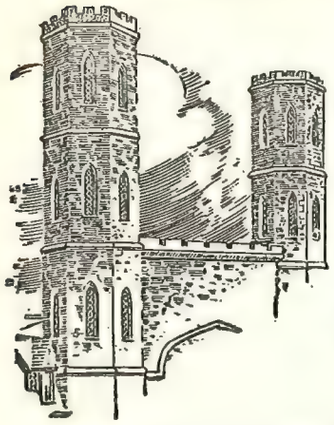
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Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service speak to one another.

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
The Ordef of Service is found on page 67;
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel on Pages 92-3

10:45 A. M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditation upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the Ministers, your fellow worshippers and the world.

11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Two Advent Chorale Preludes..... *Bach*
The Processional Hymn, No. 400 ..... *Graefenburg*
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TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
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O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, Eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come quickly and let Thy glory shine, guilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move. As stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur'd grace, gives grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy brightness disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

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The Sermon: *"JEREMIAH: PROPHET FOR TODAY"*.....THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn 403 ..... *Liebster Jesu*
The Presentation

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The Recessional Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

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A STAR IN THE WINDOW

Christmas cannot be celebrated in a single day. No, we must begin long before December the 25th, so that when it comes suddenly upon us, we shall not be found wondering, "Why don't I have the Spirit of Christmas in my heart?"

So often the deep and shining meaning of Christmas gets smothered under a multitude of things—to—be—done; of frantic and irritated haste, like a long line of automobiles, headed homeward on a hot summer Sunday afternoon, with radiators and tempers boiling over. But those who begin their celebration of Christmas far ahead, come to it with peace and quiet joy in their hearts. Their feet may have moved swiftly in the days of preparation, but it was the swiftness of those who know what they are doing, and where they are going; who speed forward with a clear and simple purpose.

Take time to see, in your heart of hearts, what Christmas means. Stop and be quiet, and you may grasp why a whole wide world is aware of One Person's Birthday. Dr. Horner of Providence tells a story of a father and son during World War II. They were walking down a village street, looking at the stars in the windows of the homes from which men had gone to serve this country, from Iceland to Australia. There was a star in the window of almost every home. The boy was impressed as his father told him of the meaning of the stars, each one representing a son given from the home. As they walked along in the deepening twilight, Venus, the evening star, shone in the West and glowed all alone in the evening sky. It was so bright that when the boy looked up, it held his attention. Suddenly he turned to his father and said, "There's a star in God's window, too, isn't there, Daddy? Did God give His Son?" Yes, God gave His Son because He loved the world—that the world might see in Jesus Christ the face of Almighty God!

And *that* my friend, is the meaning of Christmas! That is the holy Fact that lies back of all the Christmas festivities, all the happy gatherings-in-of-families, all the hosts of people kneeling at prayer and Sacrament. God gave His Son to us, that we might see Him face to face. Let that holy Fact sink deep into your heart, that it may glow there, and light all your Christmas preparing. Go about your Christmas tasks, joyous just because God gave His Son who wonderfully lives on in our hearts. Have the grace to be thankful that God still hangs a star in the window of the night!

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, Parish Custodian of the United Thank Offering, reports that 75 women of St. Stephen's contributed $271.10 to the Fall Ingathering of the U. T. O.

The Cosmopolitan Magazine for December carries a four page article "The New Attitude Toward Faith Healing." It is illustrated by two pictures of St. Stephen's Church showing the Rector administering the laying-on-of-hands at the Altar Rail, and a picture of the exterior of the church. The work of St. Stephen's Healing Ministry is described as well as that of other Protestant Churches throughout the country.

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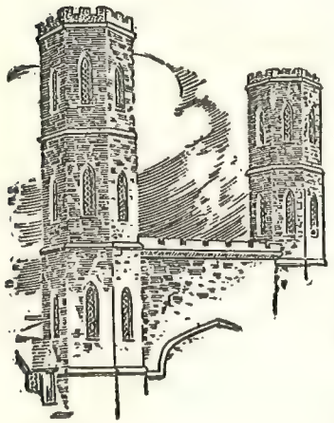
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
The Organ Prelude: Come, Savior of the Gentiles.....*Bach*
The Processional Hymn, No. 544 .....*St. Cecelia*
Opening Sentences, Page 4

TO CONFESS OUR SINS
The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

TO SET FORTH PRAISE
O Come Let Us Sing!, Page 9, Hymnal 608
Psalm 81, Page 442 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Isaiah 40: 1-11
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord!, Page 11, Hymnal 624
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3: 1-18
Jubilate Deo!, Page 15 ..... *Stanford*

TO DECLARE OUR FAITH
The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the Day (In Unison,) Page 93
The Special Prayers, Page 17

TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: All They of Saba Shall Come..... *Rheinberger*
All they of Saba shall come, incense and gold gladly offering; and loud the praise of God the Lord proclaiming. Rise, then and gird thee with light O Jerusalem, for the glory of God the Lord shall arise upon thee. Alleluia! All they of Saba shall come to worship Christ, the Lord.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: *"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"*

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*
The Presentation

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Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen.
The Recessional Hymn 219 ..... *Hamburg*

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THE GENTLE HOUSE

These words of Josephine Bacon's have been singing in my thoughts:

"Remember,
This December,
That love weighs more than gold."

As I think of you all, I see homes where there will be true Christmas. I think of one household where sickness and poverty and hardship have been frequent visitors for years; but the children have grown up confident and happy because their mother has surrounded them with courageous love, even when the kitchen shelves were emptiest, and the outlook the blackest. Because she has stubbornly, faithfully kept room for Love-Incarnate in that household, her children have brave and confident spirits.

I've just finished a wondrous tale, "The Gentle House"—the story of a middle-aged-school teacher who took into her home an 11-year old boy from Latvia. She found that he was filled with terrors and nightmares from the years when he lived in an ever-bombed country, and, afterwards, in the horrors of a refugee camp. His wild fears made him unmanagable at times, with tantrums which would last for six or seven hours of shreiking and yelling. But she stalwartly believed that God is stronger than evil, and that love is stronger than fear. So she kept on loving him, even though the love sometimes had to be administered with a broom-stick. Little by little "Tinchy" discovered that, no matter what he did, he was still loved, still cherished. This he found hard to resist. He knew how to fight back against hate; but fighting against love he found increasingly difficult. Little by little he gave up biting when he was angry; gave up his wild tantrums; became confident, even gay. After all, God accomplishes His greatest miracles through the ministry of love. So a day came when Tinchy gathered courage to go out to camp with his scout troop for the week-end. Timid at first, he went ahead and packed his duffle bag, and soon was ready. As he stepped out on the porch, he paused, put out his hand, and patted the porch railing. Then he spoke, thoughtfully:

"Good-bye, House, my dear, dear House;
You are my home.
Try to be here when I get back.
You are a gentle House."

"What is a gentle house?" The teacher asked. Tinchy was indignant. "How is this, you do not understand? A gentle house is a place where people are kind. You understand 'kind?'" "Yes," she said, "I understand 'kind.'" 'Unt," he continued, "It is a place where you feel so safe."

The safest people in the world are those who have been possessed by the God Who is Love. In all your Christmas preparations, watch vigilantly for your chances to surround others with that Love that came to earth at Bethlehem. In our troubled world, He alone can make them feel safe!

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G. K. P. (State College, Mississippi)

Mr. Charles K. Hay, a valued member of St. Stephen's Vestry, has been promoted to principal of John Bartram High School. Congratulations!

The Rector has just learned the good news that Bishop D. Dibelius, the highest Bishop in Germany, has become the Episcopal Warden of the Order of St. Luke The Physician in Germany. This means the highest possible acknowledgement for our work, and a great help for practical progress. The Rector met Bishop Dibelius while he was in Germany in 1954. The Bishop resides in East Berlin where he has met the vicious antagonism of the Communists with high Christian courage and statesmanship.

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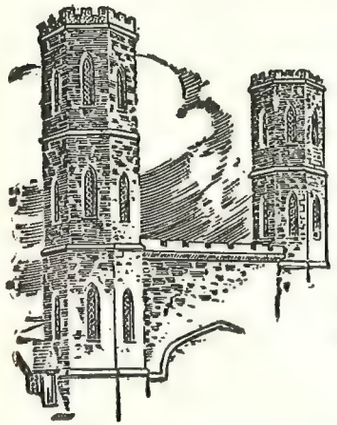
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O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord, Hymnal 608

Psalm 112, Page 483

First Lesson: Isaiah 52: 1-10

Benedictus Es (Blessed Art Thou, Page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*

Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25: 1-13

Magnificat, Hymnal 651 ..... *Chant*

Creed and Prayers; Collect for the Day, Page 95

Anthem: "Christmas Day" ..... *Holst*

The Sermon: "THE MAGNIFICAT" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 440 ..... *Watchman*

Presentation, Closing Prayers, Benediction

Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Lancashire*

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THE MIGHTIEST EVENT

As Christmas dawns, all that matters is the direction in which we are faced. Are we absorbed in carrying out all of *our* last-minute schemes and plans? Or are we turned toward the Manger, determined to see Him, and bow before His purity and Love? Which is more important, the small ideas we have hatched, or the mighty Act of God's coming among men? For at Bethlehem there took place the Mightiest Event of all time. As Houseman wrote:

O, harken, for this is wonder:
Light looked down and beheld darkness.
"Thither will I go," said Light.
Peace looked down and beheld war.
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So came Light, and Shone.
So came peace and gave rest.
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And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

This first happened in a sleeping town, long years ago. But this mightiest Act of history still happens today. It happens wherever a humble heart is ready to let Him in as Friend and Teacher, and King. God is born—small and weak at first, but growing stronger each day, wherever souls stop fleeing from Him, and turn into their Bethlehem to welcome His new birth in them. Take time to stop and pray. There may be something in your heart that stands against Him, coming; and keeps Him out. Then pray it out of your heart, and clear the way for His coming this Day. Then He can come to you, and light up your whole life with the glow of His Grace and Loving Kindness. As Vachel Lindsay said,

"Except the Christ be born again tonight
In dreams of all men, saints and sons of shame,
The world will never see His Kingdom bright.
Star of all hearts, lead onward through the night,
Past death-black deserts, doubts without a name,
Past hills of pain and mountains of new sin,
To that far sky where mystic births begin,
Where dreaming ears the Angel-song shall win.
Our Christmas shall be rare at dawning there,
And each shall find his brother fair,
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And wake no more to sin."

A shning and glorious Christmas to you!

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Our "Thank You" to these contributors to the Benevolent Society: Mrs. Martha Atherton and Mrs. Edith Oliver; also to these subscribers to the Bulletin: Mrs. John S. Collins, Ida M. Landenberger, Mrs. J. E. Semon, Miss Marion Slatcher, Mrs. Harriet Smyth, Mildred B. Fishburn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashbrook, and Theodore S. Miller.

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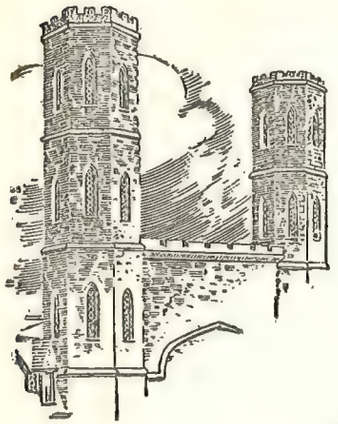
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TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: *"God Who Has Gone Before Us"* ..... THE RECTOR

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The Offertory Hymn 40 .....*God Rest You Merry*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
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The Recessional Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*

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DO YOU WANT TO BE FRIENDLY IN CHURCH?

Here are some suggestions as found in another parish Bulletin:

1. Don't sit alone. Take a seat next to someone else. If you don't know him or her, make it a point to get acquainted after the service.
2. As you leave the Church speak to everyone whose eyes happen to meet yours.
3. When you meet new members of the parish tell them about your favorite organizations and ask them to go to the next meeting with you. Then take them.
4. If you must be the first person to take an empty pew, sit near the center so someone else will be encouraged to sit with you.

WHEN DID YOU LAST GO TO CHURCH?

Many of our people could answer with satisfaction, "Last Sunday." It is easy to get into the habit of thinking, "O, I guess I won't go today; I'll go next Sunday." Before one knows it, many Sundays have gone by. It looks as if quite a number of our people have the habit. If you are one, let me say that we miss you, and I am sure that God does, too.

Our "Thank you" to these helpers: For contribution to the work of the Benevolent Society, Betty Elder. For Subscription to the Parish Bulletin: Louise Wilder Braun, Miss Elsie M. Harvey, George A. McHenna.

The Mothers' Meeting of St. Stephen's made a generous Christmas Contribution toward the work of St. Stephen's Church.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Christ's faithful soldiers and servants."
October 21st—Fred Sprout Anderson, Jr.

BURIALS

"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord"
November 16th—Elizabeth J. Davis
December 11th—Elizabeth M. Saylor

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."
Mr. and Mrs. Harley Charles
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drain
Susie LeMar Morris

Miss Margaret L. Gill bequeathed $148.37 to the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church and $296.74 to the Organ Fund of our Church.

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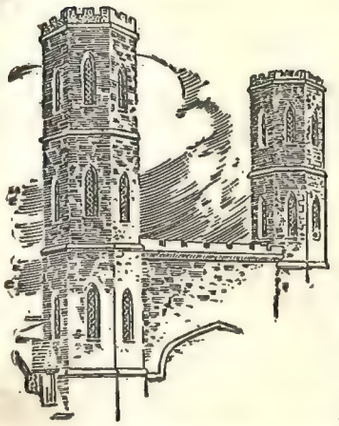
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Processional Hymn 52 ..... *Dix*
Holy Communion Service (Prayer Book) ..... Page 67
The Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... Page 68
The Collect, Epistle and Gospel ..... Ppg. 107-8
The Nicene Creed (Unison) ..... Page 71

THE INSTRUCTION
Anthem: The Three Kings ..... *Willan*
Who knocks tonight so late? The weary porter said. Three Kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head. The serving man bowed down; The inn was full, he knew. Said he, "in all this own is no fit place for you!" A light the manger lit; there lay the Mother meek. Said they, "this place is fit: here is the rest we seek!" They loosed their latchet strings; so stood they all unshod. Come in ye kings, and kiss the feet of God.
The Sermon: "Epiphany Spectrum" ..... The Rector

THE OFFERING
The Offertory Hymn 46 ..... Morning Star
The Presentation—Doxology
Prayer for Whole State of the Church ..... Page 74

THE CONSECRATION
The General Confession (Unison) ..... Page 75
Lift Up Your Hearts! (Responsively) ..... Page 76
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THE COMMUNION
Communion Hymn 203 ..... *Rockingham*
(Our Altar Fellowship is open for *All Believers*)

THE THANKSGIVING
The Prayer of Thanksgiving ..... Page 83
Glory Be To God On High!—Page 84 ..... Hymnal 739

THE CONCLUSION
The Peace of God ..... Page 84
Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 545 ..... *Webb*
Organ Postlude

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G. O. S.)East Aurra, N. Y.)

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have finished another year in our Ministry of Healing in St. Stephen's Church. Devoting at least a half hour each day to pray for a long list of people may not seem a great thing for an intercessor to do, but it is quite often just the link needed for God's power to reach the one in need. We remember, with deep gratitude, that it is just the daily acts of prayer of each of our ninety intercessors, which has made the work of the Prayer Healing Fellowship as a whole possible. They have shared with us at St. Stephen's the great burden of the need of those who write to us for prayer.

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Has all the prayer, faith and devotion of intercessors and friends been worth while? No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported at the monthly meeting of the Prayer Fellowship and in the weekly report to the members all progress and cures are recorded. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

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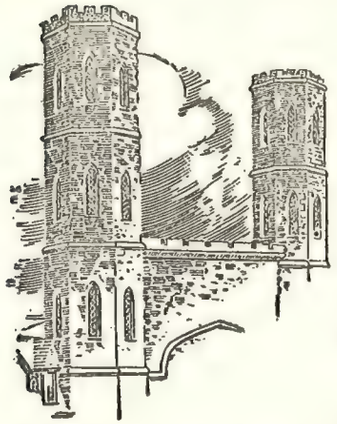
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O Come, Let Us Sing!, Hymnal 608.....Page 9
Psalm 68: 1-20 Page 419 (Responsively)

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD
The First Lesson: Genesis 28: v. 10
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord, Page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*
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Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

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The Sermon "Friction In the Family" ..... THE RECTOR

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We are now in the Epiphany Season, when we remember the shining out of God among men in the Life of Jesus Christ. It is the Season when we celebrate the "showing forth" of God's nature in visible human flesh: when we welcome the mighty truth that God is like Jesus; the Lord of the universe is like the Carpenter of Nazareth; that the Eternal Father is like the Friend of Sinners, the Healer of sick people, the Patient Master of stumbling disciples, the Compassionate One on the Cross of Calvary. Think of it—God is like that!

In all our muddled, fearful world, there is but one chance of our going forward in 1957 with joy and confidence—because our faith is grounded in the Incarnation. Because of His coming to us, we know that God wants to be as close to us as we will let Him. He alone, touching our feeble wills, our feverish dreams, can make us whole and strong. He alone, looking confidently into our eyes, can transform our fears into courage and confidence. He alone, gathering Russia and China and India and Egypt and England and our United States all within the compass of His Love, can make us believe that the world *CAN* become the neighborhood He planned it to be. He is the one Ground for firm, unyielding hope. As Studdert Kennedy wrote:

"Because in tender majesty, Thou camest to earth, nor stayed till we, poor sinners, stumbled up to Thee, I thank my God.

"Because the Saviour of us all lay with the cattle in the stall; Because the Great comes to the small, I thank my God.

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BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. Some 647 are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of the forty-eight states, and in addition, to people in Canada. It goes not only to members but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It costs $33.94 a week to print and to mail this publication. There are some 44 issues a year at a total cost of $1,493.36. Last year we received $579.74 from individuals in response to our annual appeal. If every family wuld give $2.00 per year the cost would be met. Of course a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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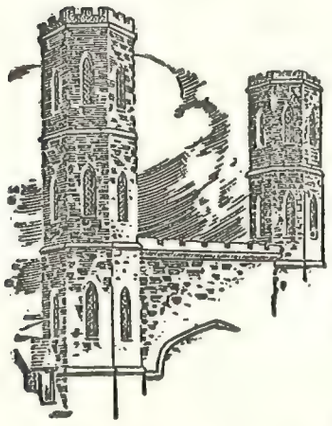
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Opening Sentences, Page 4

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Blessed Art Thou, O Lord, Page 11, Hymnal 624
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 9: 2-13
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The Anthem: "Lord, We Implore Thee" ..... *Franck*
Lord, we implore Thee, guard us and guide us, our doubts and fears remove now, and forever more; this we humbly pray Thee. Lord in Thy mercy turn our hearts unto Thee, and let us ever be full of deep humility. Lord, God almighty, guard us and guide us, hear us, we pray Thee, and grant our supplication. Amen.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "Which Is The Great Commandment?"

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
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The Benediction, Dresden Amen.
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FACT, FAITH AND FEELING

A great evangelist once said that there are three chief points in becoming a Christian—fact, faith and feeling. The wise men had these.

In the first place, the Wise Men followed a fact, the great white Star that led them to the manger. Their long trek was no affair of foolish fancy; they were guided by a shining fact. So a resolute Christian must be guided by the facts of Christ's life and teachings, by His wondrous birth and death, and His still more wondrous living; by His clear words of truth which show the way to the simplest human who is willing to be shown. Faithful disciples are forever going back to their New Testaments for a fuller knowledge of the facts of the Master's life, for a deeper understanding of what He would have them learn. Their footing is firmly in facts.

In the second place, the Wise Men had faith—for though the Star shone bright, it took faith to believe that it would lead them to the manger. It takes faith to set out on any arduous journey with confidence, for cynics sneer about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow—which no one has ever dug up. It takes faith to start your day tomorrow, expecting that by nightfall you will have done what God wanted of you, and found peace of mind before you sleep. But Christian men and women, through glad experience, have always found their faith justified. Trusting God always works out in the long run. On it a star is always the manger—God, among men to guide them.

Finally, the Wise Men "went back another way." Kneeling before God's infant Son, their hearts went out to Him in love and loyalty— they were moved to *do something* about that loyalty. Instead of betraying Him to Herod, they by-passed the jealous monarch, and sped homeward to tell their people about the King they had found in Bethlehem. That is the last and most necessary step in becoming a Christian. It is *not* Christian to go to Church and get all stirred up with noble feelings, and then go home and do nothing about it. It is Christian only when our feelings, our love of God, is so strong and so sincere that we put it to work, like steam under a boiler. As St. James wisely pointed out, "Faith without works is dead."

Towering over all the wrecks of time is the Cross. It is the Sign of One who walked ahead of us, our Elder Brother, teaching us a faith that rests in facts, trust God like a child, and believes in action. It is the Sign of One who, confronted by men's indifference to God, *did something* they could not forget—died for them to draw them home to God!

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B. McI. (Beloit, Wis.)

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

We are enclosing some literature describing the high degree of co-operative services and programs now being carried on by the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

Here at St. Stephen's we are seeking to enlist 10 percent of the membership as individual contributors to the Council of Churches. Your contribution in the special envelope will aid in this great Protestant Co-operative Program.

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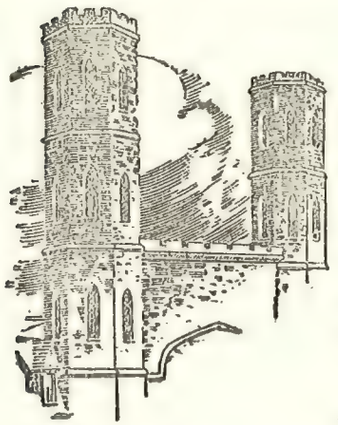
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Opening Sentences, Page 4

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Psalm 121 Page 502 (Responsively)

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The First Lesson: I Samuel 3: 1-18
Blessed Art Thou, O Lord, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 10:13-16, 35-44
Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Hymnal 645

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The Apostles' Creed (Standing: Unison), Page 15

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The Anthem: "I Am Well Pleased" ..... *Rheinberger*
I am well pleased that the Lord hath heard the voice of my supplication: that He hath inclined His ear to me. As long then as I live will I on Him be calling. The sorrows of death came about me and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: affliction I found and grief . . . Then the name of the Lord did I call upon; O Lord, my soul do Thou deliver. How gracious is the Lord, and how just. Yea, our God is merciful. He guards the simple folk. I was in misery, He gave me help. To thy rest, then, do I bid thee, my soul, be turning, because the Lord hath rewarded thee.

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The total attendance at our Sunday Services during 1956 amounted to 17,743. Our Weekday attendance amounted to 22,860. 40,603 attended the worship services at St. Stephen's Church in 1956. This is an increase over the previous year.

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TESO

In modern alphabetical terms T E S O means Theological Education Sunday Offering, now a major source of income for the support of the eleven Theological Schools in the United States. By proclamation of the Presiding Bishop, in 1957, this falls on January 27th. The leaflet enclosed in this Bulletin shows a picture of the graduating class of last June of the Rector's School in Cambridge, Mass.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

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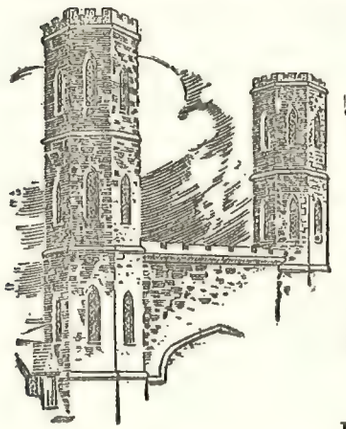
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As one writer has pointed out, perhaps you feel that God only gave you one talent; and that there is not much you can accomplish with it. No matter what you think you lack, take what you have, and use it! Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we celebrate this month, was poor and ignorant, living in a log cabin, and reading the few books he could get his hands on by the light of the fire on the hearth. He may well have thought that he was not endowed with great talents or promising opportunity—but *he used what he had.* Martin Luther, a miner's son, and John Bunyan, a tinker, might easily have said to themselves, "because I am ignorant, I will remain ignorant; because I am nobody, I will remain nobody; because the world has dealt meagerly with me, it must expect little from me in return." But they were stout-hearted men, with a strong belief that God had something for them to do in the world; so they *used* their God-given abilities; and they accomplished great things for Him. They lived strenuous lives, full of usefulness and tremendous work, shot through with that deep happiness which is indeed "the peace of God."

Some of you may be startled to be told that your life can be like theirs—with the deep happiness at the heart of your living because you are being used by God for His purposes. Master the secret of the parable of the talents, and you can soon enter into that deep and peace-full happiness:

"Take what life gives, O heart of mine, and build your house of happiness!
Perchance some have been given more, but others have been given less!
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Tomorrow's Times relentless stream may sweep what you now have away;
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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Those attending the services on February 3rd will receive a copy of the Book of Job. We are attempting to read together month by month, the various Books of the Bible. This will be the 27th Book. The Rector's Sermon on Sunday will be based on this outstanding Book:

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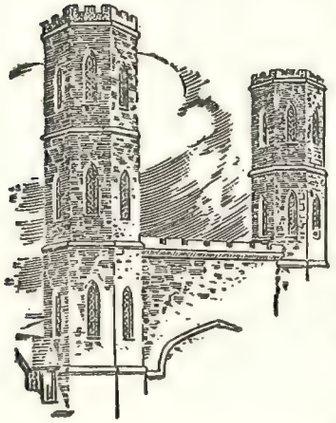
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WE ARE COME TOGETHER
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The General Confession (Kneeling), Page 6

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TO ASK THOSE THINGS
Period of Silence
The Collect for the day (In Unison.) Page 115
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TO GIVE THANKS
The General Thanksgiving (In Unison), Page 19
The Anthem: "Lauds" ..... *Dyson*
Ye that have spent the silent night in deep and quiet rest, and joy to see the light that riseth in the East; Now lift your hearts, your voices raise, your morning tribute bring, and pay a grateful song of praise to heav'ns Almighty King. And as this gloomy night did last but a little space; as heavenly day doth show his pleasant face, So let us hope, when faith and love their work on earth have done, God's blessed face to see above Heaven's better, brighter Sun.

TO GROW IN UNDERSTANDING
The Sermon: "The Substance Of Things Hoped For".....THE RECTOR

TO GIVE OF OUR SUBSTANCE
The Offertory Hymn 450 ..... *Martyrdom*
The Presentation

AND TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING
Closing Prayers
The Benediction, Dresden Amen.
The Recessional Hymn 553 ..... *Larncashire*

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The temptation of most people is to decide what *we* want, and then pray that God will help us to carry out our heart's desire. We want the Lord to be on our side. But the Master did not so teach us. He taught us to pray, "Thy will be done"—to seek the Lord's way, under all circumstances. Instead of asking God to accomodate Himself to *our* wishes He taught us to accomodate ourselves to *God's*. Whenever any human being—be it Abraham Lincoln or your own humble self—follows this Christ-taught course, his life counts for all that is right and constructive and eternal.

Lincoln applied His Christian faith to his profession. When he was practicing law in Springfield, Illinois, he was approached by a man who wished to press a claim for $600. It was a lawful claim, but if the client won it, it would ruin a widow and her four children. Lincoln, in refusing to take the case, wrote, "No doubt we could win this case for you, but we will not take it. There are some things that are right legally, but wrong morally. However, I shall give you some advice for which I shall charge nothing. My advice to a sprightly, energetic, successful man like you is to try your hand at making $600 some other way." Lincoln *had* to feel that he was on the Lord's side if he was going to throw himself, heart and soul, into a case. To impoverish a struggling widow and her family, even by legal means, clearly was not God's will; so he would not do it.

Apply that simple but searching principle to your own life. Instead of asking God to "go along" with your impatient wishes, take yourself by the scruff of the neck, and make yourself pray to find out His desire, and then do it! This may give you an uncomfortable spell of living, as you learn to accomodate yourself to His will, but I promise you that it will work out gloriously. For the person who strives to be on God's side finds a deep peace of heart which nothing can take away.

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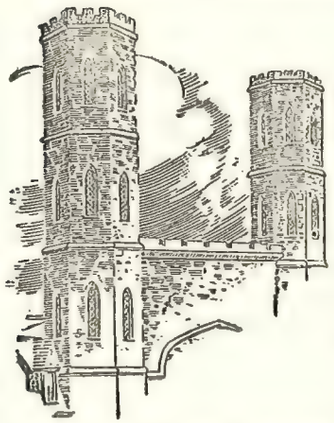
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Processional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*
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Psalm 86, Responsively ..... Page 447
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Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: Grieve Not The Holy Spirit of God ..... *Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you. Amen.

SERMON—"THREE TEXTS TO LIVE BY" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 337 ..... *Rockingham*
The Presentation
Prayers, Benediction; Dresden Amen
Recessional Hymn 406 ..... *Stephanos*

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In the February 3rd Bulletin we made an error: There were flowers given by Mrs. Fay McClain in memory of daughter, Fay R. Bernauer.

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CONFIRMATION

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THE TOUCH OF GOD

Lent begins in a few weeks. What are we going to do with those six great weeks? Why not give your hearts to letting Him speak to us more often; to letting Him speak through us to other people more steadily? Maude Royden puts it vividly:

"Did not God speak to some of you first through your mother's eyes? Or did not the first time come to others through a lover or a friend? When Samuel heard the voice of God, he thought it was the voice of his best friend. He said to his old friend, Eli, 'You called me.' But it was God who called him, though it sounded like the voice of his friend."

Do you know of the touching little Irish story of a woman who was in great distress of mind because she had lost the sense of God's nearness? She cried out, "Why doesn't He make me feel that He is here? How can He leave me alone? If I could only feel Him, know that He had touched me!" And an old woman, who was sitting with her, said, "Pray to Him. Ask Him to touch you. He will put His hand on you." She began to pray in agony, and suddenly felt the hand of God touching her. She cried, "He has touched me!" And went into an ecstacy of joy. Then she said, "Do you know, it felt just like *your* hand." And the old woman replied, "Why, it was my hand." "It was your hand?" groaned the disappointed friend. "Sure, what did you think God would be doing? Did you think He would make a long arm out of heaven to touch you? *He just took the hand that was nearest, and used that.*"

God takes the human beings that are nearest, and through them for the first time we see love; and love is God. He takes the human hand of some friend or stranger and uses that, and for the first time we feel the touch of God. We say, "It is only a friend!" What do we mean by "God" if it is not Love? How can God speak to us but by a human voice?

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COMMUNION AND BREAKFAST

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will again sponsor the Annual Washington's Birthday Communion and Breakfast to be held simultaneously in eight Churches in the Diocese. The Service in St. Stephen's will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, at 8 A. M. and will be followed by a breakfast served in the Community House. The Honorable Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, will speak to us over FM Station WFLN. Mrs. Theodore Bechtel and her ladies will serve the breakfast at St. Stephen's. Tickets are $1.25. Phone your reservations to the Church Office.

We appreciate these additional Bulletin subscriptions: C. Adams, Mrs. Philip A. Arnold, Mrs. Thomas Bailey, Anna Bondira, Mr. and Mrs. James Brady, Mrs. Winifred Douglass, Spencer Ervin, Eva Hansen, Jane R. Harper, Elizabeth N. Holst, Mrs. Edna Horneffer, Mrs. Robert Marshall, Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Milliken, Mrs. C. C. Murray, Ms. Edna O'Rear and Daughter, Miss Mary Orme, Mrs. Cazimera Petroski, The Pursells, Mrs. Tessa Riggs, Mrs. F. Schuh, The Smyth Family, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Steele.

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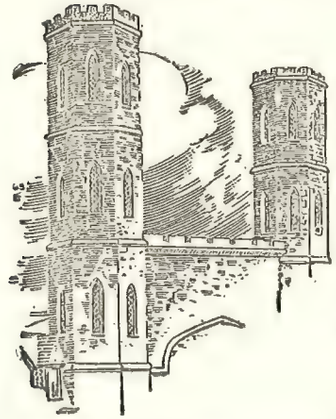
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Processional Hymn 310 ..... *St. Anne*

Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 116, Page 486

The First Lesson: I Samuel 17: v. 17

Benedictus Es, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 10: 32-39

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: Father, In Thy Mysterious Presence ..... *Matthews*
Father, in Thy mysterious presence kneeling, fain would our souls feel all Thy kindling love; For we are weak and need some deep revealing of trust and strength and calmness from above. Lord, we have wandered forth thru' doubt and sorrow, and Thou hast made each step onward; and we will ever trust each unknown tomorrow; Thou wilt sustain us till its work is done. Now, Father, now in Thy dear presence kneeling, our spirits yearn to feel Thy love; Now make us strong. We need Thy deep revealing of trust and strength and calmness from above. Amen.

The Sermon: "Veils That Hide God" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 416 ..... *Beatitudo*

Prayers, Benediction, Dresden Amen

Recessional Hymn 279 ..... *Praise To The Lord*

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NOTE:—The proper music for the Venite, Benedictus Es and Jubilate Deo are found in the back of each hymnal. The congregation is urged to turn to the proper place, and join in the full singing of each chant. Helpful suggestions as to proper singing of "Anglican Chant" are found at the beginning of this section of the Hymnal. The key to good singing is natural speech rhythm . . . don't hurry over little words, but stress the important ones to bring out the meaning. The "tune" changes at the upright line; everything up to this line is sung on one note. Breathe only at the end of a line.

POWER OF LOVE

In the country areas of our State the highway snow plough breaks out in the driveway for each home along the country roads, so that the people can get out. Suppose, one day, you saw that powerful plough come part way in your driveway and then stop; and the driver got out and tried to shovel his way by hand through the deep drifts; and finally gave up, shaking his head with discouragement; and drove away. You would think the man crazy.

Yet see how curiously Christian people act. In the life of Jesus, God revealed to men the most tremendous power there is—the Power of Love. Jesus lived that life of love, right among people; demonstrated its incredible power. Men have never forgotten that Life. They have written books about Him, and worshipped Him. They have done almost everything except to follow in His steps and use the Power He showed them. When someone is hateful, the average Christian makes a little stab at being loving, goes a little way in Christ's Spirit, then tries slapping back; finally gives up, shaking his head sadly.

Real Love never gives up. That is what St. Paul meant when he said that it, "never faileth." He meant that genuine Love never quits. He did *not* mean that love succeeds every time, right away; even Jesus could not win the scribes and pharisees, and they crucified Him. But, in the long run, over the centuries, Love has a way of winning. Even in our short lives, if we are in earnest, honest love wins remarkable victories. So, in these dark days, look at your problem in the light of the Star. Someone has closed his heart against you in resentment. You did try Love for a while, and then quit, discouraged. Underneath the Star, that old trouble challenges you to try again. Let me tell you a story.

A Protestant girl was deeply in love with a fine Roman Catholic boy, and engaged to marry him. Her mother swore that she would never speak to her again. The girl consulted her Minister, asking what she could do about her mother. The Minister said, "The Book I trust promises that Love never faileth. Write your mother every Thursday—and use the gay, loving letter; *every* Thursday until she opens her heart to you. She will not be able to withstand real Love. Will you try it?" The girl promised. A year later he met her, and instantly asked, "Every Thursday?" "*Every* Thursday," she replied. Week after week she wrote her Thursday letter of Love, until one day, several years later, the girl and her husband went to see the mother. As they came up the front walk, the door flung open, and the mother ran out to meet them; and flung her arms around the girl, and kissed her. Honest, enduring Love wins breath-taking victories like that. Try it, yourself!

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Boy Scout Troop No. 2 of St. Stephen's Church will celebrate its 30th Anniversary by a reunion in the Community House on Friday evening, March 1st, at 8 P. M.

The Rector will lead a symposium on Healing Through Prayer in the Academy of Medicine, Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday, March 1st from 4 to 6 P. M. Doctors, clergymen and Social Workers are invited. The Meeting is sponsored by the Council of Churches.

The Rector preached at the Noon-day Service at St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, on Wednesday, Feb. 20th. He addressed a large gathering in the afternoon on the subject of Intercessory Prayer and Conducted a Service of Spiritual Healing in St. Paul's Church in the evening.

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"Drinking and Daily Life" is the subject of the Annual Institute of the Department of Christian Social Relations. The speaker is Dr. Ebbe Curtis Hoff, of the Medical College of Virginia Hospital in Richmond, Virginia. The Institute will be held in the Y.W.C.A., 2027 Chestnut St., on Monday, March 4th at 5 P.M. Dinner at 6 P.M. Cost $2.00. Reservations must be made promptly.

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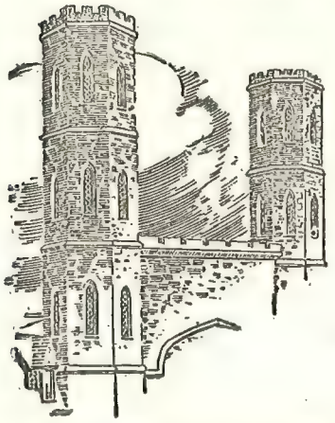
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Processional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*

Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 51, Page 403—Responsively

The First Lesson: II Samuel, 12: 1-13

Benedictus Es, Domine, Hymnal 625 ..... *Chant*

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 18: 10-14

Benedictus, Hymnal 639 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: Turn Back, O Man ..... *Holst*

Text is to be found in Hymn No. 536

The SERMON: "OUR FATHER"—Series of Sermons on the Lord's Prayer,
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Offertory Hymn 411 ..... *Grace Church*

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In Africa the men of the Bulu Tribe keep track of the seasons by watching for Tolo, the constellation of the hare. When Tolo rises in the Eastern sky, the old men know that it is time to make clearings in the forest, that the women may plant their harvest before the season of the rain. When the old men try to pass on to the boys this valuable bit of tribal knowledge, the boys found it very hard to pick out the five stars of Tolo among the countless host of the stars in the heaven. So, when dusk falls, the boys father takes five rose-red coals from the palaver house fire and, on the village street, spreads them out just the design like Tolo in the sky. Then, through the five glowing coals draws in the dust the picture of Tolo, until the boy sees the hare lying before his eyes. He *sees* him now because he has been drawn for him right in the dust of the village street.

It is recorded only once that Jesus drew in the dust of a village street—in the incident that you can read in the 8th Chapter of St. John's Gospel. But all through His short life among men, Jesus was drawing the picture of God in the streets and market places of His home land. By His courtesy to the woman who had fallen victim to cruel hippocrites, Jesus pictured the compassion of God towards honest, penitent sinners; and, at the same moment, He pictured the impatience of God toward smug pretenders of religion. Day by day, in His deeds, He drew out before men's eyes the picture of the Almighty, as He devoted Himself to the needs of all sorts and conditions of men. Men watched Him, and began to see the face of God. Men joined His company, and began to recognize the likeness of The Eternal. In that last scene, before Pilate, in the Master's majestic silence in the face of the accusations of His enemies, men see the majesty of God. On the Cross, in His last out-reach of love to the penitent thief and to His enemies, they see the undying love of God for men.

Do not mistake the meaning of Lent—with all the necessity for disciplining your life, never think that Lent should be spent gazing at your own faults and shortcomings. There is a greater purpose for these weeks of renewal—to scan the pages of the New Testament with such care that our eyes will be fixed on Him Who clothed God in human flesh. This is the Good news, that in Jesus we can see God, God among men, God in human life as we know it. We need not lose the way, because God has lived among us, because, in the life of Jesus Christ, the picture of God has been drawn out for us, "In the dust of the village street."

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We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Theodore Bechtel and her efficient Committee of helpers who prepared and served the breakfast for 140 persons at the Annual Corporate Communion and Breakfast of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on February 23rd.

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DIOCESAN CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

Every family of St. Stephen's has been sent a brochure describing the objects of this important project. We hope that everyone will prayerfully consider this call upon our generosity. New Churches in the suburbs and increased faculties in our Divinity School are desperately needed. Pledge cards should be returned promptly. We are asked to give a continuing amount over three years rather than lump sums immediately.

Our "Thank you" to these Bulletin subscribers: Olga B. Carlile, Mrs. Mildred C. Faris, Jane S. McEldowney, Mary E. Zollers.

The Rev. J. Samuel Stephenson, Rector of Grace Church, Buffalo, in a recent letter to your Rector said: "Your Community House holds many fond memories for me. During the first World War my father was one of the men who used to take his car to the Navy Yard and bring young men home for dinner and then to St. Stephen's for a party. During the 2nd World War I used to work there every Sunday night. I was then Rector of St. Mary's, Hamilton Village.

"There must be times when you and your Vestry wonder what good was accomplished by the great expenditure of money and time put into the effort of the last War, and for your information I would like you to know that directly from that influence one man, a Methodist came into the Episcopal Church and is now a Monk with Holy Cross. Two other boys found their way into the ministry, another a senior warden in a parish in Massachusetts, and a young lady gave her services to the Church as a Missionary Nurse as soon as the war was over.

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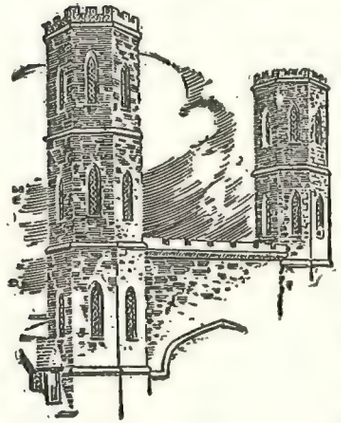
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

Organ Prelude: Adagio ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are indeed unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the presence of the Lord in all the trials of life as well as in its joys. Our Saviour, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy Presence wherever we may be and when we are alone. In grief or defeat help us to see Thee clearly and from the vision to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 86, page 447

Benedictus Es, Hymnal 625 ..... *Chant*

Benedictus, Hymnal 639 ..... *Chant*

ANTHEM: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee..... *Bach*

The SERMON: "THY KINGDOM COME" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her husband, Dr. George Sinnamon; by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of brother, Landis Gordon Walker; and by Mrs. Robert Trautner in memory of her husband, Robert A. Trautner.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House.

7:30 P. M.—Holy Communion; Sermon by Robert W. Hill, B.S.

THE RECTOR'S FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

The Rector will celebrate his fifteenth anniversary as Rector of St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, March 24th. He is asking the people of the parish to join with him in celebrating that occasion by making it "family Sunday"; that is, that all the families of the parish will attend Church at one of the services, preferably the 11 o'clock service, having as many members of the family present as possible and sitting together as a family.

He chooses this method of celebration, because of a deep conviction of the fundamental importance of family life. Many influences today tend to weaken family ties; the Church should do everything in her power to strengthen them. The Holy Spirit is the only power in the world today able to resist the disintegrating influences and to stimulate the love and devotion which will unite families for time and eternity.

The Rector hopes that many of the people of the parish will gather in Church by families that day and make this a memorable and inspiring occasion. Following the service there will be a social hour in the Community House where a Missionary film will be shown and light refreshments served.

Fifteen years have passed since I became Rector of St. Stephen's Church. It might be fitting to summarize what has been accomplished during that period, if it were the purpose of this report to make us rather satisfied with ourselves. A small amount of pride in our accomplishments is justifiable, but self-satisfaction is detrimental to progress. A reviewing of the past is only helpful when it spurs us on to great zeal for the future.

Though figures are often boring, they may prove to be at least a partial insight into what your Church has done in the past fifteen years. From 188 services fifteen years ago with a total attendance of 20,003—this past year there were 503 services with a total attendance of 51,526. The Noon-day services have increased from 12,928 to 27,193. Fifteen years ago the total receipts reported by the treasurer of the Envelope System was $7,446.80, while this past year the total was $34,379.08. Our present Missionary Quota of $7,500 is 150% higher than it was fifteen years ago. Fifteen years ago we had a $30,000 mortgage on the Community House. Today our entire property is free and clear of debt. During the decade we have added over $110,000.00 to our endowment fund. The physical fabric of the Community House and Church has had extensive repairs, renovations and renewals such as roof, heating plant, pews, marble, stained glass windows, painting of buildings and installation of expensive electronics for the hard of hearing. A new $65,000 Organ has been installed. During this period the tradition shattering departure was made in the financing of the Church —the system of pew rentals was discontinued.

That St. Stephen's has become a widely known center of Spiritual Healing is attested by the fact that featured articles have appeared in nationally known magazines such as *The Christian Century, The Churchman, The Witness, Forth, Pathfinder, Weekly Unity, Clear Horizons, Sharing, Guideposts, American News Weekly, Presbyterian Life, The Methodist Advocate, the Baptist Leader, Your Life,* etc. More and more people are coming to realize the great breadth and inclusiveness of the Episcopal Church. Where the full Gospel has not been preached and practiced or the teaching of Christ neglected, cults and fanaticism spawn. Religion as well as nature abhors a vacuum. Spiritual Healing has been well nigh forgotten in the orthodox Churches. The result is that all sorts of health fadists flourish and abound. We have the authority in the Episcopal Church to preach and practice this Healing Ministry and God is blessing our feeble but sincere efforts here. In addition to the teaching and sacramental life of a Christian Church, there is a vital need today for aggressive evangelism and a clearer understanding of the ministry of Christian Healing. In the past fifteen years we can thank God that the Church of St. Stephen's in the city of Philadelphia has been used to make an effective contribution toward this end. No one can evaluate the work accomplished. Forty to fifty letters a week vouch for the healing power of Christ in body, soul and mind. During the past year alone 7,704 letters were received from every State in the Union as well as from overseas requesting the help of our Prayer Fellowship. Each one of the 7,704 who wrote to us about his or her problem received a personal answer and each one was remembered twenty-four hours a day for a period of four weeks. This interesting group of spiritually matured persons numbering now 94, who engage in this prayer activity and who are being led to put their whole trust in God represent a good cross-section of our community, i.e. clergy, medical doctors, nurses, theological students, house-wives, teachers, business and professional persons. Most of these persons have received a personal demonstration of God's healing power and in grateful appreciation are giving of themselves in this selfless service of prayer in order to become a channel of God's healing to others.

During the past year alone 8,427 attended the Thursday Healing services and received the ministration of the laying-on-of-hands at the Altar, to listen to the weekly sermon on Spiritual Healing and to join in prayers and meditation for those distressed in body, mind or spirit. Hundreds were reached by direct personal counselling in the Rector's study where he is available every Thursday from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M., with time out for the two physically and emotionally exhausting public Healing Services. We have a steady panorama of human problems ranging from the depths of sorrow, frustration, unhappiness, physical and mental disharmonies, through divorce to alcoholism. Every week we have evidence presented to us that, with God in the picture, there is no disease that is incurable, and no problem that cannot be solved.

Every large city needs a downtown place of worship. God grant that we may continue for many a year this place of worship to keep before busy men and women a constant reminder that there are interests above the daily traffic of life.

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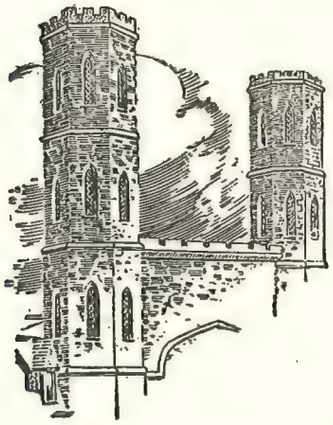
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Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 116, Page 486
Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 625 ..... *Chant*
Benedictus, Hymnal 639 ..... *Chant*
ANTHEM: How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place ..... *Brahms*
The SERMON: "OUR DAILY BREAD" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 485 ..... *Abends*
Recessional Hymn 219 ..... *Hamburg*

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THE WHITE COMRADE

On the Fair Linen cloth that covers the Altar in most Christian Churches are carved five crosses, one in the center and one at each corner, as a reminder of the five wounds of Christ, when He was crucified. But those crosses mean more than that. They are intended to remind us of the hard hearts of human beings, as they wound and crucify the Eternal God down through the ages.

When Jesus told His friends, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men to Me," He knew that there is but one power which no heart can withstand—the power of patient, continuing love. As soon as any person really *knows* his own share in wounding and crucifying Him, and understands His undying love, that person is drawn to Him in penitent and grateful surrender.

As Good Friday comes on, it is urgently necessary, therefore, that each of us look at his own life in the mirror, and see where he is wounding God. It may be, deep in your heart, a grim refusal to forgive some wrong done you one day; or a habit of stern anger and impatience with your children; or a delight in sharp, sarcastic words; or self-pity which makes you blind to the greater sufferings of others, and of God; or a foolish self-content which thinks you can get on rather nicely without God. Each one of these sins is a spear driven into His side; a nail fastening His hands and feet so that He cannot help you. Before we can find the resurrection-power of Easter Day, we must in honesty face our part in His crucifixion, humbly implore His forgiveness, and start fresh.

Robert Haven Schauffler, in his poem, "The White Comrade," recalls the lovely legend of Christ coming to care for the wounded on the battle field. In the poem, the wounded man sees the White Comrade, who comes, gathers him up in his arms, and, taking him away to a quiet place, attends to his wounds. Then suddenly the soldier sees that the White Comrade, too, is wounded—

"Then I saw He was hurt,
Shot through the hands that were joined in prayer.
Then, as the dark drops gathered there
And fell in the dirt,
The wounds of my Friend
Seemed to me just as no man might bear . . .
Then suddenly I was aware
That His feet had been wounded, too,
And, dimming the white of His side,
A dull stain grew.
"You are hurt, White Comrade!, I cried . . .
"These are old wounds," said He, "But of late they have troubled me."

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SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED. Every Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 5:30 P.M. our Lay Reader, Mr. Arthur C. Comby, will read the Office of Evening Prayer in St. Stephen's Church. On Wednesday there is a celebration of the Holy Communion and on Thursday the Healing Service. There is a service, therefore, every weekday at 5:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, as well as the weekday 12:30 P.M. service.

The most expensive furniture in the Church is the empty pew!

If you would perpetuate your Christian service, remember St. Stephen's Church in your will.

The Rector conducted a Mission of Spiritual Healing on the evenings of March 17th to 20th, inclusive in Holy Trinity Church, Collingswood, N. J.

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The Rector will speak to the members of the Twentieth Century Club in Buffalo at a luncheon on March 25th. He will be a Lenten speaker at the Noon-day service in St. Luke's Church, Scranton, and preach in the evening in Emmanuel Baptist Church of that city on Wednesday.

The Rev. Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach will be our Noon-day preacher March 25th — 30th.

CAMPAIGN FOR CAPITAL FUNDS

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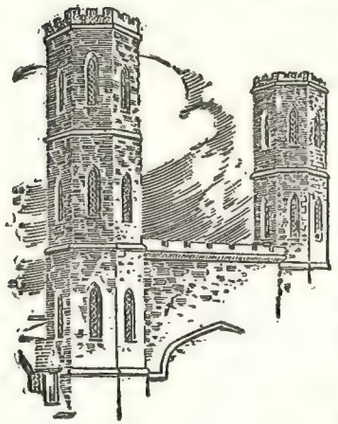
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Lenten Season is hallowed in the lives of Christians everywhere because in it we can see the completed work of Him of Whom John the Baptist spoke. Glorious Message: He takes away our sin! Heavenly Father, Thou hast sent Jesus into the world to grant us forgiveness for our sins, thus banishing our despair. Fill our hearts with trusting faith in Him. Help us to forsake sin and live in obedience to Him who gave Himself for us that we might live. Amen.

Processional Hymn 335..... *Caswall*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 145, Page 520

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 625 ..... *Chant*

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Soprano Solo—"O Jesus, Crucified for Men"
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The SERMON: "FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 435 ..... *Hermann*

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So, one day, He told the story of a young man who liked to have his way. He thought of his father as the one who should give him what he wanted; so he asked the "old man" for his share in the family estate, and got it. Then off he went to a "far country" to enjoy himself. Like any spoiled child, he figured that the world owed him a good time. For a while he painted the town red, grabbing for pleasure greedily. Then there came one gray dawn when he found himself stone broke, friendless, and still in that "far country," weary miles from the warmth and cheer of his father's house. The world seemed to think that it owed him nothing. In fact, the world did not seem especially interested in him. It seldom does take much interest in a spoiled child, except to knock him about a bit.

Then he was "stung with the splendor of a sudden thought." He would go back to his father, but not for a hand-out. He knew now that his father owed him nothing. He had "come to himself," and had waked up to his sorry, spoiled-child ways. Once he had prayed his father, *"give me . . ."* Now he would plead *"Make me* as one of thy hired servants." So the young man returned, and put himself back in the hands of his father, to make something useful out of him—a serving, enriching life.

That is the story of countless people. They start out in life thinking of God simply as an indulgent santa claus, lifting their voices to Him only when they want something. I remember a man like that who came to me in deep trouble, saying, "I've been praying to God for an hour every night, asking Him to . . . " He was a spoiled child, thinking of his Father only as One who could give him what he desired. He wanted to choose his own path, with God supporting him. But wise men find that choosing their own path leads into a "far country" where they get lost, and have to turn homeward to their Father. They put their lives back into His hands, that He may make something of them; people who serve gladly and usefully under the wise guidance of their Father.

Someone may be thinking, "There isn't much God can do with my life." How dare you! Who are you, my friend, to put any limits on what God can do? For, as a great violinist can take a battered violin, patch it up a bit, and then draw glorious music from it; So He can take your life, laid in His hands, and bring from it love and strength to gladden the world.

The Rector and his family, as well as members of the congregation are grateful to the ladies of the Parish Visitor's Committee for their efforts in prepaing and serving the refreshments last Sunday at the 15th Anniversary Celebration of Dr. Price's Rectorship here.

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We extend a hearty welcome to Dean Moor of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, who will be our guest preacher April 1st to 5th, inclusive.

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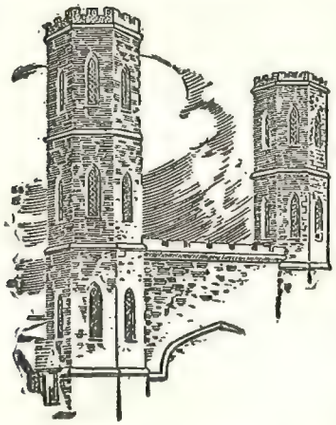
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Processional Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*
Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*
Anthem: "Behold We Go Up To Jerusalem" ..... *Shaw*
The Sermon: "LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION" ..... THE RECTOR
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USE YOUR TALENTS

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So a note of deepened urgency comes into the story. He who gave us the parable of the talents must Himself use His God-given gifts to the end. He must speak and live the Good News of God's Love, so that men would remember it, clothed in flesh.

Once we even catch a note of abruptness in His voice. A man asked Jesus to wait until his father's funeral was over—then he would follow Him. But Jesus was not waiting. He was pressing on, using every minute for God. He sends out the seventy, traveling light, to invite people into God's Kingdom; and they return rejoicing in the new power He had given them to heal bodies and souls. His enemies were watching Him closely now, pressing in to provoke Him into some outburst they could use against Him. Instead of falling into their trap, we find Him attacking their hollow insincerity, naming them hypocrites, white-washed graves. But most of His time does not go to attacking enemies. Mostly He gives Himself to revealing God's Love for all men. He teaches them His Prayer, "Our Father," that, through all time, men might understand the Spirit in which they must pray to God, if they want their prayers to be heard. He gives them the unforgettable stories of the Good Samaritan, The Lost Son, The Lost Sheep, The Pharissee and the Publican. Then one day, as He looked across from Bethany to the Holy City, He cried out, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how oft would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her own brood under her wings, and ye would not!" The time was so short, and people are so slow; and He was in haste!

And *yet,* He had time to stop for humble people who needed Him. He would not wait around for procrastinators and excuse givers; but He was not like a self-important man on the way to a business deal who calls out, "I can't stop for you now—I'm in a hurry." Somehow, through the mighty compassion of God working within Him, He always found time for those who truly needed Him. He found time to explain to impatient Martha that sometimes there is something more important than washing the dishes. He had time for the ten lepers; and then still more time for the one grateful one. He had time to take little babes in the circle of His loving arms; time to heal a bent old woman; time to restore sight to blind Bartimeus even though He had to stop on the road into Jericho. He showed that there is nothing urgent enough to crowd out the little acts of compassion through which the Love of God's blessing reaches His children.

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Legal Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Members of St. Stephen's Church for the election of twelve men to the Vestry will not be held on Easter Monday, but will be postponed until Sunday, May 12th, in the Community House, at 12:30 P.M.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

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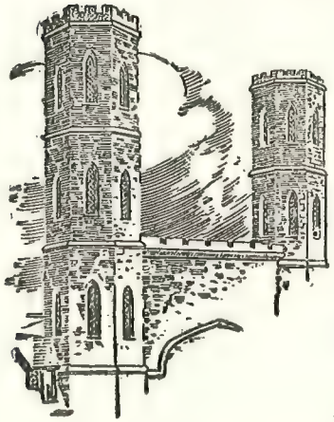
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Organ Prelude: Preludio / O sacred Head ..... *Bach*

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Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 71, Page 425

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 625 ..... *Chant*

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Anthem: Alone Thou Goest Forth ..... *Matthews*
Alone Thou goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die;
Is this Thy sorrow naught to us who pass unheeding by?
Our sins, not Thine, Thou bearest, Lord, make us Thy sorrow feel,
Till through our pity and our shame Love answers Love's appeal.

This is earth's darkest hour, but Thou dost light and life restore;
Then let all praise be given Thee who livest evermore.
Give us compassion for Thee, Lord, that, as we share this hour,
Thy Cross may bring us to Thy joy and resurrection power. Amen.

The Sermon ..... THE RECTOR
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Offertory Hymn 491 ..... *Old 120th*

Recessional Hymn 64 ..... *St. Drostane*

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DEATH OF SELF-WILL

We have often talked about the Crucifixion as if it only happened once, and to One Person. We need to grasp Paul's saying that "Our old man is crucified with Him." An English friend once described the Cross as the capital "I" crossed out. If we draw a pencil mark through that capital "I", we do get a cross. And if each of us crosses out our own self-will, we get a cross! Jesus bids us to do just that—to love God and think only of what we can do for Him; to love our neighbor, and strive only to see how we can be of service to him.

But the "old man" struggles to live. Our selfishness dies hard. Meister Eckhart wrote: "There are plenty to follow our Lord half way, but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends and honors, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves." We want to act as if we still belong to ourselves. But, as a wise Quaker said, If we truly want to follow Christ, we are "owned men"—we belong to Him. The "old man" of self-will has to die, has to be crucified.

There was once a clergyman who was discontented because his superiors kept him in a small Church. So he complained to one of his deacons, "They are crucifying me!" And the wise old deacon replied, "Yes, you are on the cross. The trouble is that you have not died—you're still wiggling." The minister went off and thought that over—it was true, his self-will, "old man" was still very much alive. Wrestling it out in prayer, he finally surrendered his old self to Christ, and it died. He forgot himself, gave himself to become an ambassador of God—and there were 240 people converted in the "Little Church" that year. It always works that way. When the "old man" is crucified, God can get to work.

Jesus was young, and He wanted to go on with His friends, Building the Kingdom of God on earth. But, in Gethsemane, God made it plain that the only victorious way lies through the cross. "Not My will, but Thine, be done." Palm Sunday once more brings us that awesome invitation—will we go up and be crucified with Him? Will we release ourselves into God's direction, and let Him work His wonders through our humble lives?

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REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Class at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8:00 P. M. This reunion should bring together over 200 persons who have been confirmed here over the past 15 years.

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Mrs. A. C. (Sumner, Washington)

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GOOD FRIDAY
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12:30 P. M.—Address by Bishop Hart.
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Full Choir — Soloists.
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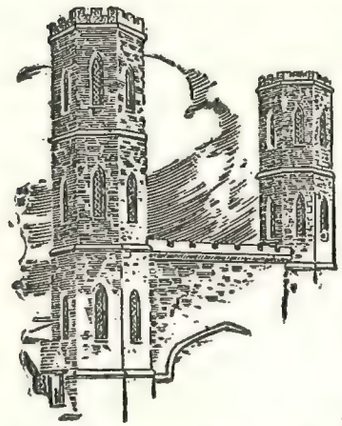
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The Prelude: Communion ..... *Purvis*

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Processional Hymn 276 ..... *Praise To The Lord*

Kyrie Hymnal 725 ..... *Bairstow*

Anthem: "Thou Art My Way" ..... *Martin Shaw*

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you. I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven. The Bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Disclose Thy sunbeams; close Thy wings and stay; See, how I am blind, and dead, and stray, O Thou that art my Light, my Life, My way!

The Sermon, "DOUBTING THOMAS" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 330 ..... *Bouwerie*

Sanctus, Hymnal 737 ..... *Bairstow*

Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

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WIDENESS OF LOVE

One of my favorite hymns begins, "There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea." How easy it is to be thankful for that broad love of God! It is not nearly so easy to appreciate the wideness of love that He expects of us, His children.

From the beginning of His ministry, Jesus brought constant pressure to broaden the narrow spirits of His comrades. They had been brought up to believe that salvation was to be found in the Jewish faith, and nowhere else. But He kept telling them otherwise. He told that wonderful tale of the foreign Samaritan hero; He went to the house of the hated Roman army officer, to heal his small daughter; He quietly taught them, "And other sheep have I, which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

We need to apply this wideness of love to our Church loyalties. Too many of us have believed that the whole truth dwells in our special Church—as if any group of tiny human beings could capture the whole truth about God! So the Church became weak in division, for the world is too strong for a divided Church. But, of late, there has come a new growth of unity, a new willingness for the branches of Christ's Church to work together under one shepherd. Church World Service, for instance, is banding together of twenty-one great Churches on a mighty mission of compassion, to feed and clothe and relieve the suffering millions of the earth. Because they plan and work together, their compassion is far wiser and more effective. Because they buy the life-giving supplies as one Christian group, in vast quantities, they save money, and can send more. We slow-witted disciples are beginning to "learn of Him."

Sir Wilfred Grenville once had to amputate the leg of an old Labrador lady, a Roman Catholic neighbor of his, because of tuberculosis of the ankle. Artificial legs do not grow on bushes along that barren northern shore. The next time he was on a lecture tour in the United States, he was speaking in a Congregational Church, and told the story, adding with a smile, "If anyone in the congregation has a wooden leg he is not using, I would be glad to have it." After the lecture a woman came up, saying that she, a Methodist, had lost her husband, who had been a Presbyterian, and that he had left behind a perfectly good wooden leg she had no use for. Sir Wilfred used to chuckle as he said, "I, an Episcopalian, took that Presbyterian leg, given me by a Methodist, in a Congregational Church, back to Labrador, where I had it fitted to my old Roman Catholic friend, who then was able to walk." Out of a united Church came a good, strong leg. The One Shepherd seeks churches like that, churches that are living centers of the love of God.

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

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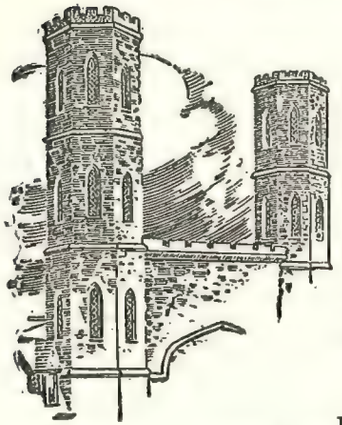
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Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

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Psalm 62, Page 413

Benedictus Es Domine..... *O Quanta Qualia*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 646 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: God is Love ..... *Matthews*
God is love, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God and knoweth God. Love never faileth. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear.

The Sermon: "THE LAW OF KINDNESS" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 276 ..... *Nun Danket*

Recessional Hymn 92 ..... *Lux Eoi*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. James Armstrong in memory of her husband and by Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr. in memory of his family. Also by Mrs. Martin in memory of her mother, Mrs. Hartman; and by Mrs. Augustine Mazzio in memory of her parents, Mary and Stephen Urasuk.

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THE WORLD BEYOND

Suppose a man with a hidden microphone mingled with an American crowd one day (in the bleachers at a ball game, for instance), asking this question, "How would you act if you thought you were going to live forever?" There is one answer I am sure he would get, many times, "Brother, if I thought I was going to live forever, I would sure live *differently*." But that is exactly what Jesus Christ brought to men—"And this is the promise He hath promised us *even eternal life*."

Scads of people do not even live with a thought for the rest of their life on earth. Tomorrow morning's bargain sale, Saturday afternoon's horse races, tonight's pleasures—these small, present concerns take up all their thoughts. Some of them play fast and loose with the health and strength God gave them. "Confound these legs of mine," Lord Northampton said, as he came tottering out of Court, having spent his youth in fast living. "If I had thought that they were one day to carry a Lord Chancellor, I would have taken better care of them." Short-sighted living bears a painful harvest.

However, what is done, is done. As Rufus Jones points out, "Our task now is to make sure of the *Henceforth*." In a marvelous scene in his Roman prison, St. Paul said, "Forgetting the things that are behind, I press *henceforth* toward the goal of life for the prize of my high calling in Christ Jesus." After all, it is never too late to remember that God offers us an endless life. As Studdert-Kennedy once said, "I am not the least bit afraid of hell; but I am terribly afraid that someday someone will look me in the eye and say, "What did you make of your life?"

Remember that you will take into the world beyond, that self which you became on this earth. Apparently that self is *all* that you will take with you—that character, that person you grew into. Therefore it is well that we live as day by day pupils of the Master, letting Him fashion us into something strong, and richly loving. If we let Him do that, we shall *want* to live forever. It was Rendel Harris who once said, characteristically, "When I pass over, I do not want anyone to sing, 'Now his labor is ended.' I shall at first want to rest a little, and then I shall be ready to go on with God's work in new ways." He was ready for an endless life!

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B. A. S. (Ossining, N. Y.)

The Rector participated in a panel discussion with Dr. William Erdman, Chairman of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Hospital of the U. of P., who was the Moderator of the Panel, and Dr. Robert Donovan, Psychiatrist of the Pennsylvania Hospital at a meeting held by the Penna. Physical Therapy Association in the Auditorium of Temple University Hospital on Thursday evening, May 2nd, 1957.

The Rector will give the final of three lectures on Sacramental Healing at the Interdenominational Prayer Group in Washington on May 17th.

Mary Light of the Canada Guild of Health will speak in St. Stephen's on Thursday, May 16th, at 8 P.M.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the election of the Vestrymen will be held in the Community House at 12:30 P. M. on Sunday, May 12th. Refreshments will be served and a very interesting Missionary film will be shown. Every member and friend of St. Stephen's is urged to be present.

TITHING

"No man is whole-heartedly interested in some passing need to which he tosses his loose change; but he feels differently toward that good work to which he gives systematically. All Christians give naturally to some passing need, it is true. But for their own integrity and spiritual responsibility it is necessary for them to plan to put a certain amount in God's work and to give careful thought to placing it wisely. This is not so much because God needs their help, as it is that they need to realize their own part in His great plan."—M. M. S.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation pledges toward the Diocesan Capital Funds Campaign from: Mr. and Mrs. August Albers.

Also the Bulletin subscription of Miss Mary E. Gilbert.

The Diocesan United Thank Offering Service will be held in St. Peter's Church, Glenside, on May 20th, at 10:30 A.M. Any woman of the parish who would like to make an offering to be included in the Diocesan Presentation may do so by sending it to Mrs. Wilson Leithead, our Parish Custodian, at the Church Office, before May 20th.

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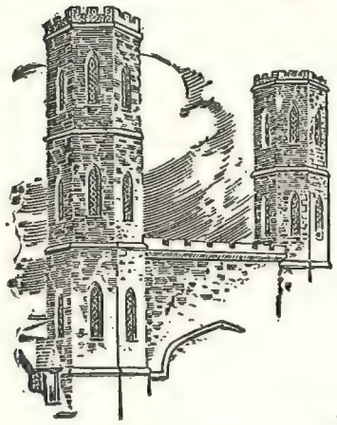
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

The Prelude—Choral Prelude on "Lead Us O Father" ..... *Bingham*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: In a specific sense sonship with God depends upon accepting Christ. The indwelling Spirit enables us to come into the possession of a power that brings triumphs over the temptations of life. With God we are always able. We can do all things through Him. Forgive us, O Master, whenever we have resisted Thy gracious invitations to us. When Thou dost approach us in the moments of this day, grant us receptive hearts. Thou art anxious to come into our hearts to become a living reality, a vital power. Amen.

Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 96, Page 459, Responsively

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 625 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 646 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones ..... *Arr. A. T. D.*
The Text, Hymn No. 599

The Sermon: "HOW SHALL WE TAKE BEREAVEMENT?" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 464 ..... *St. Catherine*

Recessional Hymn 433 ..... *Langran*

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BELONGING

Sooner or later each of us must face the great question of "belonging." Do I own myself? Do I have a quit claim deed to use my life as if it were my sole possession? Every maturing character soon begins to find the answer, and a great deal of their time and strength belongs to other people: to their own family, their friends, their Church, their Lodge, their community, their nation, their world. One sure sign of growing up is this dawning sense of responsibility. And St. Paul said, "Ye are not your own."

Then, one day, we face that deeper "belonging." Like Moses in his dream about the burning bush, we hear God bidding us to do some hard job. God told Moses to go back to his enslaved countrymen and "bring them forth out of Egypt." And Moses argues, "Oh, My Lord, I am not eloquent, but am slow of speech and of a slow tongue." But the firm, sure voice of God returns, "Who hath made man's mouth? Now, therefore, go, and I will be with your month. . . . Go!" Moses wiggles and squirms, and tries to escape God's loving reach. (You may remember the Negro preacher who said, "Young man, young man, your arm's too short to box with God!") But at last he sees the truth. He sees that he belongs to the God who made him, and knows how to use him, just as the violin belongs in the swift fingers of a Fritz Kreisler, as the scalpel belongs in the sensitive hand of a great surgeon. So our lives belong in the wise hand of God; for only thus can we fulfill our destiny on earth.

Once a man says "Yes" to God's bidding, he begins to find the fullness of joy. To know that God is using you for His ends is that deep peace of heart that passeth all understanding. Young Dr. Wilfred Grenfeld, as a result of hearing Dwight L. Moody speak, put his medical into the hands of God. Fourteen years after his conversion, Dr. Grenfeld for the first time met Mr. Moody face to face. He told the great evangelist about that night so long ago, and Mr. Moody quietly replied, "Good. What have you been doing since?" "Doing," replied Dr. Grenfeld. "Well, I've been living and working among fishermen from the Bay of Biscay to the coast of Labrador, instead of staying in London." "Regret it?" "No, sir, I should say not!" And then Mr. Moody invited the young doctor to come that evening to speak for a few minutes to a great crowd, to tell them what had happened when he put his life into the hands of God, to whom he belonged. Life's true joys begin when we turn ourselves over to God—for He knows how to use us!

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The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission in the Presbyterian Church of Mount Holly, N. J., on the evenings of May 19th-22nd, inclusive.

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The Choir of St. Stephen's Church will participate in a Special Musical Service tonight, May 19th, at 7:30 in All Saints Church, Norristown. Mr. Henzel will conduct the musical portions of the Service. Six Norristown Churches hold United Services every Sunday evening. This Musical Service brings to a close the sixth Season of the United Evening Services.

PRAYER IS POWER

If you are put to a severe spiritual test and feel the need to pray it through, perhaps these suggestions will help you:

(1) Praise God for giving you a test of your spiritual strength and thank Him for being the answer to all your needs.

(2) Ask God to take away every bit of resentment out of you for anything anyone may have done to you. Ask for His grace to forgive what you need to forgive.

(3) Ask God to help you see all the good there is in any difficult situation.

(4) Ask God for His eyes to help you see the matter as He sees it.

(5) Ask God to make all the pain in the situation bearable.

(6) Ask God to give you the strength to accept and use it.

(7) Ask God to show you every way you must change in order to solve this problem and give you gifts from His nature to solve the problem—wisdom, understanding, insight, meekness, humility, and poverty of spirit.

(8) Ask God to guide each step, moment by moment, in His way, not yours.

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(10) Ask God to give you His ears with which to hear your answer.

After each prayer, wait in silence and meditation, contemplating the meaning of Jesus Christ in your life. Do nothing, no matter how long it takes of your time, until you do get your answer. Simply reflect more and more upon His wisdom and glory and the beauty of His life lived within you, believing that He can do all things, even the impossible in you.

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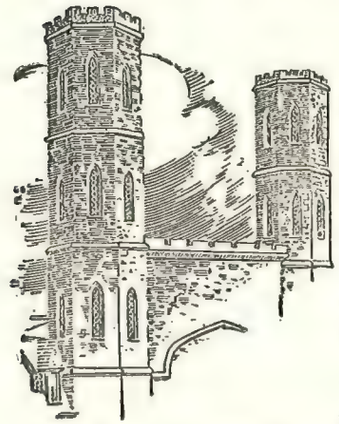
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The Prelude: Choral Prelude on "O Quanta Qualia" ..... *Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Lord is the Almighty Victor because He conquered sin and death by His death and resurrection. Because of His victories, He promised us victory over sin and death. As He overcame, we also can overcome and enjoy His fellowship eternally. Dear Lord, so often we grovel in the dust defeated by our doubts, fears, anxieties, and cares. Raise us up to a life of victorious faith in Thee by Thy great power. Amen.

Processional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*
Venite, Page 9, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 119, Page 497
After 1st Lesson: Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11..... *O Quanta Qualia*
After 2nd Lesson: Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 646 ..... *Chant*
Anthem:—Grant Them Rest Eternal ..... *Faure*

Grant them rest eternal, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Hymns shall become Thee, O God in Zion, and to Thee shall new vows be paid in Jerusalem. Hear Thou my prayer, O Lord God; unto Thee shall all flesh come. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Grant us Thy Peace.

The Sermon, "O VALIANT HEARTS!" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 145 ..... *Geneva*
Massing Of The Colors
Pledge To The Flag
America, 4th verse: Hymn No. 141
Prayers — Taps
Postludium Anthem: In Paradise ..... *Faure*
Benediction, Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 148 ..... *Duke Street*

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PROFILES IN COURAGE

As Memorial Day comes again, most of us will be thinking long thoughts of the bitter Civil War struggle over slavery; and even longer thoughts over the present day struggle over integration. There is no doubt as to the ultimate outcome of today's struggle, any more than there was over the outcome of the slavery conflict. But there is a big question whether this will be a very harsh and bitter struggle, or not. The amount of suffering and night mare will depend on whether people will listen to Jesus, or to pride and harsh judgement in the settlement of the conflict. Jesus said, "Judge not!"

For instance, I caught myself lifting an eyebrow and indignantly protesting, "Why, that southern State is actually defying the law of the land!" I found friends as shocked and outraged as I was. Then one evening I read, in Senator Kennedy's fascinating "Profiles in Courage" about the Fugitive Slave Law passed by Congress in Washington before the Civil War. That law required that any citizen who discovered a fugitive slave must turn him over to the authorities. And I read further how Massachusetts passed a law saying that it was illegal in Massachusetts to obey that law of the land. My first instinct was to defend that defiant old Law of Massachusetts—until I suddenly realized that this is exactly what some southern States are doing today. They may not be any more right than Massachusetts was—but I begin to *understand* how they can do it. And I hear an inner voice of authority saying to me and all southerners, "Judge not, that ye be not judged!"

And another lesson "Profiles in Courage" taught me—of the heroic men in the south who sacrificed their careers in order to reconcile the North and the South to restore understanding and good will. I'd thought that only Abraham Lincoln stood nobly for reconciliation, for "charity towards all." But Senator Kennedy turns the light on other heroes who, in the Spirit of Jesus, chose to stand for the unpopular and eternal truth, rather than the popularity of pleasing their constituents. It was the rough but courageous Sam Houston who came to a political death as black as Calvary because he declared, "I know neither North nor South. I know only The Union!" It was a fearless Southern Senator, Henderson, who introduced the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery, because he believed that it would pass only if sponsored by a slave-state Senator. Some Northern people have been heard to say hard things about the State of Mississippi lately, but it may well be that they never heard of Senator Lamar of that State. When the Northern abolishionist Sumner died in 1874, it was the great-hearted Lamar who rose in the Senate and delivered a magnificent tribute to Sumner, the courageous yet harsh, unrelenting foe of slavery. Sumner's name was still like a red rag to a bull, in the South, in those days; but Lamar recognized his greatness, and to his hushed audience he revealed that Charles Sumner before he died "believed that all occasion for strife and distrust between the North and South had passed away." And the Senator from Mississippi closed with something that sounds like Jesus' teaching, "My countrymen, know each other, and you will love each other." Houston and Lamar and Henderson sacrificed their political careers for the reconciliation of North and South. So I say, to Northern friends especially, "Thank God for those men, and when we are tempted to hasty and shallow condemnation today, "Judge not, that ye be not judged!"

Actually, the Christian solution of this present struggle will be hastened only by deep-down disciplined Spirit of Christ. Where men depend on love which rises above color, on non-violence which patiently stands for the right, on humility which refuses to pass judgement on others—there you will find those who stand at the side of Jesus Christ. God help each one of us to stand where He most needs us.

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ST. STEPHEN'S In The News

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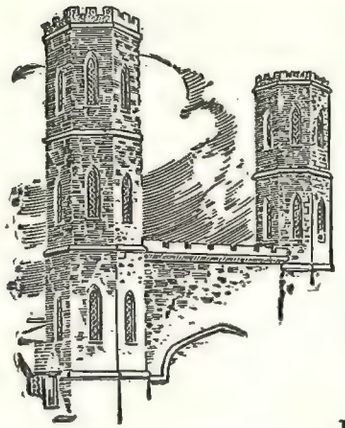
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The Prelude: Prayer Of Christ ..... *Messiaen*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me?" It is not always easy to see God in Christ. Even long acquaintanceship and familiarity with the Gospel may blur our vision. We need a new revelation, a fresh approach every day, to behold the brightness of His Glory. Lord, give us the grace of recognition. May we see Thee in every experience of our lives, no matter if the sun shines brightly on our path or if the clouds of sorrow hang over it. May we never doubt Thy Presence as a living Saviour. Amen.

Processional Hymn 352 ..... *Diadem ata*

Kyrie, 725 ..... *Bairstow*

Anthem—Gloria in Excelsis..... *Mozart*

The Sermon: ASCENSION DAY SERMON.....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

Sanctus, 737 ..... *Bairstow*

Communion Hymn 196..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

Hymn 211 .....*Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

Recessional Hymn 355..... *Coronation*

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LET CHRIST INTO YOUR PRAYING

If you are in the Grand Central Station in New York City on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday, a little before Noon, go to the gate of Track 13. At the stroke of Noon, Red Cap porter No. 42 will appear, and several others along with him. He will unlock the gate—follow them into a vacant coach, and you'll find yourself in a most interesting Prayer Meeting. Ralston Crosby Young (Red Cap No. 42) has been holding this Meeting since 1944, and countless people have, in that dingy day coach, learned how to pray. In "Guideposts" Len Lesurd tells a story of how Mr. Johnson learned his lesson. He had not discovered that real praying must have Christ's Spirit in it—we are getting ahead of our story. Let Red Cap No. 42 tell it:

"Take Mr. Johnson who was here today. He had a brother who was very sick. Hearing of our Track 13 Prayer Fellowship, he came one day simply to pray for his brother. When he told us about his brother, we all prayed for him too. Then he returned a second time, and a third. Finally, he told us that he believed that our prayers were doing more good than anything else to help pull his brother through. We felt wonderful about it. Mr. Johnson's faith in his brother's eventual recovery grew with each visit. For a time it did seem that his brother would recover. Then suddenly he died. As far as Mr. Johnson was concerned, that did it. He was through with us—and worse—with God. He figured that God had let him down. I felt very bad. It was just one of those things very hard to understand and explain. Mr. Johnson was a fine man, but his hurt was more than he could take at that time.

"This all happened over a year ago. We didn't see Mr. Johnson again as the months went by, but we never forgot him in our prayers. Several weeks ago I was in a particularly low mood. Troubles seemed to be ganging up on me from all sides. I guess the Lord decided one Friday that I needed a special lift. That noon when I came to track 13, *there was Mr. Johnson.* He didn't have to tell me why he had finally come back. I knew he would some day. He had found out that living without God is living without hope or happiness. 'Ralston,' Mr. Johnson said to me, 'I suddenly realized that all along I had been asking God to give *me* something. I had never once tried to give something to Him in return. You just can't deal with God that way.'"

We must let Christ into our *praying,* that He may cleanse it of selfishness, and make it an offering of ourselves to Him in answering love. Study the New Testament and see that the Master taught us to pray, *"Thy* will be done . . . give *us* . . . forgive *us* . . . deliver *us* . . ." but never a word about *"me."* Learn to pray in that spirit, the Christ-way, and learn the joy and peace which comes from prayer that God *can* answer!

TO A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN

There are those who grow old gracefully and we love to have them with us, and there are those who become crotchety and critical in their advancing years and try our patience. Dr. Herbert Old was one of those who grew old gracefully and we remember him for his kindly ways, his sincerity, his fairness, honesty and ever-present thoughtfulness towards others. His sudden promotion to the high life on Friday, May 24th, when he was sitting at the speaker's table at his college reunion could not have been more fitting. He was devoted to the University of Virginia and everything connected with it, and he was among kindred souls.

During these fifteen years I have been Rector of St. Stephen's, I have come to know and love Herbert Old, not only for his many virtues for which other friends knew him, but for his devotion and loyalty to his Lord, his Church and to his Rector. He was a true friend, a Christian and a gentleman in every sense of the word. Dr. Old stood out as the "Elder Statesman" of the Church. He has served as Vestryman of St. Stephen's and member of the Board of Burd School for thirty-seven years. He has served under three Rectors in the capacity of Rector's Warden for some twenty-two years. He was gracious in spirit, friendly in conversation, and sincere in endeavor. The entire Church mourns the passing of Herbert Old.

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, tonight, and on Monday he will speak at an all day's Conference of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, in Norfolk, Virginia. On Tuesday, June 4th, he will conduct healing services in the Church of The Advent, Norfolk, at 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., and speak to the Prayer Group in the Church of the Epiphany at 3 P. M.

We appreciate these Bulletin subscriptions, recently received: Theresa King, Nan E. Pincin, and Rev. Joseph L. Slagg.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

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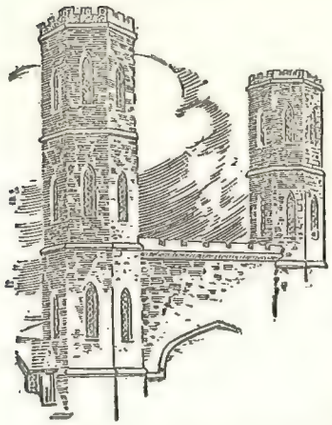
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Processional Hymn 370.....*Graefenburg*
The Venite, Hymnal 609.....*Chant*
Psalm 46, Page 397
Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 624.....*Chant*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 646.....*Chant*
Anthem:—"Come, Holy Spirit".....*Coke-Jephcott*
Text, Hymn No. 396
The Sermon, "THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH".....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 378.....*Mendon*
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SONGS AT MIDNIGHT

Harold W. Ruopp in his life-giving little book, "Songs At Midnight," recalls how Paul and Silas were put into prison — not for some crime, but because they had healed a slave-girl of her queer psychic powers. The two must have been discouraged and unhappy at first; but what did they do? — "At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God . . ." Ruopp's little book is filled with shining moments from the lives of hard-pressed Christians who, at their midnight, *sang!*

He tells of a singer, whom he calls Lotta, though that was not her real name. For more than thirty years she has been sitting in a wheel-chair, the victim of a disorder that has rendered her legs almost useless. Her whole world consists of four downstairs rooms, and, on rare occasions, the front porch of her home. She has endured much physical pain, but what hurt her most, was the frustration of her high-hearted plans for a singing career, and the crumbling of her cherished dreams. Her midnights have been without number, and very dark; but they have been matched by the persistence of her songs. She says, "Though there have been long periods of darkness, and many of them, I shall not give up. I know there is One who has been watching over me all these years, and He has given me the courage to hold on. Life has meaning; and life has purpose — even for me." The Light of the World walked with her through her midnight, so she sang.

Throughout the pages of this little book walks a living procession of famous people and unknown saints — John Huss, David Livingstone, Father Damien, Robert Louis Stevenson, Helen Keller, Kagawa, E. Stanley Jones, Catherine Mansfield, Edith Cavell, Sir Robert Scott, a passenger on a West-bound express train, a technician, an elderly Brookline woman. Every one of them was well acquainted with the midnight of the soul; and when they faced that dark hour, like Paul and Silas, they lifted up their hearts and sang with child-like confidence, praising the God who stands by His children in dark places.

Ruopp calls your attention to the victorious words at the end of Acts 16:25 — "And the other prisoners heard them!" The other people locked into that dungeon heard the praise-filled voices of Paul and Silas, and waked up to the fact that it is possible to sing at midnight. They learned that there is a God who illuminates our midnight so that we know that they are nearer to the dawn and the full light of the morning. So the song you sing out of your midnight will be heard by other victims who may be imprisoned by sickness, fear, some handicap of body or spirit, or by the hardness of others. They will find — as you have found — that no misfortune can keep your spirit in prison. Circumstances can hold your body in a narrow place; but, if you know God is in your heart, your spirit will be free, and it will sing to all imprisoned souls in their midnight, just as the voice of Jesus Christ sings to all of us out of the midnight of His Cross.

Right now, is there darkness in your heart? Then listen to Paul and Silas — singing at midnight!

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Debra Ruth Price
June 2nd—Brian Lee Price

MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together."

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BURIALS

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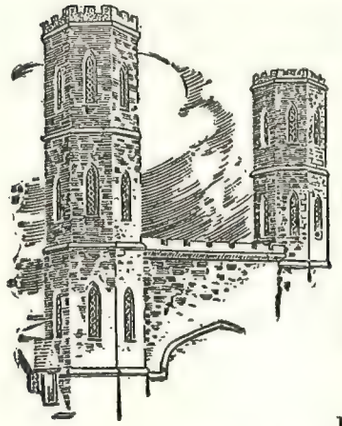
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The Prelude: God Be Merciful Unto Me..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: God speaks to us not only in Holy Writ but also through the wonderful book of nature. In this He reveals His power and His beauty. It is true that changes and decay at times seem to mar this beauty. But even out of change and decay there comes new beauty to glorify the Creator. The beauty of God expresses itself in the beauty of His handiwork. O Lord, our God, Who hast made Thy name excellent in all the earth and Who hast set Thy glory above the heavens, open our eyes to behold the expression of Thy glory in the beauty of nature. Amen.

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

The Venite, Hymnal 609..... *Chant*

Psalm 81, Page 442

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11 .....*O Quanta Qualia*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 646 ..... *Chant*

Anthem—"Immortal, Invisible" ..... *Thiman*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes; Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days; Almighty, Victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, not wanting, not wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true Life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render, O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of Light hideth Thee. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE DISCOVERY OF THE TRINITY" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 271 ..... *Moscow*

Recessional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*

Flowers on our Altar today are provided by special funds and are in memory of James Carrigan, Verger for 46 years; 'til 1950.

There will be memorial flowers on Wednesday provided by the Katharine Kennedy fund, for Walter Jones Coulter.

7:30 P. M.—Holy Communion & Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

GOD'S LOVE

Jim Bickford was a master of the ax and a deeply religious man. He lived in Birch Intervale in New Hampshire, in the last decades of the 19th Century, and was widely respected, both for his fabulous skill with his ax, and for his deep down, everyday Christian faith. He practiced his faith, and thought about it, between Sundays and Prayer Meetings.

One day Jim's pigs broke out, and they gave him a peck of trouble. He knew where they belonged, where they were safest—and they seemed bound to go always in the opposite direction. All the time he was struggling with them, Jim was thinking of Jesus' teaching, especially about the Gadarene Swine. Finally he herded them back, only to have them break out again. He thought a lot of those pigs, so once more he painstakingly, patiently herded them back; still thinking, and saying his prayers. That night he stood up in Prayer Meeting, and testified. I do not know his exact words, but I believe that at last he knew how God feels about His people—"How oft would I have gathered them . . . " He thought of those pigs, Jim did, and he declared, "The devil was in those swine!" At last he truly understood God's feeling about His children's stubborn resistance against his loving will for them. I'm sure that those who listened to Jim's testimony in the Wonalancet Chapel that night never forgot it; and opened their hearts to let God draw them home.

Jesus met the same evil spirit of stubbornness in Peter. He even said to Peter that Satan (the king of willfulness) wanted to claim him; rule Peter with his determined resistance to God. And then, I think, Jesus smiled lovingly at Peter and continued, "But I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail." In other words, Jesus set Himself, with all His victorious power, on the side of sincere, wavering Peter, to help settle him on God's side. He prayed for Peter—He opened the channels to God's mighty power to overcome the self-devil in him. In the same way Jesus prays for you, and sets Himself lovingly, powerfully, on your side in the battle; that God's might may enable you to overcome the self-devil in you, and free you to carry out God's purposes. Peter still let Jesus down. He still failed in the crisis. But, each time, he must have remembered that Jesus was on his side, ready to lead the way to victorious peace of heart. And the day came when he got tired of his pig-like stubbornness which caused so much trouble to himself and others. Jesus had prayed, "When you have turned again, strengthen your brethren"; and Peter did, and, forever after, they called him the Rock, firm with a steadfastness of God.

God loves you; and always will. Perhaps you have treated God as Jim Bickford's pigs treated him; or as Peter treated Jesus. God *still* loves you, and would draw you home into His purposes, into His plan for your life. If you will take time now for silent prayer and listening, you will feel the drawing power of that love; and believe that you will no longer want to resist it.

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—G. B. (Baltimore, Md.)

THE GIDEONS

We are privileged to have Mr. Charles Lewis, President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Gideons, International Bible Society, speak to us, Sunday morning from the chancel steps on the work of this non-sectarian arm of the Church. This Society of businessmen are carrying out a broad ministry which no single denomination could undertake. This is the Society that places Bibles in hotel guest rooms, schools, penal institutions, hospitals, planes, ocean liners, etc.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation pledges towards the Diocesan Campaign for Capital Funds from the Rev. & Mrs. George Bishop.

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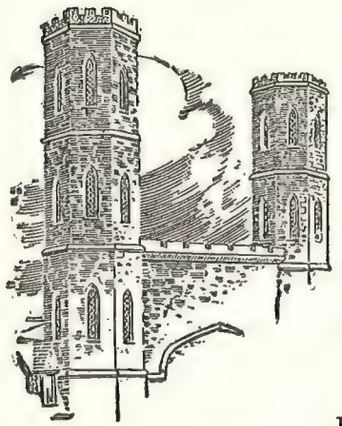
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Prelude: Andante ..... *Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Read these words slowly and think what they mean: "Forgiving, Gracious, Merciful, Patient and Kind." They describe God's attitude toward us. He expects us who know that we will not be forsaken by Him; to temper our attitudes toward others with the same words. O God, we thank Thee for Thy great mercy toward us. Help us, when things are not quite right in our lives and we are tempted to hurt our loved ones and neighbors. Teach us to forgive those who have wronged us. Let us be gracious and patient and kind. Amen.

Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Sine Nomine*

The Venite, Hymnal 609..... *Chant*

Psalm 111, Page 482

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 646 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: Sing To The Lord ..... *Tye*

The Sermon .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 288 ..... *Hanover*

Recessional Hymn 567 .....*Dulce Carmen*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her father; by Mrs. George M. Price in memory of her husband; and by Mr. Harry J. Hauger in memory of mother and sister.

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MY NAME IS LEGION

Our world's sickness is an old one—too many voices in every man's heart. We allow them to fight within us—fear against courage, greed against love, satan against God. That was the trouble with a mad man whom Jesus met—"My name is legion—for we are many." That is a condition of hosts of us, until one day when we *see* the Christ and the Cross, crucified by *us*. And that is too much for us. We have to let Him take command, and He casts out the unholy voices, and makes us free at last—free to hear and obey all that is high and holy.

Hans Habe, a Hungarian, had such an experience. Hating all that the Nazi's stood for, he escaped from Hungary, and enlisted in the French Army. But, even there, he found discord and confusion, "many voices." They were raked daily by enemy bombers; and for days they received no provisions. One day, determined to get away from this scene of horror, he slipped into the ruined village of Norrval where the little Church stood practically untouched by war. He went in, and knelt before a figure of Christ clothed in blue.

"A great silence lay over the Chapel. The war seemed far away. I looked up at the Altar. Behind a figure of Christ stood a simple Crucifix. And, as I looked up to the Crucified Christ, I felt for the first the profound symbol of the Cross—the Lord's arms nailed to the Cross, arms outstretched in compassion. In his deepest suffering He was ready to receive the sorrows of mankind. In no other posture could they have killed Him—only with open arms, clasping the world in His bleeding, tortured hands. Even in death He kept the power to choose, so He died upright, His arms outspread. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me!" Above the Altar the Lord's face seemed to smile. It was as though He descended from His pedestal and stretched forth His arms to help me. I stepped closer to the Altar. I was like the man possessed of an unclean spirit who dwelt in the tombs. And when the Lord asked me, "What is thy name?" I replied, "My name is legion—for we are many."

Since that first man who confessed that his name was Legion, the Lord has saved hosts with that name—by winning them to listen to but one voice in their hearts—His own!

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The Rector has been receiving an average of two thousand letters a week since the middle of May from readers of the Reader's Digest, requesting prayer-help from our Prayer Fellowship.

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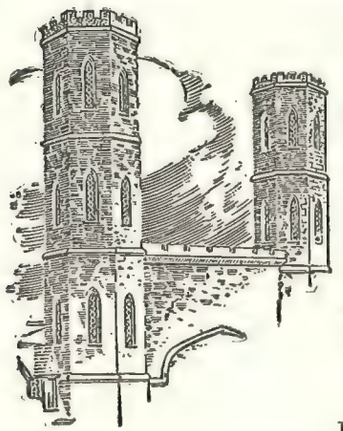
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THE SILENT MEDITATION: The stream of life flows swiftly on. Our days are quickly spent. Happy childhood days and the carefree days of youth speedily fade into life's noon. Then comes the mellow afternoon, when the golden sun melts into lovely eventide. Should God's mercy spare us for the eventide of life, there will be light for the trusting child of God. Loving Father, who carest for Thy children throughout their entire journey of life, grant that light may be ours at eventide. We can peacefully depart from these scenes if our eyes behold Thy salvation. Amen.

Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Hymnal 609..... *Chant*

Psalm 145, Page 520

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem:

The Sermon .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*

Recessional Hymn 433 ..... *Langran*

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Pilate was puzzled. Here, before him, was a young man who appeared to be a good citizen, and no criminal at all. Nevertheless, the Jews accused Him of being a dangerous character, aspiring to be a king. So Pilate, his mind torn and divided, tried to find out from Jesus what His purpose was, and kept asking questions until Jesus looked him straight in the eye, answering, "For this I was born, and for this I am come into the world, to bear witness to the truth."

Jesus knew the purpose for which His Father sent Him in the world. He was to witness to men the truth about God, the truth about mankind. And He died to make clear the greatest truth—that God is Love.

Have you stopped lately to consider *why* God put you into the world? A great many people just drudge along, with no thought of a meaningful purpose for their lives. Perhaps you feel heavy-hearted, sluggish—because your days are aimless. Then remember that God has a purpose for every life He sets on earth. And, each morning, ask in your prayers what His purpose is for you this day. If you are an invalid, a shut-in, He counts on your prayers, desiring to use you as a channel for His Love and peace. If you are a lonely individual, it may be that He means you to minister to other lonely people, out of your spare time and energy. If you are a mother, He has entrusted to you young lives to mold into His ways, to be His messengers. If you are hard-pressed by life, by temptation, by self-pity, He may be needing you as a witness to His power to overcome the toughest obstacles. Just keep praying, and listening, until you begin to see His purpose for today, His purpose for your whole life. And then, if you will work for that purpose every day, seeking to serve God's ends, you will find the deep happiness that nothing can take from you.

There is a story of the building of St. Paul's Cathedral in London—that wonderful Temple designed by Sir Christopher Wren. A visitor, wandering about, found one workman glumly pounding away with mattel and chisel, with a dreary unlightened face. So the visitor asked, "What are you doing?" And the workman grunted in reply, "Chipping stone." All his prison, narrow mind could see was the one stone to be shaped—a very tiny purpose. The visitor walked on and found another man doing the same thing, but this man worked with feverish haste, as his mallet drove the chisel. ''What are you doing?" asked the visitor. "Earning 4 shillings a day," snapped the anxious workman. And that was the limit of his vision—his own small home. But the visitor kept on until he found another workman doing the same task; but this man worked with serenity, quiet contentment on his face, and a song on his lips as he hammered. "What are you doing?" The workman paused, and his eyes shone as he replied, "I'm helping Sir Christopher Wren to build a glorious Cathedral to the Glory of God." He had the same job as the two unhappy workmen, but he was working for God, so his heart sang, and his days were filled with joy!

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LAST ISSUE

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The regular Sunday Services, 9 A. M., 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., will continue throughout the summer.

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HEALING MISSION

On the four Sunday mornings in July, the Rector will conduct a Mission of Spiritual Healing. The Mission, of course, is for all—not just for the sick. Here is a special opportunity for realizing the power of God in *your* life. Begin now to make your prayers in preparation for this Mission, *and* come to the services and join with many others who will kneel at the Altar Rail to talk with God about their problems. The Mission is a demonstration of the Gospel in action. The Public is cordially invited.

This summer . . . the Church will be here, will you? If not, your filling your envelopes in advance . . . will be greatly appreciated.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Book of Leviticus and the Book of Numbers will be the July and August assignments in our endeavor to read together the various books of the Bible. This will then count up to 48 books we have read together as a Parish.

Memorial flowers to beautify our Altar and glorify God's praises during July and August will be presented on the various Sundays as follows:

July 7th—Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, in memory of her parents
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July 14th—Mr. David Magee, in memory of his wife
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August 4th—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyster, in memory of Mrs. George W. Lyster
August 11th—Mrs. George Sinnamon, in memory of her mother
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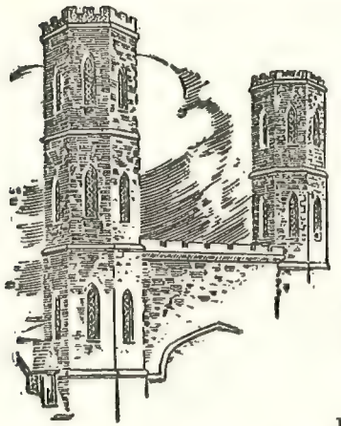
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INVITATION

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11:00 A. M.—CHUCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

The Prelude: Invocation ..... *Dallier*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: We, too, would now make this same declaration of an unbroken succession of Diving deliverance and with Samuel give our testimony to the enduring faithfulness and mercy of our Lord. "He who hath helped thee hitherto will help thee all thy journey through." Dear Lord, whatever hath befallen us by the way of trial and sorrow, we have never lost confidence in Thee, even though in our weakness we would have had it some other way. Give us ever the assurance that all things work together for good unto those who love Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

Anthem—Only Begotten, Word of God Eternal
Text: Hymn No. 228, V. 1, 2, 3, 6

The Sermon: "THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 411 ..... *Grace Church*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 394 ..... *St. Asaph*

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THE BEST CHANCE FOR PEACE

One of the mightiest problems of our day is to discover which weapons are the strongest and the most effective, which give us the best chance for peace. Conscientious governments work frantically to invent yet more powerful atomic weapons. At the same time, knowing that there can be no true peace in the world without great good will, they are working with might and main for world friendship. As Christians, we turn to the teachings of Jesus.

He speaks of the old teaching that we should love our neighbors and hate our enemies; and adds, "But *I* say unto you, 'Love your enemies and pray for them that persecute you!'" As His followers, we cannot very well say, "Master, you are not very practical!" Can we? We must pay heed to Him; and to His teaching that the only way to get rid of an enemy is to make a friend of him; that the only effective weapon against hate is love; that true peace can be won only through invincible loving kindness.

The strongest evidence for the weapon of love is the witness of those who have tried it, especially under tough circumstances. In the first Russian revolution, in 1905, the revolutionists swept through the country, burning and killing. The man who tells this experience was a small boy then, living with his family in a little colony of Mennonite Christians in Southern Russia. One day, he relates, a neighbor came running to his father, shouting, "My sons and I have guns, so we will be able to defend ourselves. What will you do?" "We have no arms in the house," replied the boy's father calmly. "I do not believe in that kind of defence. There is no certainty in it." The next day the sad news came that his neighbor and his family had been killed by the rebels. The story goes on:

"It seemed that our home would come next. We were all terribly afraid, except my father. At noon he bade my mother prepare a good rich supper, as he was expecting company—a dozen guests. And then, he said, 'Prepare couches for them.' Then he disappeared. We could not find him anywhere until, at last, I discovered him when I looked through the key hole of a door—he was kneeling and praying. Evening came, and we gathered about mother, in the one room, fearful. Then we heard it—the heavy steps. And then we saw them coming around the corner, awful looking, twelve men with black, mean faces, with torn clothes and the blood-stained sticks in their hands. 'Hands up and surrender!' shouted a man who seemed to be the leader, in a gross voice. We saw our father going out, fearlessly approaching the wild-looking leader, inviting them, 'Come in. Everything that is ours is yours. But first come in and refresh yourselves. Supper is ready.' One sullen rebel grumbled, 'Let's not be cheated by this chap—we came to kill him—let's not eat with him.' We began to despair. 'I know,' said my father. 'Just come in and eat first. Then do whatever you think is right to do.' Hesitatingly they followed my father. They sat down and ate with growing enthusiasm. We wondered what they would do next. When they had finished, my father encouraged them kindly—'Your beds are prepared in the next room—you must need a good rest.' They really did go to sleep after supper. Then father came to us; and we all managed some sleep in the one room together. Early in the morning we heard them stirring, and fear overwhelmed us again. The door opened and the wild hairy head of the leader appeared to us smiling, and saying, 'We have to go. We came to kill you; but we can't!' And so they went away, in peace."

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Pre-Marital Promises

The following item appeared recently in Dr. Kevin's column in the Philadelphia "Inquirer." "Superior Court Judge Charles H. House, of Bridgeport, Conn., last week ruled that pre-marital agreements by which non-Catholics promise to raise children as Catholics cannot be legally enforced in Connecticut."

This same matter was adjudicated in a Canadian Court some few weeks ago. That court, arriving at the same conclusion, stated that it is the privilege of parents to determine the religious training of their children after the birth of the children. We consider the arbitrary and intolerant spirit of the Roman Church in this business of demanding complete acquiescence on the part of the non-Roman Catholic party in a marriage to be a tyrannous abomination.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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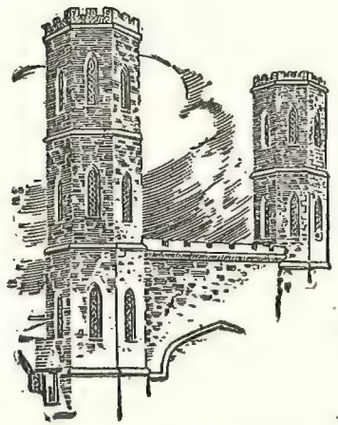
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Prelude: Lied ..... *Vierne*

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Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 39, Page 389

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: God's Peace Is Peace Eternal ..... *Grieg*
God's peace is peace eternal, here discords all our joys displace; we wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, before the Judge we all must bow. God, merciful and kind, will shield us, and from the evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the vilest soul release, who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

The Sermon: FOUR ANCHORS THAT HOLD ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

Prayers and Benediction

Recessional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*

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ESCAPE FROM TROUBLE

As a child I remember hearing of the "Will-O-the-wisp"—that light you could glimpse on the darkest night, and follow, through swamp and low land—and never grasp it! Jesus revealed to men the great secret that happiness is like that. Seek happiness for yourself, run after it—and it is always just out of your reach. Seek your own pleasure—and you will wallow in bogs of disappointment and frustration. Seek the happiness of others—and you will be joyful yourself!

Jesus taught this truth in words—and then He lived it in deeds so that people might *see* and believe. "Whosoever seeks to gain his life shall lose it; but whosoever loses his life shall save it." Jesus showed men how to "lose" their lives, in the needs of others, to pour out their love and strength into empty hearts. Week after week He lived thus, and the more He gave away of Himself, the richer He was in joy and peace, deep within Him. Finally, He gave His human life on the Cross, going through the bitter darkness of Calvary; and found resurrection to eternal life. It sounds fantastic—"Throw yourself away, and thus find yourself"; "Give all of yourself away, and be enriched!" But the fact is that it works out; and it always has.

In fact, Jesus' way is the only escape from trouble. Many people in sorrow or difficulty seek frantically for comfort from themselves; and only sink deeper into the bond of misery. But Hazel Dannecker tells of a girl who was wiser than that, who realized how practical Jesus' teaching is—"During a long wait in Cincinnati's Union Station, I saw an attractive girl barely in her teens approach a tired young mother with two fretful babies and ask with a friendly smile, 'May I look after your children while you rest for a while?'" For nearly an hour the girl entertained the children, then helped the mother to the train. I watched her assist three other harrassed mothers, efficiently and tenderly. Finally, during an idle interval, I inquired if she were waiting for a train. "No," she said. "I live nearby with my aunt and haven't anything to do after school. You see"—and her voice broke—"There were five of us, and when we traveled, mother got so tired. Daddy was in the war. Mother died a few weeks ago. She always said I had a way with children. So I come over here and help tired mothers." She had made the life-changing discovery that losing yourself in the pains of weariness of others is the only royal road to joy!

Some people's faces are radiant—so much so that you rejoice to see them. These are the people who have learned Jesus' art of "Losing" themselves, forgetting themselves in their love and concern for the next person. I like to think that *you* are one of those rare people, and are passing on the secret to others.

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Mrs. M. A. J. (Eau Claire, Wis.)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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WELCOME

To young people coming to Philadelphia for school or college, to families moving into the city from other places, to residents of hotels who expect to be here only a brief time, the Parish, its Vestry and ministers extend a cordial welcome. The services on Sundays at convenient hours and of varied character, the open pews in a church which is always open, are all at your service.

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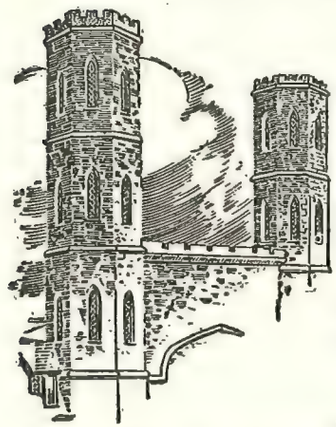
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Prelude: Air ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Each day we experience moments when we would cry for help. Let us learn to direct our calls to God, being assured that He can help. But let us not only call upon Him in times of distress, but let us seek to have His constant benediction upon all our words and actions. Increase our faith, O God, so that we will always have the inward assurance that Thou wilt help us. Teach us to come to Thee in daily prayer. May we be assured of the guidance that will enable us to meet and overcome all things which distress our lives. Amen.

Processional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 24, page 368
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14
The Rev. Charles A. Sumners, Rector of St. David's Church, Austin, Texas
Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 10:1-24
The Rev. Arthur G. T. Courteau, Canon, Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, Kentucky
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem: In Faith I Quiet Wait ..... *Bach*
The Sermon: "Conversion and Divine Healing" .....THE REV. EDWARD WINCKLEY
Offertory Hymn 529 ..... *St. Catherine*
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Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his sister, Margaret Sorrell Walker.

4:00 P. M.—Reception in the Community House—Introduction of Conference Speakers.

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The Christian Century Magazine of August 28th has a four-page featured article about St. Stephen's Church, being the seventh in a series on "Creative Churches of America."

BLUC CASSOCK AND MOZETTA

The Rector is the happy recipient of a beautiful Blue Cassock and Mozetta presented to him by the members of the St. Stephen's Chapter of The Order of St. Luke The Physician. Dr. John Gayner Banks, the Founder of the O.S.L., wore a blue colored vestment, as this is the color symbolic of healing and the official color of our Order. The Rector is privileged to wear this vestment as the Warden of the O.S.L. and appreciates this most generous gift from beloved friends.

HEALING CONFERENCE

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the Order of St. Luke The Physician and to the many interested people who are attending our four-day Conference on Spiritual Healing. We hope everyone will enter into the joy and inspiration of these days ahead. We are extremely indebted to the Leaders of this Conference. The Rev. Edward Winckley has come to us from Natal, South Africa. He is an Associate Warden of the O.S.L. We do appreciate the leadership of Mrs. Agnes Sanford who is so well known for her unique contribution to the Healing Ministry. To Mrs. Ethel T. Banks, whose most able editorship of "Sharing" Magazine over the years has made it the unquestioned leader in the whole field, we give a hearty welcome. To those who will lead in the Panel on Prayer, unquestioned leaders in the field of Spiritual Therapy: Mary Welsh, Dorcas Kurtz, Helen Shoemaker, Mary Light, Kay Hibbard, and to our other lecturers: Dr. Albert Reissner, Psychiatrist of Brooklyn; the Rev. Delmar Markle, of Bridgeport, Conn.; the Rev. Charles A. Sumners, of Texas; the Rev. Laurence Blackburn, of Cleveland; Canon Courteau, of Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, Kentucky. We are indeed grateful for their presence and for their contributions they are prepared to make. To Mrs. Nelle Cook, who will be in charge of the "Books," and the many others whose contributions to this Conference are so important, we want to say, "Thank you."

TO OUR VISITORS

Members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the O.S.L., wearing their distinctive badge, will serve as ushers and they are prepared to be of help to our visitors in every way possible. They will have the registration cards, and name badges, the Supper Tickets, the information for those who wish to be inducted into the O.S.L. on Tuesday at 5 P. M., etc.

Most of the restaurants and eating places around the Church are closed on Sundays; for our out-of-town friends we would suggest Horn & Hardart's Cafeteria on Market Street, between 11th and 12th Streets, or H. & H. at 8th and Market, this one with waitress service; or the dining room at the Ben Franklin Hotel, 9th and Chestnut Streets.

THE REVERIE OF A DOWNTOWN CHURCH

I am a downtown Church. Some people rather pity me, for they think I am destined to grow weak and die. But they do not know me, or they would know better.

I have an honorable history. I was here more than a Century ago, and I will be here a Century hence. Long after neighborhoods have changed and good neighborhoods have deteriorated, and strong neighborhood Churches have become weak neighborhood Churches, I will continue to be strong.

For I am in the heart of the city, and my history is not to a section of the town, but to the entire city, for I reach out in every direction. My ministry touches every neighborhood, and it extends to all classes.

I am not provincial in my outlook. In me, the rich and the poor mingle in the fellowship of worship. Through me the poor are ennobled and enriched, and the rich are made generous and gentle.

I live to serve. I exist for others. This may be the reason why I continue to keep my strength through the years.

It is sometimes said that I am not so convenient to attend. But, who ever said that religion is to be a thing of convenience? If Pilgrims of Israel could travel the length of Palestine afoot to attend the special Temple Services at Jerusalem, surely the twenty minutes it requires to come to the heart of the city is not too much.

You come downtown to shop. You come downtown for your entertainment. Many of you come downtown to work. Is it more of a hardship to come downtown to worship?

You would not want me to die through your indifference, anymore than you would want your downtown Post Office, Courthouse and department stores to die.

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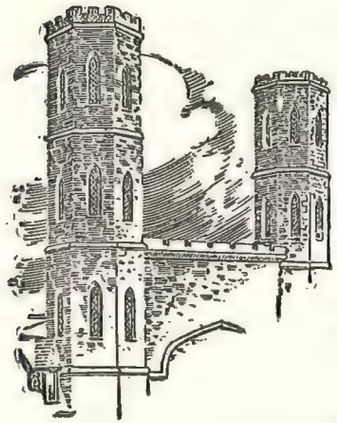
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The Prelude: Prayer

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Amid constant change and shifting standards, we we have one abiding hope, that we shall eventually become sons and daughters of God. It is this invincible hope which has brought mankind thus far in its march upwards and onward; it will eventually lead us to God. Hope drives us on when reason bids us stop. Dear God and Father of us all, make us to know that when we stop hoping we stop living. Teach us to realize that despair and doubt are suicidal. Give us a sense of expectancy that brooks no defeat. Amen.

Processional Hymn ..... *Munich*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 107, Page 476 (Verse 1 to Verse 16)
Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*
Anthem—Bless The Lord, O My Soul ..... *Ippolitof-Ivanof*

Bless Thou the Lord, O my soul, blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits: Bless the Lord, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He wrath for ever. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

The Sermon: "EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 504 ..... *Rhosymedre*
Prayers and Benediction
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MORE THAN CONQUERERS

St. Paul, as he writes to his friends in Rome, touches on a few of the unwelcome hardships of life which upset people—heart-break and physical suffering and peril. Like a trumpet he cries, "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerers through Him that loved us." Or, in another passage, "None of these perils unsettles me." Seventeen centuries later on, George Washington demonstrated the same inner strength to meet the worst that life can throw at men, without being upset; and emerged from Valley Forge to an increasing victory.

But *how* is this victory gained? Rufus Jones declares that such steadiness is achieved through a genuinely religious life, for real faith sets men firmly on their feet, turns sun-sets into sun-rises, makes the impossible become possible. "The master secret of life is the attainment of the power of serenity in the midst of stress and adventure and action." And he shows how the Friends have worked out this way of victory: 1st, silent communion with God "to find the springs and sources of power, and then to go forth to the tasks of the world in the Armor of Light." Open-hearted praying thus opens the human soul to receive that strength which can stand against the worst tempests of life.

We Americans are a bustling people—men and women of action, determined to be forever up and doing. Often we run away from our real problems as we rush off into feverish activity; like the worried housewife who, instead of praying her way through worry to victory, turns her house upside down and does a strenuous day of house cleaning. By so running away, she leaves the problem unsolved, to plague her later on.

Those who want to be "More than conquerers" learn the habit of quiet communing with God each day, as regularly as they have their meals. They stop their busy-ness, their fretting and their striving, to open the gates of their souls for the tides of the Almighty love and power; and to remember that, if God is with them, there is nothing that need be feared. They rise from their time of quietness renewed, refreshed, and able to meet whatever awaits them, lifted up by the Eternal. As Rufus Jones puts it, in that now familiar passage, "It is like a ship in a lock. Here the ship is, shut in by great gates before and behind. Its driving engines have been slowed down. Its speed has been diminished to nought. It is no longer going anywhere. Yet all the time the water is rising beneath the ship, and when the gate in front swings open, and the ship emerges from its period of full stop, it will go out for its journey on a higher level and carry its burden of freight henceforth on a new plane."

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The Rector had the privilege of presenting for Confirmation on Sept. 9th, in the Bishop's Chapel in the Church House the following: Miss Lilian Jeffries Hay, Mrs. Patricia Staffer Madara, Mrs. Julia Moore Loux and Mr. Robert W. Fay.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Christ's Faithful Soldiers and Servants."
June 30th—George Henry Enocks

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"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

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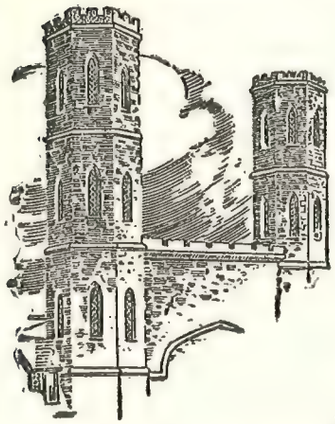
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Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 139, page 514

Benedictus Es Domine, Hymnal 626 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*

Anthem—O Lord Most Holy ..... *Franck*
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The Sermon: "If Jesus Came To Philadelphia" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 498, Stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6. ..... *Gardiner*

Prayers and Benediction

Recessional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*

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The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, from Sunday evening, Sept. 29th to October 2nd, under the co-operative auspices of eleven Episcopal Churches of the Wyoming Valley.

Two of our young men have matriculated in College. John Smyth, our Crucifer, has matriculated in Pennsylvania State University, and Robert Keller, our Flag Bearer, has matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania.

WITH OUR GRATITUDE

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Everyone was pleased with the fine supper cooked by Horn & Hardart and served by the women of St. Stephen's on Sept. 17th.

WHAT IS YOUR SCHEDULE?

Now that the vacation period is over, let us get back on the regular schedule which includes *Worship every Sunday*. We are so made that even one week without worship isn't good for us. So we suggest that you make Church an *Every Sunday Affair*. Here are some suggestions as to how you can get more from the Service:

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Your Rector pledges to do everything he can with much prayer and studying and planning, to make the Services meaningful and helpful. Will YOU do YOUR part? God bless you as you do.

HEALING CONFERENCE

Over six thousand people attended the various sessions of the four-day International Conference on Spiritual Healing held in St. Stephen's Church Sept. 15th-18th. Over seven hundred delegates of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, under whose auspices the Conference was held, came from 27 States, and eight foreign areas. Twenty-two denominations were represented by 68 clergy and hundreds of lay persons.

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Panel discussions were held on Prayer Groups and Sacramental Healing and the Relation between Medical Science and Spiritual Healing. Over one hundred candidates, clergy and lay, were inducted into the Order by the Warden, the Rev. Alfred W. Price and the Associate Warden, the Rev. Edward Winckley.

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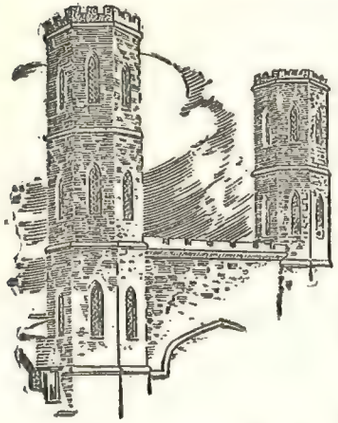
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Processional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*
Kyrie, Hymnal 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
Anthem—Let All The World ..... *Thiman*
The Text is found in Hymn No. 290
The Sermon: "MIDNIGHT IN THE STOCKS" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 537 ..... *Moscow*
Sanctus, Hymnal 716 ..... *Oldroyd*
Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
Gloria in Excelsis ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

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Usually this law of God is shaken at men like a fist—to convince them that if they do evil, they will reap trouble and distress. That is, of course, true. We all saw it, in a memorable incident, part-way through world war II. The Germans had overcome France, and French leaders must now come to surrender to the Nazi chiefs. The meeting-place was an old railway carriage in which the victorious allies of world war I had forced humiliating terms on the beaten Germans; a railway carriage which the French had made into a shrine of vengeance, placing on it a tablet which read, "Here, on Nov. 11th, 1918, was frustrated the criminal arrogance of the German Imperial Reich, defeated by the free people which it sought to enslave." So, now, in 1940, Hitler sat in the same chair from which Foch had humiliated the Germans, and proudly demanded unconditional surrender. Unfortunate France was sowing the harvest of its own hatefulness.

But this mighty law of reaping-the-harvest-of-one's-own-deeds is equally true of goodness and love. So St. Paul pleaded, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." And the Christians all along the Mediteranean shores responded to his bidding; and went at their task of sowing shining faith and loving deeds. Only 70 years later a pagan athenian orator (Aristides) wrote, "The Christians know and trust God. They placate those who oppress them, and make them their friends; they do good to their enemies. Their wives are pure, and their daughters modest. Their men abstain from unlawful marriage. They love one another. He who has, gives ungrudgingly to him who has not. If anyone among them is poor and needy, they fast for two or three days, that they may supply him with the necessary food. But the good deeds that they do they do not perceive them. Truly this is a new people and there is something divine in them." This was the harvest of shining faith and loving deeds. It always is!

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Book of Deuteronomy will be the October assignment in our endeavor to read together the various Books of the Bible. This will be 49 Books we have read together as a parish.

Will Oursler in his book "The Healing Power of Faith" refers to our work here in St. Stephen's Church on pages 31-32, 114, 120-125. 187, 193, 201, 208, 211, 224, 254, 278, 296-97, and 330.

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The Rector presented Mr. James H. Watters for confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on September 23rd.

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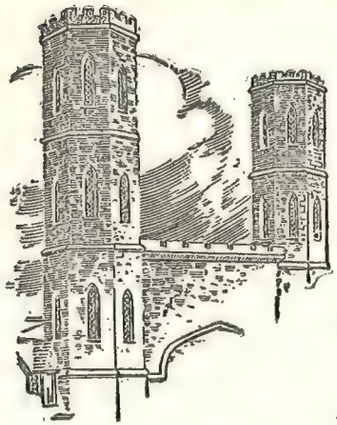
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The Prelude—"O God Be Merciful To Me." ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION—Friendship is one of the most satisfying experiences of life. That is what our relationship to God should be. He would not have us approach Him as cringing slaves who fear an over-lord, but joyously, confidently as a man speaks to a friend. He wishes to share with us His purposes for men. As we look forward to meeting a friend, tried and true, so may our approach and friendship be with Thee, Thou Friend and Saviour of our race. May our friendship ripen through the days and years, to come into a love that will do whatsoever Thou dost command us. Amen.

Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 68, Page 419
Benedictus Es Domini ..... *O' Quanta Qualia*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*
Anthem, "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring" ..... *Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, love most bright; drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, 'round Thy throne.

The Sermon, "THE STORY OF JONAH" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 422 ..... *Erie*
Prayers and Benediction
Recessional Hymn 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

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SERVANTS OF GOD

Last Summer a good friend of mine was putting a roof on a new addition to his cottage. As he fitted the graveled-surface shingles into place and nailed them down, occasionally he would find that he needed some tool that had been left on the ground. My friend would call down to his eight year old son, "Davie, would you like to get daddy's square? It's hanging by the bench in the shop." And Davie would shout up, "O.K., daddy!" And, moments later, would be up the ladder with the square. Sometimes my friend would notice that his five year old son was looking sad because he had not been asked to help; so he would call out, "Tommy, daddy dropped the blue chalk we mark the roof with—it's down by the bottom of the ladder—will you bring it up to me?" And the solemn, clouded face would break out into a beaming smile, and, in no time at all, Tommy was putting the chalk into his father's hand. So (in spite of nailing one shingle on upside down!) the roofing job went forward swiftly, because two small boys enjoy—more than anything else—doing something to please their father, especially when he is building something.

Jesus repeatedly pictured Himself as God's eager Son whose keenest wish was to please His Father. "My meat is to the will of Him who sent Me." The Master's life shines above all others because He was most sensitive in responding to God's will. St. Paul picks up that theme in his letter to the Ephesians when he assures even the shackled, suffering Roman slaves that they can find life as servants of Christ, "doing the will of God from the heart."

Every human being wants to be a success. And what is success, from the eternal view point, except fitting into God's plan? Will your today be a successful one—then seek in your praying and thinking what God wants done by you today, and *do* it. Phillips Brooks has put it gloriously:

"Slowly, through all the universe, the Temple of God is being built. Wherever, in any world, a soul, by free willed obedience, catches the fire of God's likeness, it is set into the growing walls, a living stone. When, in your hard fight, in your tiresome drudgery, or in your terrible temptation, you catch the purpose of your being, and give yourself to God, and so give Him the chance to give Himself to you, your life—a living stone—is taken up, and set into that growing wall. Wherever souls are being tried and ripened, in whatever common-place and homely ways;—there God is hewing out the pillars for His Temple. O, if the stone can only have some vision of the Temple of which it is to be a part forever, what patience must fill it as it feels the blows of the hammer, and knows that success for it is simply to let itself be wrought into what shape the Master wills."

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Dear Dr. Price—You will recall me as the woman who had heart surgery last year, and who spoke of it at the Kirkridge Retreat in the Poconos which you attended. A nerve specialist in Cincinnati had scheduled surgery for me for July 17th in the hope that resecting a nerve might bring relief. While at the Retreat I began to pray for help in this problem, encouraged by your lectures. The night of the Healing Service I prayed expectantly, and then went on to pray for others. When you laid your hand on my head I was instantly aware of that same thrilling sense of healing coursing through my body that I had felt as I came out of surgery last year. I thought I would choke with the outpouring of it, and then as it ebbed, I knew a holy calm and inner peace. Now it has been 17 days since the healing service and I am greatly relieved. The healing has been progressive, and I would say I am already 60 to 70 percent better. I want to thank you for being God's instrument in this, and for conducting the Healing Service.

Gertrude Huheey (Oxford, Ohio)

The Rector will speak to the Theological Students at Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary on Monday evening. He will speak at the noon-day service at St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, on Wednesday and conduct a Healing Service in the evening at the Church of the Epiphany in that city.

BISHOP HART'S ANNIVERSARY

All members and friends are invited to share in the 15th Anniversary of Bishop Hart's Episcopate.

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Mr. Albert J. Sheehan, Jr., our Crucifer, received a statue Award from Boy Scout Troop 51 for twenty years of active service in Scouting. Albert is the Scout Master of Troop 57.

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the Annual Appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year the Benevolent Society sent 4,760 pieces of sewing to the Hospitals as follows: Episcopal, 619; Jefferson, 3,742; Presbyterian, 156; Visiting Nurse Society, 243. The articles were cut, generally, for sewing, by the Hospitals. In some cases the cutting was done by the Benevolent Aides: Mrs. Raspin, Mrs. Leithead, Mrs. Schrott, and Miss Daley.

Six hundred dollars will just about cover the cost, estimated expenses for the Season 1957-58. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing, and also the Hospitals which desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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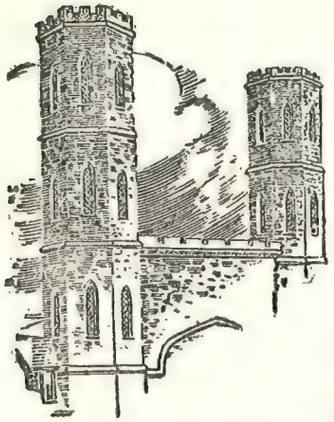
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: "When In The Hour of Utmost Need"..... *J S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A condition for Kingdom entrance requirements is the sharing of religious experience with others. Let this be today's resolve: "I shall speak with someone today concerning the value I have received from being a child of God. I will tell what the Lord has done for me." Our Father in heaven, we praise Thee for the holy voices through which Thou hast spoken to us. We, too, would place ourselves at Thy disposal, that others, hearing us, may receive our witness concerning Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and through it experience a new fellowship with Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 515 ..... *Albano*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 103, Page 466
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14.....Dr. Joseph Hodge
Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 626 ..... *Chant*
The Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-18 .....Dr. Leighton F. Appleman
The Anthem: "The Voice of Joy and Health" ..... *Jannaconi*

The voice of joy and health; the voice of joy, and of health is in the dwellings of the righteous. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass, Hallelujah!

The Sermon: "CHRISTIANITY AND MEDICINE" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 529 ..... *St. Catherine*
Prayers and Benediction
Recessional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*

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THE AUTUMNS IN LIFE

Look out your window this afternoon, and you may see a crimson leaf drift down against the blue sky, down and down until it rests on the earth. Old people may see it and shudder just a little—Summer is gone, with its warmth and pleasant days; and winter lies ahead with its bitter cold, and its ice and snow under foot. But a child sees that same falling leaf, and laughs with joy—for ahead is skating and snow-ball fights and many a new adventure.

As usual, the child is right. Jesus said, "Of such is the Kingdom of God." The child somehow senses that winter is part of God's plan. What does Autumn mean to a trustful child of God—like you, for instance?

Autumn is the time of letting go. All through the Summer days the leaves have done their work as channels of life for the tree; and now they are worn out. If the tree is to continue its growth, it must let go the old leaves, and make room for the new ones. This is God's law—let go the old, and make room for the new!

Put your child to bed at evening time—and watch it let go of the day, and drop off to sleep. Slip into bed later yourself, when you are at your best, and find yourself thanking God for the joys and victories, asking His forgiveness for the sins and blunders, and then leaving that day in His hands, while you relax in peace. It is on your scratchy days, when you have battled unsuccessfully to have your way, that you find yourself hanging on to that day fretfully, as a puppy hangs onto an old shoe, worrying and chewing it! If you are to rest that night, you must relax your grip on the day.

Turn your mind to Jesus' disciples. They had lived their drudging, small-town lives, with their noses to the grindstone, planning each day according to their accustomed little patterns. Then a young Man came and opened up new horizons, new adventures in loving kindness, fresh glimpses of the mighty love of God for His family on earth. And the story ends, "They left all, and followed Him." They let go of their old, cramped ways as the tree lets go of its old leaves, and then they were ready to grow new graces, new love, according to His pattern.

There are many Autumns in every life. This is God's plan. It is not easy to let go an old dwelling, an old habit, an old way of earning your living, an old sin. But it is necessary, and eternally worth the cost. For, be you sixteen or sixty, you *can* shed your leaves, rest a brief while as a tree does in Winter, and then find the full surge of God's abundant life flowing into you, and bursting out into new friendships, new strength, new delights, new peace. "Let go—and let God!" "They left all, and followed Him." As the poet Goethe has put it:

"Die and become. 'till thou hast learned this,
Thou art but a dull guest on this dark planet."

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The Rector will be the speaker at a Conference of Canadian Clergymen held in Owens Sound, Ontario, October 21st-23rd.

The Rector published a series of "All Saints' Day" Sermons some years ago, which has been out of print for a long time. Many requests come from persons who want to give this booklet to someone in need of solace for sorrow. The cost of printing 2,500 of these books is $370.00. If someone would like to donate this sum, we will be glad to dedicate it to the memory of some loved one, with a suitable inscription imprinted on the cover.

Mrs. Anna Hauger, the leader of the Benevolent Society, reports over $100 given in memory of Florence Pancoast Reath: by Margaret C. Bohlen, Joseph G. Rosengarten, Jr., Harry R. Neilson, Jr., Susanna S. M. Neilson, Rev. Henry Mitchell, Mrs. Wistar H. MacLaren, and Mrs. Albert P. Francine. Mrs. Hauger wishes to acknowledge, too, these contributions toward the work of the Benevolent Society: Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur, Hazel L. Bainbridge, Mrs. Lillian Barlow, Mrs. G. R. Bishop, A. Bondira, Walter S. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Coffee, Miss Elsie Dahl, Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Margaret M. Hanna, Anna W. Hauger, Marion S. Hawley, Emily Hewett, Fred C. Holmes, A. Humes, Mrs. C. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Mrs. J. Ludlow, Anna M. C. Lundh, Harry Lyster, Edna and Evelyn O'Rear, Mary Orme, Wm. H. Ruhl, W. P. Sachs, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Marion Slatcher, Louis P. Stumpf, Mrs. Wm. Thomson, Mrs. George T. Townsley, Mrs. Ellen Vail, James Watters. A total of $5.25 given anonymously.

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WELCOME TO DOCTORS AND NURSES

Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors and nurses in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of fellow has a germ than what kind of germ has a fellah."—Shattuck

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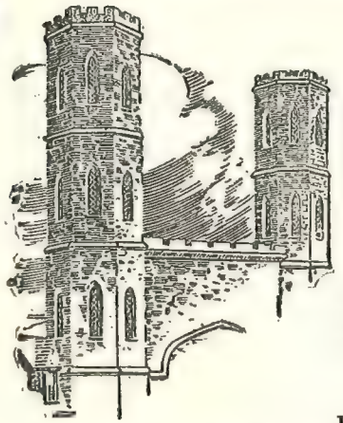
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Processional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalms 120 and 121, Page 502
Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 626 ..... *Chant*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*
Anthem: Beautiful Savior ..... *Arr. Christiansen*
The Sermon: "BROTHER MARTIN'S INSIGHT" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 555 ..... *Heath*
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TURN BACKWARD, O TIME:—Midnight, October 26th, marks the end of Daylight Saving Time for the year 1957. Remember *to set your clock back one hour!*

THE SURF OF LIFE

Today we come to the heart of the theme of Autumn in the lives of God's children. Last week we thought of the need of letting go of old, faded habits, like the sorry business of judging others. But there is a step beyond that. Jesus put it clearly —"He who loses his life for My sake will find it." In other words, the man who surrenders himself to God's leading, or "dies" to himself (as St. Paul put it) finds real life, abundant and exhilerating.

Sometimes you see that truth—that you have to die in order to live—in startling vividness. A friend, Chuck, a 15-year-old high school boy, was taught that lesson one day last Summer. A hundred and fifty people were on Star Island, one of the Isles of Shoals, 9 miles off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with the surf crashing white against the granite rocks. These people were spending nine days there, seeking a deeper and warmer closeness to God and His love. Chuck had already been at another such gathering, in the West, earlier in the Summer. There he had come to the conclusion that he was doing a very poor job of running his own life, so, one day in prayer, he gave his life to God to direct; with complete confidence that he could find strength and peace in God's keeping. He did this with the whole-heartedness of a sincere youngster; and his commitment went deep down within him.

So, one day early in his stay at Star Island, he went down on the rocks to watch the surf. He had never swum a stroke—in fact, he had never tried to. He was afraid of this beautiful surf. But, somehow, he strayed down too close to the surf, and suddenly was swept out into the deep water. He was asked just what happened; and he said that at first he prayed very hard, but without any panic—and then he "blacked out." He knew nothing until he came to, twenty minutes later, on the rocks. He did not know, until he was told, that for twenty long minutes he was "churning water"; quietly and strongly doing something he had never learned to do, until a courageous, powerful swimmer plunged in and rescued him. It was a breath-taking truth of the miraculous love of God which can work wonders in those who have surrendered their lives to His keeping. Those who spent those days at Star Island will always remember that miracle which they saw with their own eyes; and deepened their trust in God.

Of course it does not mean that God always rescues us from the surf of life—sometimes He has other plans. But it does show that once God gets deep into a man's heart, He can work freely and mightily there. Samuel Shoemaker once said that a true conversion must include the conversion of the subconscious. Chuck agrees with Dr. Shoemaker; and so will you, if you let Him clear down into your innermost being, down where you live!

"Mission at Mid-Century," a new filmed religious series documenting some of the far-flung Christian Missions of the Episcopal Church, is being televised in color Sunday Morning, 8:30 to 9:00, over WRCV-TV, channel 3.

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A. B. (Cassopolis, Michigan)

The Rector will preach in Temple Baptist Church, Albany, N. Y., on Sunday night and he will be the speaker at the Rural Priests' Conference with Bishop Richards of Albany, on October 28th and 29th.

Do you subscribe to any Church magazines? If not, why not? Samples of all the principal magazines may be found in the Church vestibule. We will be happy to take your subscription.

1517 — REFORMATION DAY — 1957

On October 31, 1517, a young Augustinian Monk named Martin Luther, posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon the fundamental Christian conviction. October 27th will be observed throughout the world as "Reformation Sunday." The Rector's Sermon title is "Brother Martin's Insight."

We wish to express our thanks for these contributors to the work of the Benevolent Society: Mrs. Craig Atmore, Mary T. Barker, Mrs. James Brady, Mrs. John C. Funck, Mrs. M. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Grant S. Hanley, Miss Ida M. Landenberger, M. W. Leach, Mary Lord, E. L. Matlack, Elsie Matthews, Isabella Ponton, Mrs. Anna M. Reed, Monie and George Sallans, H. G. Thompson, E. Valentine, Everett R. Verbeek, Pauline Vible, Mrs. Vivian H. Weekes, Mrs. Evelyn Work, Jos. R. Campbell, A. C. Comby, The Misses Daley, Mrs. Maude Hatfield, Fred C. Holmes, Theresa E. King, M. Meek, Miss Christine M. Mosler, Mrs. Margaret Nachtigall, Mr. and Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, Kathryn Schrott, Mae Snedden, Edith R. Stout.

Our "thank you" too, for Bulletin subscriptions from L. R. Stumpf, Mrs. Ruth L. Kinney, Edith R. Stout.

One of our fine stores, Strawbridge & Clothier, needs extra help for the Fall-Christmas Season.

Attractive sales positions are available now. Applications will be welcome during the month of October. Full days—2, 3, 4, or 5 days a week; part days (11 A. M. to 4 P. M.)—3, 4 or 5 days a week.

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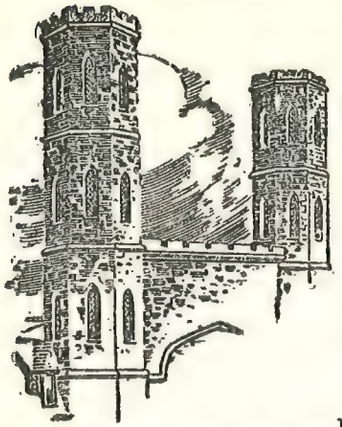
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11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET CHURCH before the service begins."—Emerson
If you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "O What Their Joy" ..... *Matthews*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: "I believe in God and the life everlasting" is a most marvelous statement of faith. The two parts of it are inseparable; one is meaningless without the other. To doubt God's willingness or power to give us eternal life is to limit Him so that He is no longer God. We cannot fight the good fight of faith except we first "lay hold on eternal life." Eternal Father, we are Thine now and in eternity; and those whom we have "loved and lost awhile" are both Thine and ours if we are Thine. Strengthen us in a healthy hope of everlasting life through our confidence in Thee. Amen.
Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*
Kyrie, Hymnal 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
The Anthem: "There Shall Be No Night There" ..... *Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun; for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

The Sermon: "THROUGH DEATH AND BEYOND" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 124 ..... *St. George*
Sanctus, Hymnal 716 ..... *Oldroyd*
Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotch Chant*
Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Harry Lyster in memory of mother, Josephine Baker Scofield; and by Mrs. Agnes Sarles in memory of her son. Altar flowers on Friday, All Saints' Day, were presented by the Girls' Friendly Society in memory of Miss Maria Wilkins.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House
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LET GO — AND LET GOD

This morning we return to discovering the meaning of Autumn. Two Sundays ago we saw that Autumn is a time, in nature and in human beings, of letting go the old leaves and thus making room for the new.

Certainly all of us have some badly faded habits that need to be shed before we can start growing again. For instance, there is the habit of judging others, so common and hurtful a view point in hosts of people. An anonymous writer in "Three Minutes A Day" has put it vividly:

When the other fellow acts that way, he's ugly;
When you do it, it's the "nerves."
When he's set in his ways, he's obstinate;
When you are, it's just firmness.
When he does not like your friends, he's prejudiced;
When you don't like his, you are simply showing good judgement of human nature.
When he tries to be accomodating, he's "polishing the apple";
When you do it, you're showing tact.
When he takes time to do things, he is dead slow;
When you take ages, you're deliberate.
When he picks flaws, he's cranky;
When you do, you're discriminating.

As the writer of those searching lines points out, it's all in the point of view. It all depends whether you are looking at the facts from your point of view or the other man's; or, better still, whether you are trying to look at the facts from God's point of view. Looking at the facts from your narrow, pride-full point of view is called "judging" others. Jesus commanded us not to do it because God can only deal with us as generously as we deal with others. Judging others not only hurts them grievously—it also makes us look ridiculously petty and blind-hearted.

You may agree, and then add, "But how on earth can I let go that old, persistent habit?" It would be a terrific, exhausting struggle—just as the scrub-oak tree seems to struggle all winter, and not get rid of its leaves until almost Spring. But learn from nature—no tree really struggles at all to get rid of its leaves. It just lets the sun shine on it; and the powerful rays of the sun do the job.

And so it can be with you. Just let God into your judging mind—sit quietly, and invite Him to shine on this old habit of mine. Call on that bit of Him and His love which is alive within you, and say to Him, "I'm willing to let go my grip on the cheap pleasure of judging my neighbor. I'm willing to part with it—I give it to You—will you take care of it with Your mighty, warm loving kindness?" And what happens when you, "let go—and let God?" Suddenly you find that you no longer find pleasure in judging. Instead, you delight in appreciating the God-given beauty in the other person: and you are free at last! Try it this week—it works out most wonderfully.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, tonight at 7:30 P.M. He will speak to the students at the Philadelphia Divinity School on Tuesday morning. He will speak to the Visiting Nurse Society on Wednesday at 3 P.M. and give an Invocation at the Germantown Friends' Meeting House on Wednesday evening.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Fall Presentation Service will be held on November 21st at Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, at 8 P.M. The Women of St. Stephen's are asked to put the contents of your U.T.O. box in the Blue Envelope that has been mailed to every family, and place it on the Alms basin on Sunday, Nov. 3rd or 10th, or, if most convenient, send it to the Church office, in care of the U. T. O. Custodian, Mrs. Wilson Leithead. The United Thank Offering supports women missionaries both at home and abroad.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1957

We are placing the names of those having special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. These are they whom we have in loving remembrance on Friday, November 1st and Sunday, November 3rd:

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THE SILENT MEDITATION: The Christian religion is one of joyful hope, not of helpless resignation; of ardent expectation, not of gloomy despair. This assurance comes from having "reverence for Christ in our hearts as Lord," as the modern translations put it. All questions and doubts are answered in Him. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for that living hope which comes to us through the resurrection of the Saviour. Grant that through faith He may dwell in our hearts and so enlighten our minds that we may help others to overcome doubts and fears. Amen.
Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 50, Page 401
Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 626 ..... *Chant*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem: "Blessed Jesus" ..... *Faure*

Blessed Jesus, Lord and God, grant them Thine eternal rest. Gentle Shepherd, lead them now, through this darkness to Thy Day. To Thy Life that knows no death, To Thy time that knows no end. To that Home that ends the way. Grant unto Thy servants rest, grant them Thine eternal rest.

The Sermon: "UNKNOWN SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 145 ..... *Geneva*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge To The Flag
America — 4th Verse: Hymn No. 141
Prayers — Taps
Postludium Anthem: "There Is A Land" ..... *Smieton*
Recessional Hymn 143 ..... *National Hymn*

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MIRACLE OF RENOVATION

On this Armistice Day we are painfully aware of man's foolish drifting along the ways of strife. I know a government arsenal where in one department men toil with might and main to produce shells that will penetrate the strongest armor-plate; while, in the next department, their fellow workers strive to turn out armor-plate which will stop the most powerful shells. How stupid can we be! Our only salvation lies in turning to the wisdom of the Son of God.

Chaplain Harris, of the United States Senate, has written: "How significant is that comment in the New Testament regarding certain privileged ones on the Mount of Transfiguration: 'When they were awake, they saw His glory!' And how eternally true is the statement of the Old Testament, 'And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord.'

"Out of the wonderful drama of Job there comes this question: 'Hast thou commanded the morning?' There can be no more important query than that. If one is not captain of his soul and body, then we are literally doomed to disappointment, failure, and loss. Dost thou command the morning, or does it command you? The answer to that vital question can be largely determined by this simple test: Are you alert or asleep at the day's beginning?"

Chaplain Harris continues, quoting Dr. James Harris of Scotland, "The miracle of renovation can happen every morning. And all that you require in order to know the joy and thrill of yourself is to resolve to begin each day by surrendering your life to God as definitely as if you had never done it before. I'm growing more and more convinced that a great part of the secret of achieving steadfastness and serenity in the face of the battle of life is this—not only to commit your way to God in some high, decisive moments of conversation, but to do that very thing every morning—go down on your knees and pray, 'Dear God, I do not expect to see the distant scene, but here for the next 24 hours of my life I give it back to Thee, to guard and bless and control.' Then the creed I believe—that at sunrise every soul can be born again,—will become a personal experience. Thus the morning becomes heaven's signal, not with weary sighs to tie on old weights, but with jubilant heart to find, ready to unfold, new truths."

The Senate Chaplain concludes, "It matters not how menial the drudgery you face. It matters not what foul forms have tortured your night 'black as the pit from pole to pole' . . . Even such a night is not without ending—God's morning is on the way and the glory of the blessed day-break, as for you the Son of Righteousness arises with healing in His wings. Is there anything more thrilling in the New Testament than the entry that when, for the disciples, there had been a toiling night of failure and frustration, the glory of the morning came, 'Jesus stood on the shore.' If He is the first form your eyes behold in the dawning light of a new day, His bequest is always the wings of a new strength and of a new star in the glory of the morning."

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Dear Dr. Price:—It must be about 8 weeks ago since I sent in a request for prayers for my impaired hearing. Along with this request I sent a report from an ear specialist in New York. Shortly after I sent in this request I came to Phila. to attend the International Conference on Spiritual Healing. I went to the Altar on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and from that time on my hearing has improved. After leaving the Conference in Phila. I visited with some old friends in New Jersey and they noticed that my hearing had improved. Others have noticed the improvement, also. I am overjoyed about it, as life has taken on a new lease for me. My faith in God, the prayers of your Fellowship and the laying-on-of-hands all working together have altered the degenerated hearing nerve cells, and my impression is that my hearing is gradually improving, and is being done in His time and in His way. This privilege you gave me to attend the Conference has opened my mind to many things. I hope that I can be of some service to others in bringing this message: That faith in God heals. Dr. S. B. N. (Winforme, Pa.)

The Rector will address the Young Adults at Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, on Sunday evening, November 10th, at 6 P.M. He will address the Clerical Brotherhood at the Church House on Monday, November 11th, at 11 A.M.

PLEDGE DAY

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BOOK OF THE MONTH for November is the First and Second Book of the Kings. This will be the 51st Book.

The Church and Freedom Celebration, which opens with a Festival Service at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, November 10th, 1957, at Christ Church, 2nd St. above Market, Philadelphia, and continues with 5 panel discussions, ending on November 13th, is Part One of the year's program of the Diocesan Department of Christian Social Relations. The speaker at the Festival Service will be Oliver Gasch, Esq., District Attorney for Washington, D.C. You are cordially invited.

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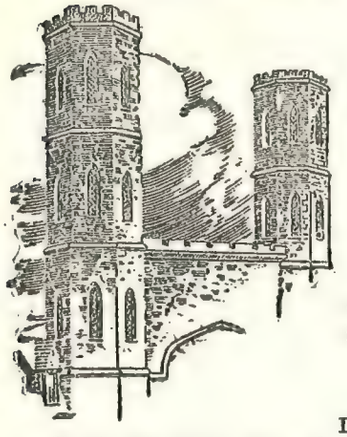
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"I like the QUIET CHURCH before the Service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Two Antiphons ..... *Dupre*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—God both creates a pure heart in man and rewards it. How blessed is this contemplation: He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. When grace has done its work in man's heart, then it behooves man to heed the admonition: "Hold what thou hast." The reward of a pure heart is the seeing of God. Dear Heavenly Father, with the Psalmist we cry: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Let our hearts be Thy dwelling place, that in Communion and obedience to Thee, we may not only see Thee but become increasingly like Thee. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Processional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 86, Page 447
Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 626 ..... *Chant*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem—Sing Praise To God ..... *Whitlock*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our Salvation; with healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur He stills: To God all praise and glory! What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth: within the Kingdom of His might all is just and all is right: To God all power and glory! Then all my joyful way along I sing aloud Thy praises, that men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises: Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part! To God all praise and glory!

The Sermon: "WHAT IS YOUR PLEDGE FOR?" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 569 ..... *St. Flavian*
Recessional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

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4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House
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SURRENDER TO GOD'S WILL

We all want strength, the power to conquer the tests that may visit us. Jesus, coming to His friends one day, assured them, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you." In other words, the only sure inner strength comes from surrendering to His will, and allowing ourselves to be used by Him to meet the needs of others. He conquered despair and discouragement Himself that way, again and again. And His friends in our own day have learned this way of conquest. One of the most vivid current examples comes with the life of a "funny man" whom you may often have seen on the screen.

It is fourteen years since Joe E. Brown lost his son, Captain Don Brown. For his father the sun rose and set on that lad. Quick and able and lovable, already a proven leader, he was a competent and careful pilot in the Air Force; but his plane was cunningly sabotaged by enemy agents; so it crashed, and Don was killed. Could the professional "funny man" ever laugh again, and make others feel carefree and gay? In past days he had trusted God, but now he cried out to himself, "There is no God! If there were one, He couldn't let this happen. He couldn't!" Then a strange thing happened. He wandered out to the Airport, and he saw some boys wearing the shoulder-patch of Don's outfit. He began to talk with them. Something stirred within him (the Spirit of God, he would call it now), and he suddenly felt that they were his sons. "When you have lost your own son, all other lads become your sons," he says now. That Spirit within him was working!

So Joe E. Brown hit the road, barnstorming across the world to the camps where Don's comrades needed all the laughs they could get. His pace was so terrific that he developed a severe case of sciatica from the exposure and lack of sleep. It got so bad that he was transported from place to place in an ambulance. So that the boys would not know about it, he would leave the ambulance 2 miles out of town, limber up by painful walking, until he could come clowning his way into camp. One day he walked into a hospital ward, and was asked to speak to a boy who was dying; and that Spirit within Joe spoke so powerfully that the boy looked up and said, "You came to see me. That shows that Somebody is looking after me. I'm going to get well." And he did. Joe E. Brown began to be a different man. The Spirit within him was operating with power. One night on Christmas Island, he was "just busting to give those boys more fun than one man could possibly give them." He had not danced for months, his sciatica had been so painful. But suddenly he remembered a crazy old dance; and he plunged into it, heart and soul, until the boys howled with glee. When it was over, Joe stood, mopping his brow, and woke up to the fact that his sciatica and its pain were gone. In fact, they were gone for good! Humbly he said to a friend, "I don't know what faith is, or how to get it, but one thing I'm sure of. I trust God with my whole life." So, by surrendering his grief-torn life to God's Loving Spirit, Joe E. Brown found power. And so can you!

A parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous has been repairing the broken backs of a goodly number of our Church Hymnals and Prayer Books during the past year. Mr. William Smith, our sexton, is now making the book racks somewhat wider to prevent further destruction to these valuable books. Worshippers are asked to co-operate by handling as carefully as possible these books.

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 17th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by pledges, the members of St. Stephen's parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1958. All the members of the parish are requested to make their pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the parish have been invited and urged to attend the annual re-dedication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's parish and every member of it.

YOUR PLEDGE IS A RELIGIOUS ACT.

Our Lord talked about money because it is important. Nothing reveals the state of your soul more clearly and more accurately than your attitude toward your possessions.

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The Rector will conduct the Morning Devotions at the Lankenau School, Germantown on November 18th.

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The Prelude: Two Advent Chorale Preludes ..... *Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: Various tests are applied as to who is a true Christian. Some insist upon pure doctrine, some upon worship, some upon simple honesty. St. Paul goes farther; the Spirit of Christ must dwell in the true Christian. Christ is the Master. The disciple must seek to be like Him. We thank Thee, O God, for Thy Son Jesus who came in the flesh as a servant. Teach us to humble ourselves. Make us ready to love and sacrifice in His Name. May we walk humbly with Him, led by His Spirit. Amen.
Processional Hymn 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 75, Page 431
Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*
Benedictus, Hymnal 640 ..... *Chant*
Anthem: O Come, O Come Emmanuel ..... *Arr. Elmore*
Text, Hymn No. 2
The Sermon: "STANDING BEFORE GOD!" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 440 ..... *Watchman*
Recessional Hymn 219 ..... *Hamburg*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Gladys Given in memory of her parents: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Given; and by Mrs. Harry B. Pursell and daughter in memory of husband and father; and by Miss Hazel L. Bainbridge in memory of her parents.

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TRAVEL WITH GOD

Many a person has been saying "What strange Christmases we have these days!" Surely they are very different from those gay Christmases of my childhood, when we shouted "Merry Christmas" with such light hearts, believing that the world was headed safely for nothing but peace and progress. But I suspect that we may come far closer to the spirit of the First Christmas than we could in those earlier years.

You see, our picture of Christmas was getting too prettyfied—so many of us were thinking of Bethlehem with nothing but happiness in it; and the First Christmas was not like that at all! It came to a very weary young man and woman who had been compelled to travel far to pay their taxes, at just the time when no young couple wants to travel. For Mary it was a time of discomfort, and of anxiety for her unborn Babe. For both of them it was a lonely and friendless time, for no home had a room for them in the hour of their need. And, too, soon afterwards, there was the urgent necessity for flight in the night from the swords of Herod's men.

No, the First Christmas was no scene of gayety and comfort. Rather, it was the place where humanity discovered how God leads His children through pain into the deepest joys; through the travail of childbirth into the glory of having a Son; through the night-mares of war into the shining light of a deeper peace. Christmas becomes to us the token that God leads our distant ones through their loneliness homeward to a place where love is strong; that He leads the persecuted and beaten-down people into a peace that nothing can shatter. And so one catches the true wonder of Christmas!—the wonder of a God who can take the darkness of Christmas Eve and make it the open way into the glorious light of Christmas Day; through the black tragedy of the Cross into the shining victory of Easter Day. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" is the triumphant experience of all who follow Christ. If we go with God, He can lead us through pain into joy.

Mary and Joseph were a long way from home on Christmas Eve, like some of our loved ones in the service, in Europe, in the Near East, in the Pacific. But they travel with God, and God's way is to guide His children through the night into the dawn! So our Christmas prayer is that every one of you will travel with Him, and, if your Christmas be shadowed by a world in travail, beyond the darkness stands the pledge of His shining joys, His peace that passes all mis-understanding!

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(Oakland, California).

PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, ever deepen the spiritual life and widen the influence of St. Stephen's Church through the example and leadership of its members, beginning with me. Amen.

The Rector will speak to the Theosophical Society, 2008 Sansom Street Sunday afternoon, December 15th, at 3:30 P.M.

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Anyone having a Television they would like to donate to a worthy cause, call the Church Office—WA 2-3807, Mr. Joseph Leeds.

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

Yes, I want to pledge to the Church as a Thank Offering for God's goodness to me and mine. I undertake to give for the

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$ ..... Per week $ ..... Per week

Signed .....

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Christ's faithful soldiers and servants."

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"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord."

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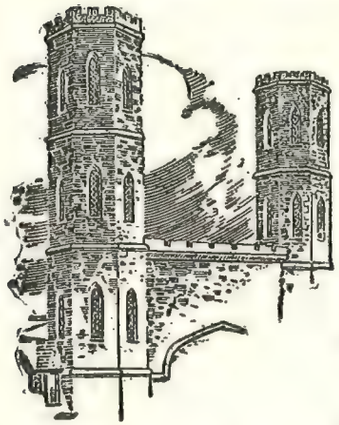
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Processional Hymn 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 107, 1-16, Page 476

In place of Benedictus Es, "On Christmas Night" ..... *Vaughan-Williams*

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Anthem: "Thou Child Divine" ..... *Elmore*

The Sermon: "THE PEOPLE AT THE MANGER" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*

Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Lancashire*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Martha Atherton in memory of mother, Caroline Owens and of Edward Donlan; and by Mrs. Harry Lyster in memory of George W. Lyster.

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That writer managed to say quite a lot about Christmas. He caught much of its surface beauty and enjoyment in his words. But he left out the point, the reason, the well-springs of Christmas. It's like trying to explain a rose bush by describing its roses, and never saying anything about the roots. For expectancy and thoughtfulness and merriment never just "happen" in this world. They overflow people's hearts because there is good news, because something wonderful is happening. And the good news of Christmas is simply the ancient song of the glory of God's stooping down to earth, to come and dwell with us. "For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given; and the government will be on His shoulders, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!"

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Sigrid Undset really said it: "When we give to each other our Christmas presents, let us give them in His name. Let us remember that He has given us the sun and the stars, the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans and all that lives and moves upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit—and all that we quarrel about, and all that we have misused. And to save us from our foolishness and from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave Himself."

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

We have read together as a parish 53 Books of the Bible. Ruth, the next Book on our list, is a delightful, easy-to-read story. The chief point of interest is that Ruth becomes the great grandmother of David. Verse 16 of chapter 1 is a well-known gem: "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God." The Book of Ruth is one of the poetic Books of the Bible.

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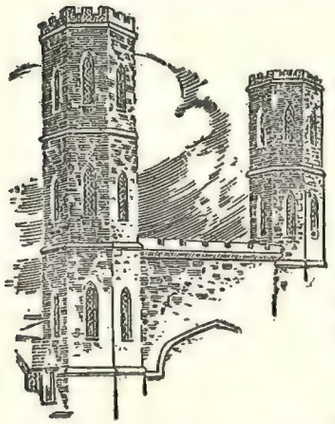
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Processional Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 139, Page 514

Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: Come, All Ye Who Weary ..... *Elmore*
Come, all ye who weary, life's pilgrimmage dreary, now hasten, your fears cast aside. In manger so lowly, by Mary so holy, the Christ Child, your Saviour did bide. The Magi who sought Him (their rich gifts they brought Him) did follow His star, ever bright; with cattle attending (His love never ending) He lay there that hallowed night. But hasten, nor tarry; the gift that you carry, be sure that He'll cherish alway. The Babe in the manger, no longer a stranger, will bless you and guide you each day.

The Sermon: "THE DECISIVE EVENT" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 319

Recessional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*

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But St. Paul had found the secret of inner victory. He had discovered that you can be transformed into a new, free person; free from the dictatorship of old and hurtful habits of mind and body; free to be at one's best, a witnessing Christian. But he had also found out that likeness to Christ is not a human achievement. Overcoming "the old man" within us, and becoming a new person, is not something I can achieve by the most earnest resolution. As Alcoholics Anonymous point out to every wreck of an alcoholic, he can only find freedom and victory through a power greater than himself, a power most men call "God." This is practical. It works—with alcoholics, with gossipy murderers of reputations, with parents who have been more interested in themselves than in their children. It has always worked—since St. Paul learned it from the Risen Christ.

As 1958 draws near, dare to believe that it can be exciting and wonderful. St. Paul's world was restless, overshadowed with mighty Rome; but St. Paul was full of hope. He cries out, "When a man turns to the Lord, the veil is removed," and he sees clearly, confidently. He sees that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." Not freedom to do as I please, of course. I know, by experience, that "doing what I please" is really living in slavery to my whims and appetites. No, where God's Spirit is, there is freedom to slay those old dragons of sin within, and live under the promptings of God. This, of course, means real prayer and thoughtfulness. It means sitting quietly—perhaps early in the morning, when the house is still—reading God's Word, and meditating about it; until you see the Cross lifted up before your eyes, and Jesus showing you the Love of God, which alone can transform you. It means quieting your feverish thoughts, until Jesus can speak to you in thoughts which come from God, and open a new way out of bondage into freedom. You will need to take time to let the Spirit of Christ settle down in you and take up His dwelling there. This will take time; but it will be eternally worthwhile. For in 1958 you will actually find yourself "being changed into His likeness." People will begin to see something of Jesus in you, and take heart.

When Robert Fulton was working on his first model of the steamboat, his friends declared that his theory was impractical; and suggested that he would be wiser to concentrate his energy on some device to increase the power and speed of a sailing vessel. "No," Fulton is said to have replied, "I will not bother with anything that must depend for its progress or power from outside sources . . . The power must come from within."

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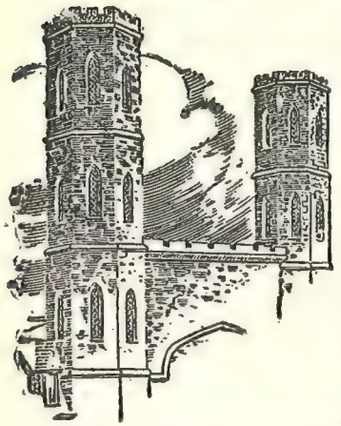
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A thankful heart not only looks backward, but also forward with confidence. The metal mirror may dimly reflect the image or even distort it, but the perfect knowledge shall come when we see face to face. Our past and present experiences shall then appear in a new light. Heavenly Father, from Whom, for Whom, and for Whom, and to Whom are all things, help us to realize anew that without Thee we can do nothing. Cleanse our hearts from all sin and impurity. Let us look forward hopefully to the fulfillment of Thy promises concerning those things that are to be. Amen.

Processional Hymn 46 ..... *Morning Star*

Kyrie, Hymnal 714 ..... *Oldroyd*

The Anthem: Three Kings ..... *Willan*

The Sermon: THE WISE MEN CAME LATE.....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 48 ..... *Stuttgart*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 52 ..... *Dix*

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PRAYER FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have finished another year in our Ministry of Healing in St. Stephen's Church. Devoting at least a half-hour each day to pray for a long list of people may not seem a great thing for an intercessor to do, but it is quite often just the link needed for God's power to reach the one in need. We remember, with deep gratitude, that it is just the daily acts of prayer of each of our 97 intercessors, which has made the work of the Prayer Healing Fellowship as a whole possible. They have shared with us at St. Stephen's the great burden of the need of those who write to us for prayer.

The number of our regular Prayer Fellowship intercessors has reached 97, and we now have a daily chain of prayers around the clock. We have each of the 24 hours taken three times over by our 97 members. Each intercessor is disciplined to give a fixed hour each day for his prayer activity. Each needy individual is lifted up in prayer to God 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks. The patient is requested to keep us informed of progress. Chronic cases may be renewed for longer periods of prayer.

During the past year 19,506 persons requested our prayers. This means that 19,506 people were remembered 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks by our 97 prayer helpers.

We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing cooperation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Has all the prayer, faith and devotion of intercessors and friends been worth while? No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector, an average of 80 per week, are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported at the monthly meeting of the Prayer Fellowship, and in the weekly report to the members, all progress and cures are recorded. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . For, where two or three are gathered, in My Name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of Prayer can never be over-estimated.

MILK CAN

In 1957, eight hundred dollars was contributed in the Milk Can on the steps of the Church for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. It is used to share our surplus food with people in foreign countries who are hungry. $1.00 will give cheese to more than 400 protein-deficient persons daily for a week. $5.00 will give bowls of cereal daily to 500 hungry and destitute persons for more than three weeks. $10.00 will provide bread to each of 400 needy children every day for a period of more than two months. $100.00 will send enough milk overseas to give a cupful to nearly a half million persons.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

We have read together as a parish 54 Books of the Bible, on a month by month basis. The Book for January is the Book of Ecclesiastes.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, January 5th, at 7:30 P.M., and will conduct a Healing Mission in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, January 6th to 8th, inclusive.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. Some 740 are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of the forty-eight States, and in addition, to people in Canada. It goes not only to members but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It costs $39.80 a week to print and mail this publication. There are some 44 issues a year at a total cost of $1,763.80. Last year we received 608.71 from individuals in response to our annual appeal. If every family would give $2.25 per year the cost would be met. Of course a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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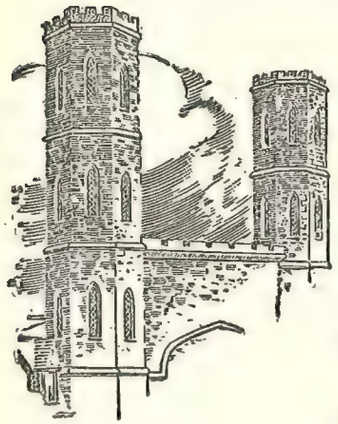
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 109-110

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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—*Emerson*
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The Prelude: Invocation ..... *Dallier*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Bible, as the Word of God, is man's best guide for life. It shows us the pitfalls of life, it unmasks temptation and evil, and it points out the things that are pure and of good report. This Guide shows the way home to the Father's House. O God, we thank Thee for Thy Word. Without the guidance of Thy Word the way to Thee would remain unknown, and the solution to our problems of life would be left to a blind fate. Teach us more diligently to follow the leadership of Thy Word in all things. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 47 ..... *Puer Nobis*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 62, Page 413, Prayer Book

Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee .....*Bach*

The Sermon: "LOT'S WIFE" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 465 ..... *Bethany*

Recessional Hymn 542 ..... *Duke Street*

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ACTS OF FAITH

Troubles pile up. There is sickness. Adversity strikes the pocket-book. The horizon looks like more bad weather. Impulsively the person says: "I haven't any faith anymore." But is that an honest statement, or just an excuse to take it easy?.

Hannah Whittall Smith deals swiftly and surgically with this "I have no faith." She writes, "Suppose you should begin tomorrow with the notion in your head that you could not trust anybody, because you had no faith. When you sat down to breakfast, you would say, 'I cannot eat anything on this table, for I have no faith, and I cannot believe the cook has not put poison in the coffee, or that the butcher has not sent home diseased or unhealthy meat'; so you would go starving away. When you went out to your daily avocations, you would say, 'I cannot ride in a railway train, for I have no faith, and therefore I cannot trust the engineer, nor the conductor, nor the builders of the carriages, nor the managers of the road.' And you would be compelled to walk every where, and would grow unutterably weary in the effort, besides being unable to reach the places you could have reached in the train."

Each day is a procession of acts of faith: the invalid opens her eyes with confidence in those who care for her; the store keeper has faith in you when he lets you charge your purchases instead of paying cash; the household trusts the mother to keep on cooking and sweeping, even though she may be weary and half sick; the parents trust the school teacher with the care of their children. We cannot make a move without exercising faith in human beings. It would be dreadful and silly to attempt a day without faith in them.

Hannah Smith continues, " . . . if this lack of faith in your fellow men would be so dreadful, and such utter folly, what must it be when you tell God that you have no power to trust Him, nor believe His Word; that it is a great trial, but you cannot help it, 'for you have no faith' . . . I for my part have such absolute confidence in the Holy Spirit . . . that I dare to say to everyone of you that you *can* believe now, at this very moment; and that if you do not, it is not the Spirit's fault, but your own. Put your world, then, on the believing side. Say, 'Lord, I believe, I do believe.' " There it is—*put your world on the believing side*—certainly if you can so trust other people who are as imperfect as yourself, you can have faith in God!

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The Rector will speak to the Lutheran Student Association of the University of Pennsylvania at 6 P.M., Sunday evening.

A HOUSE BLESSING

Bless, O Lord, Almighty God, this house, that there be found good health, the power of spiritual victory, humility, goodness, and meekness, the plentitude of Thy Law, and Thanksgiving to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; and may this blessing remain on this house and on its inhabitants. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
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—The above is a very ancient prayer for the Blessing of Homes at Epiphany. The strange markings at the bottom call for explanation. The numbers at the beginning and end stand for the year, the letters are the initials of the three legendary Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior, and Baltasar. These symbols were written in white chalk on the inside of the front door of the house after the Blessing had been asked.

Mrs. Clara Schmid, President of The King's Daughters, reports a membership during the year 1957 of thirteen members. Some ninety dollars was disbursed during the year for various charities, including some ninety sewing articles sent to the Episcopal Hospital and St. Christopher's Children's Hospital.

1957 REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

During the calendar year 1957, we completed and returned 5,029 pieces of sewing to the hospitals, as follows:

Episcopal	367	
Jefferson	4,323	
Presbyterian	79	
Visiting Nurse Society	260	5,029

For the sewing of these pieces we disbursed $514.80, which included carfare for the workers.

At the close of the Spring session we had our usual Annual Closing Party, financed by the Aides, and attended by the workers, Aides and a few guests.

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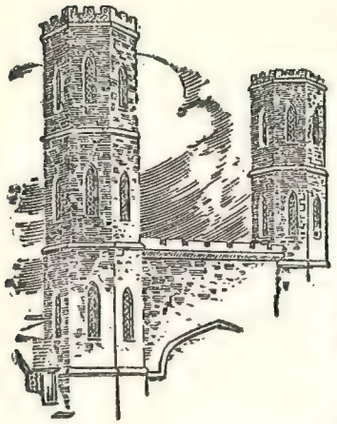
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Processional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*
The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 96, Page 459
Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 624 ..... *Chant*
Jubilate, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem: "Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round"..... *Gibbons-Malin*

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way; Guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day. Rule in our hearts that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee. We are of Thee, the children of Thy Love, the brothers of Thy well-beloved Son; Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove into our hearts, that we may be as one; As one with Thee to Whom we ever tend; as one with Him, our Brother and our Friend. We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things sweet and fair, one with the joy that breaketh into song, one with the grief that trembleth into Prayer, one in the power that makes the children free to follow truth, and thus to follow Thee.

The Sermon, "SUPPORT FOR SEMINARIES" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*
Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

Often in nature one can see God's hand at work, dealing with *things* in the same way that He does with people. And often, after studying His handiwork in nature, we understand ourselves better. We see how we *must* live if we want to be truly and fully alive. Once a year I like to share the following familiar parable with you. It reminds me of one of Jesus' parables, putting a mighty truth into simple words and a simple picture, just as Jesus did.

"There are two seas in Palestine.

"One is fresh and fish are in it. Slashes of green adorn its banks. Trees bow their branches over it, and stretch out their thirsty roots to sip of its healing water.

"Along its shores the children play as children played when He was there. He loved it. He could look across its silver surface when He spoke His parables. And on a rolling plain not far away He fed five thousand people.

"The River Jordan makes this sea with sparkling water from the hills. So it laughs in the sunshine. And the men build their houses near to it, and birds their nests: and every kind of life is happier because it is there.

"The River Jordan flows on South into another sea.

"Here no splash of fish, no fluttering leaf, no song of birds, no children's laughter. Travelers choose another route, unless on urgent business. The air hangs heavy above its waters, and neither man, nor beast, nor fowl will drink.

"What makes this mighty difference in these neighbor seas?

"Not the River Jordan. It empties the same good water into both. Not the soil in which they lie; not the country 'round about.

"This is the difference. The sea of Galilee receives but does not keep the Jordan. For every drop that flows into it another drop flows out. The giving and receiving go on in equal measure. The other sea is shrewder, hoarding its income jealously. It will not be tempted into any generous impulse. Every drop it gets it keeps.

"The Sea of Galilee gives and lives. This other sea gives nothing. It It is named the Dead Sea.

"There are two kinds of people in the world. There are two Seas in Palestine."

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C. M. B. (Washington, D. C.)

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TESO

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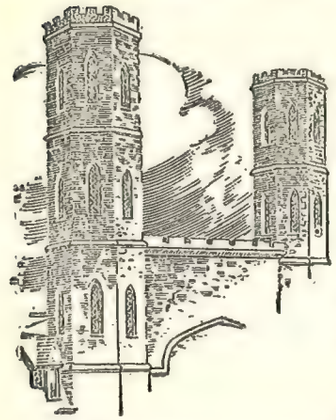
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The Prelude: Invocation ..... *Dallier*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Only those who approach God in the right spirit can truly worship Him. If we seek to live as in the sight of the Eternal, we experience a great joy and find it easy to serve Him on the pathway of life. Temptations will be overcome and our constant communion with God will be a blessing unto us. O God, grant us a double portion of Thy Spirit. May we be able to worship Thee as we ought, with the right and the true motive. Use us as instruments in Thy hand to spiritualize life in our own circle of friends. Make us faithful to all that is fine and noble. Amen.

Processional Hymn 545 ..... *Webb*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 119:14, 15, Page 497

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem—Tenor Solo, "Hear My Prayer" ..... *Dvorak*

Sermon: .....THE REV. DR. STANLEY R. WEST

Offertory Hymn 328 ..... *Belmont*

Recessional Hymn 554 ..... *Lancashire*

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SCOUTMASTER'S REPORT

Mr. James O. Lyman, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 2, reports that our Troop started its 31st Charter Year on February 28th, 1957 with an enrollment of 19. During the year the Troop participated in the Philadelphia Council's Camperall, where it won a Gold Certificate; the District Comporee where, in spite of ice in all pails and coffee pots, it won first place; spent a week at Treasure Island summer camp; went on other overnight camping trips, and won the National Camping Award for 14 of its members. The Troop received a special placque for outstanding work during the four year program. "Onward For God and Country." The total disbursements for the year 1957 was $189.53.

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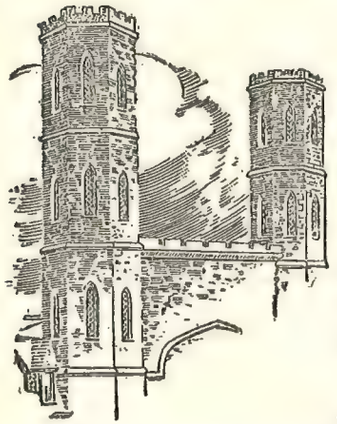
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our never-ending task of being Christian is to fill ourselves in unending measure of such qualities of the Spirit as strength in the inner man, faith in His dear Son, knowledge that comprehends the dimensions of Love, and Love itself that passeth all understanding. Dear Lord, we are overwhelmed when, as we behold the smallness of ourselves, we realize that we were meant to contain Thy fullness. Unto that end may we strive to be immersed in Thy truth and goodness, but not until we have emptied ourselves, so that Thou canst replenish our hearts with every grace of Thyself completely. Amen.

Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*
Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem, God of Grace and God of Glory ..... *Timmings*
The Sermon, *"THE STORY OF HOSEA AND GOMER".....THE RECTOR
(Note:)—* Text to be found in hymn No. 524.
Offertory Hymn 560 ..... *Pentecost*
Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 .....*Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

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So long as the Love of God was invisible, men wondered and argued about His character—whether He is kind or cruel, small-hearted or the Father of all created men. But when God revealed His nature in Jesus, then, at last, there is a bridge between man and God. Jesus has bridged the gap which sinning men had opened between themselves and God. *Now* God became a Face, the Face of Jesus—wonderful in His patience and compassion for us. Now men discovered God's powerful support of every sincere attempt to behave like His children.

An unknown writer has pictured the brief, breath-taking Life of Jesus which draws us to God so strongly. Once you "see" Jesus, you do not want to resist God's Love anymore!

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(Eastville, Va.)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

We have now read together as a Parish 55 Books of the Bible. Joshua, the next Book on our list, is the story of the conquest of Canaan by one of history's great generals.

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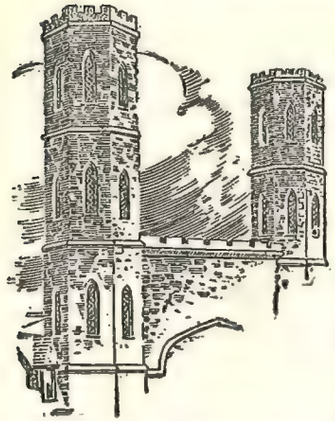
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Prelude: Adagio ..... *Handel*

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Processional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 46, Page 307

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: Fierce Was The Wild Billow ..... *Noble*

The Sermon: "THE FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS".....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 448 ..... *Trust*

Recessional Hymn 553 ..... *Lancashire*

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I saw a vivid and almost ridiculous possibility of making calamity into opportunity. We landed at an airport in a southern city a little late. Two pastors drove us back to the city; and because we were late, they drove too fast. A police car drove alongside and motioned us to the curb. The pastor who was driving said, "Oh, officer, you are just the man I want. I've got to get this man into the city for a 6 o'clock meeting. We've got five minutes. Can you give us a police escort?" "Escort?" snapped the policeman. "I'm giving you a ticket." "All right," said the quick-thinking pastor. "Give me a ticket, but also give me an escort, please." The officer looked at him for a moment, incredulous, but said, 'All right; fall in behind, and follow me." We went through the traffic of the city with sirens going. Everything stood still for us. We ran all the red lights, and came through in glorious triumph, exactly on time. The officer looked at the pastor's license, smiled, and waved him on. We had taken our captor captive, and made him lead us in triumph.

These early Christians knew that secret. They turned troubles into triumphs, sorrows into song. They made everything contribute.

This power of come-back and recovery is seen in the sign which a real estate agent put up on a shack after the great Chicago fire had wiped out everything he had: "All gone except wife, children, and energy." The spirit of come-back could not be wiped out. It built a new Chicago out of the ashes of the old—and a better Chicago. When disease ruined all the coffee trees of Ceylon, the planters made opportunity out of it by turning their plantations into tea—and did better.

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Mrs. Alfred Price will continue her annual Lenten Mission talks by speaking, this year, about Christian Missions in Japan, to the Woman's Auxiliary on Thursday, February 20th, at 11 A.M. All St. Stephen's Women are automatically members of this group and are invited to come.

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Annual Report — Woman's Aid to the Episcopal Chapel for Hard of Hearing.

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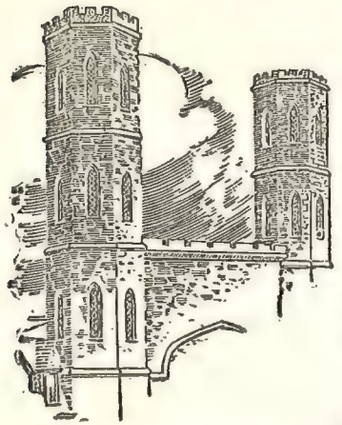
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The Prelude: Larghetto ..... *Handel*

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Processional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 24, page 368

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: "Turn Back, O Man"—Text, Hymn 536 ..... *Holst*

The Sermon—"ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE YEARS" ...THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

Recessional Hymn 568 ..... *Hermas*

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THE PURPOSE OF LENT

In three days Lent will be here! In that wonderful Season Christians have formed a habit of giving their main attention to living under God's direction. One feels the quickening of spiritual life all around, like the coming of Spring in the whole of nature.

To observe Lent fruitfully, we must get back to its original purpose, as it was in the early Church. To those pioneer Christians Lent was a commemoration of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. They were grateful that He "went apart" to meet the toughest temptations in life: the temptation to "use" God for our own purposes (The turning of stones into bread for Himself); the temptation to a showy, sensational way of religion to attract attention (casting Himself down from a pinnacle of the Temple); the temptation to bow our wills to the worldly powers instead of to God (yielding to the worldly Satan). They were so deeply grateful to Him for showing them how to conquer these deadly temptations that they appointed this special Season as a "training period"; in it Christians are to learn penitence for our spiritual laziness and self-dependence, to "go apart" in spirit and let God have His way with us.

The Church, however, grew steadily more complicated and fussy in its worship, more dictatorial in its rule over men, and changed the point of Lent by imposing fasting as the main purpose. Instead of following the spiritual example of Jesus, they followed His literal example—and lost the whole purpose of His fasting, which was to overcome the evil which was trying to capture His will and heart. We need to remember that "fasting" is good only if it has a Christ-like purpose. Going without candy or cigarettes in Lent is very beneficial if we keep very quiet about it (thus avoiding Pharisaical pride); then discipline our bodies to obey God's will, and discipline our pocket-books to feed the poor.

Lent will thus become the time when we give our full thought and action and prayer to meeting our spiritual enemies face to face in God's strength, and putting them to flight as Jesus did with Satan. It can be a thrilling Season as one learns to abandon the exhausting struggle to overcome sin in our own strength; and one learns to take on that victorious willingness to live in God's way, in His power. When we really do that, sin always yields the battle, for no opponent can match God's power!

The truly Christian way, therefore, boils down to willingness to solve every problem on God's terms. It is not easy to establish this willingness as our pattern of life. But, once you get a taste of the clean-cut victories that are woven out of this pattern, then the devil wavers and takes to his heels. Our first purpose in Lent, therefore, is, through the pattern of Jesus, to climb to that shining face where "the devil leaveth Him; and behold, angels came and ministered to Him." They may be waiting to come and minister to *you!*

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

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The front elevation of this Church may be seen at the Academy of the Fine Arts. About one-third of the pews are already subscribed for, and those who may be desirous to procure seats will make application to either of the committee, or at Mr. Potter's book store in Chestnut Street near Third Street.

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The Annual Corporate Communion for men and boys of our Diocese will again be celebrated as an observance of Washington's Birthday, Saturday, February 22nd. This year there will be ten Host Churches distributed throughout the Philadelphia area to make it convenient for all possible men and boys to attend.

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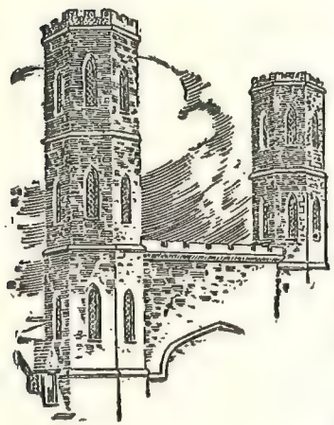
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The Prelude: Supplication ..... *Purvis*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: —Those who follow God's guidance get the most out of life. Obedience to God's will is the secret of true and lasting happiness. They who can truly say, when they pray, "Thy will be done" are invincible. They are living the victorious life, for they firmly believe that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Lord, help us to find and follow the true way to Thee. Open our minds and hearts that Thy will for our lives may be revealed to us in unmistakable terms. May we be assured of Thy companionship. Amen.

Processional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 112, page 483

Benedictus Es Domini, Hymnal 624 .....*Chant*

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The Anthem: "Blessed Are All They That Fear The Lord" ..... *Sowerby*

The Sermon—"THE MIRACLE OF RECOVERY" .....THE RECTOR

Offerty Hymn 422 ..... *Grace Church*

Recessional Hymn 339 ..... *St. Christopher*

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Dan Pohling relates a modern illustration of this ever-practical, never-failing truth:

Some years ago, a preacher stepped from his pulpit in New York City to receive a telegram announcing the serious illness of his son. Hastily packing a bag, he caught the midnight train, which early on Monday morning brought him to White River Junction, Vermont.

It was late January and bitter cold. Through heavy drifts of snow he was driven across the river to an old New England Academy. There he found his boy battling for life with pneumonia.

The struggle grew complicated and desperate, but the patient recovered. In the course of the day-and-night vigils, that father became acquainted with the doctor, a unique character, who was in charge of the case. The father had been told that this physician was unusual, that he was a genius, that with his training and equipment, and that subtle quality of personality to which the exceptional ones, the truly great, are born, he could have risen to the heights of his profession in any city of the continent. More and more the father marveled, marveled at this doctor's presence in the hills of New Hampshire.

One night the physician came from a cruel ride that had taken him to a remote community where he had brought a new life into the world. It was three o'Clock in the morning when he arrived at the infirmary. Several times blocked by drifts, he had dug out his sleigh, and now in utter weariness he shook off the clinging icicles and warmed himself. He would not take his own rest until he had looked in on his patient.

In deep emotion the father watched the physician. Finally he said: "Doctor, why are you here? I don't understand it. You could be anywhere, anywhere in the world. I've known only one other man like you in a sick room and his name is written among the names of the great. If my boy lives, you are responsible. Why are you here?"

And then the doctor, strangely eager, told his story: "I had a brother," he said, "who possessed everything you think I have. An older brother he was, whom I fairly worshipped. He took the academic route that I later followed and then, instead of going to Boston or New York, he went out to the West Indies as a medical missionary.

"Disappointment is a weak word to express what I felt. Why, sir, he had let me down! My hero was dead. Then and there I resolved to make up what I regarded as a family deficit. As you know, I went to Dartmouth and Harvard, looking forward to a career in medicine. I had every ambition intimated in what you have just said.

"Then in my senior year in college word came that my brother had *cholera*. The word of his illness had scarcely reached us when we received a flash announcing his death. I went down to settle his affairs and bring back his ashes.

"Well, sir, that visit gave me a new perspective and revolutionized my life. I saw hundreds of native people to whom my brother had come as healer and friend. A teacher and guide. Until he came they had been desolate and in despair. Their child-like love and faith were the most beautiful things I had ever known. To them my brother had stood in the place of Christ. He had been to them a veritable redeemer.

"Well, I returned, completed my college course, finished medicine, and came here —one of the neediest spots in New England, and I knew that if I did not come, there would be no one. And I have learned that the *supreme* distinction is the distinction of *service*, and that a man, to make his life count for the most, must put it where it is most needed. That, sir, is my reason for being here." Then as he turned to go in to the preacher's son, he smiled whimsically and added, "Aren't you glad?"

Whenever a man or a woman goes where God wants them to be, miracles happen. What matters is—make sure you are where He wants you!

THE ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

In celebrating our 135th Anniversary we are endeavoring to raise the sum of $40,000.00 to help in defraying the cost of extensive renovations in the Church. We need to repaint the interior of the Church as well as the Parish House stairways. We need to improve the lighting in the Church, and because of the great activity in the Church during the hot months we need to air-condition the Church.

We are asking the members and friends of St. Stephen's to aid us in this endeavor by subscribing to a share in the cost over a period of three years.

The work needs to go forward immediately and we are going on in faith that the necessary money will be forth-coming.

We would like everyone to fill out the pledge card and give us an indication how much to expect in the next three years. No one will call upon you. We are depending on your interest in the program of St. Stephen's and the need to take care of the needs of the many who are availing themselves of our ministrations.

Three hundred persons giving one dollar a week for a period of three years will more than meet the expense of this needed project.

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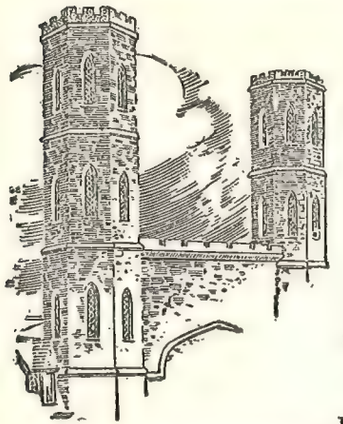
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The Prelude: The Celestial Banquet ..... *Messaien*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Lenten Season is hallowed in the lives of Christians everywhere because in it we can see the completed work of Him of Whom John the Baptist spoke. Glorious Message: He takes away our sin! Heavenly Father, Thou hast sent Jesus into the world to grant us forgiveness for our sins, thus banishing our despair. Fill our hearts with trusting faith in Him, Help us to forsake sin and live in obedience to Him who gave Himself for us that we might live. Amen.

Processional Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

The Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Bread of the World ..... *Candlyn*
Bread of the world, in mercy broken, wine of the soul, in mercy shed; By whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead: Look on the heart by sorrow broken, look on the tears by sinners shed; And be Thy feast to us the token that by Thy grace our souls are fed. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE APOSTLES' CREED" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 416 ..... *Beatitudo*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 211 ..... *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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PATTERN FOR LIFE

We discovered, last Sunday, that in Lent we can find a new pattern of life, and begin to live victoriously by that pattern.

Have you ever watched a person hooking rugs? Such a person can take a pile of all sorts of rags, wash them and cut them carefully into strips; and then start to hook them through the burlap base of the rug. Little by little these strips of rags from old overcoats and dresses begin to form a picture. This person is working from a pattern, the pattern of the picture she intends to make.

Life is like that. All human beings have down deep in their lives, a pattern of living. And their daily needs, the achievements of their years, depend entirely on the pattern they follow. Adolph Hitler's life brought suffering and slavery and humiliation to his people, the pains of war to the world, and final defeat and disgrace to himself—all because he followed the pagan pattern of self-glorification. Abraham Lincoln also came into a scene of strife and anger, but he made out of those same materials a picture of compassion and freedom and deepening peace—because he followed the pattern of the patient love of Jesus, that love for all men, black or white, rich or poor.

Lent can be such a thrilling adventure! You have only to look at it as a rich opportunity to discover the pattern of Jesus. You can make it your daily habit to hook every opportunity, every temptation, into His pattern, as He did in the wilderness and throughout His matchless life.

Take hardship and calamity, for instance—such as a fire in the night, endangering your life and wiping out your possessions. Some persons stand shocked and limp, overflowing with self-pity, waiting for everybody to jump to their aid. This is their pattern—to get happiness for themselves at the expense of others. Another stands in the self-same circumstances, and out of them makes a totally different picture. A real estate agent, after the great Chicago fire, put up a sign on his temporary shack, "All gone except wife, children, and energy." He had lost every material possession he had, but he was rejoicing in the keeping of his most precious treasures. For his pattern was to serve his family and his community courageously—and, fire or no fire, he could still do that!

Jesus had very simple, limited materials given Him. He was granted small-town life, a religion reduced to rules and customs, the deathly hate of His enemies, the persistent dumbness of His disciples. But out of these simple and difficult materials He fashioned the amazing picture of the love-of-God-on-earth. He could do this because His pattern was to be the willing servant of God; to love God by caring for people as God did. This is the pattern we are setting up in our frame, to follow in Lent. May God bless you as you weave your moments and days into that redeeming picture!

Mrs. Jeannie MacDougal and Mr. J. Stokes Leeds have presented the Rector with a Purple Stole, given in memory of Mrs. Harriet Smyth.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening, March 2nd. He will preach at the Arch Street Methodist Church on Monday and Tuesday at noontime, and in St. Mary's Church, Haddon Heights, N. J., on Thursday evening, March 6th.

We extend a hearty welcome to Dean John J. Weaver of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, who will be our Lenten preacher March 3rd-March 7th, inclusive; and to the Rev. Harold O. Boon, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, our preacher for the Saturday, March 8th, noonday service.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mr. and Mrs. August Albers, Mrs. Florence Baratelli, Mrs. Mary T. Barker, Mr. Lewis D. Brown, Mrs. Beatrice I. Cassady, Mrs. John D. Cist, Elizabeth Corrigan, Mrs. Florabel F. and Florabel Cunningham, Mrs. Mae R. Dunn, Mary E. Evans, Mrs. John C. Funck, Mary Garner, Ross J. Griffith, Sara Elizabeth Hart, Mrs. Charles Harvey, Fred C. Holmes, Mrs. Joan B. Herder, Mrs. Madeline Keller, James O. Lyman, Mrs. John H. MacDougall, Mildred Maxham, Gladys K. Moore, The Misses B. and K. McCormick, Mrs. W. A. Nagle, Mrs. Edith Oliver, Mrs. Dorothy R. Randall, Mrs. Ella Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Ross, Mrs. Mazie Seighman, Mrs. Adelaide P. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Shimp, Mrs. M. D. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Slatcher, Helen Street, Mrs. Edith S. Taylor, Mrs. Vivian H. Weekes, Mrs. Frances Weir, Mrs. Eleanor White, William Wilkie, Mrs. Roswell Carter Williams, Jr., Chris. Wyld.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

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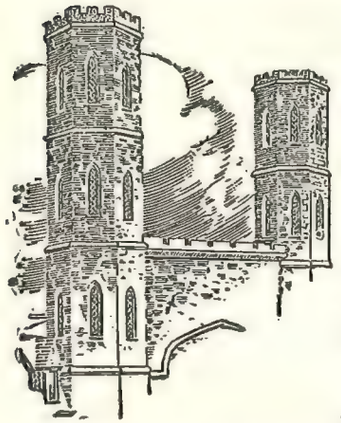
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Processional Hymn 533 ..... *Bethlehem*

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Psalm 46, Page 397

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Benedictus, Hymnal 640 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God ..... Noble

The Sermon: "THE LORD'S PRAYER" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 435 ..... *Rest*

Recessional Hymn 549 ..... *All Saints New*

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HIS FAVORITE PUPIL

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After all, Jesus revealed this to us Himself. He was handicapped by being a "small-town" man, and the son of a carpenter—but He let God use that "handicap" to bring Him closer to common people. When He tried to make clear His Father's secrets to His disciples, they were so mulish that they missed the point entirely. When He began to reveal the hard road of self-giving, of going to Jerusalem, the crowd began dwindling, and forgot about Him. One of His closest friends sold His life to His enemies for cash. But, in every difficulty, every heart-break, Jesus let the love of God through Him so clearly that people can still see the compassion and the long-suffering patience in that Love. Jesus' pattern worked!

One of the most painful of life's heart-breaks is undeserved suffering—why does so-and-so have cancer; why, that little girl, polio? We cannot always find clear answers of course, because we are human; but we can usually get a clue showing how this "misfortune" can be woven into the pattern of God's great love.

In one of our weekly news magazines there is a story of Clint Peurifoy. Admiral Charles Brown, in command of the 6th U. S. Fleet tells the story, for Clint's father, Jack, was an old friend. Clint is a spastic, which was a bitter mystery to his father, who became U. S. Ambassador to Greece. Clint was a brilliant boy, and an attractive personality. Queen Frederica loved him so much that she used to ask him for long visits to the royal palace in Athens. During these visits young Clinton played freely with Queen Frederica's two children. One day Prince Constantine said to his little American friend, "My sister and I have been talking about you, and we have decided that you must be the favorite pupil of Jesus." "What do you mean?" asked Clint. "Well," replied the prince, "You know how it is. In school the best pupil is always given the hardest problems to solve. God gave you the hardest problem of all, so you must be His favorite pupil." . . . "I don't believe it," said Clint. "I won't believe it unless my daddy says that he believes it." When Queen Frederica spoke to Clint's father, he shook his head—he didn't believe it; So he did not think he could say to Clint that he did. Finally he decided that, for Clint's sake, he must say it anyway; so he did. Then he began to notice Clint's deepening courage and love of other people—his victory over the handicap of being a spastic—and at last he believed. Then a strange thing happened. His two sons went out in his automobile one day, and there was an accident. Jack and the younger son were killed; and only Clint, the spastic, survived, to be the man of the house for his mother. But Clint made a great discovery—God was training him to show to all people that a spastic, beset with tragedy and heart-break, can have the courage and the love to live usefully and triumphantly. All handicapped can—if their hearts' pattern is that of Jesus.

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MAGEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Rector will give the Invocation at the Dedicatory Service of the Anna J. Magee Memorial Hospital, 1523 Race Street on Sunday, March 9th, at 2 P.M.

The Rector will lead a Seminar Class of seniors on the subject of the Urban Church at the Philadelphia Divinity School on Monday at 7 P.M. He will speak at a meeting of "Spiritual Frontiers" in Trenton, N. J. on Tuesday evening and at St. Mary's Church, Haddon Heights, on Thursday evening.

Each year on Ash Wednesday we receive a number of inquiries about the imposition of ashes. This custom is not observed in St. Stephen's in view of the very considerable body of opinion to the effect that it is to be identified with a Jewish religious practice which Our Lord forbade His disciples to imitate. (Matthew 6:16-18).

One hundred and eight men and boys sat down in the Community House for the Annual Breakfast of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on Washington's Birthday. We are grateful to Mrs. Theodore Bechtel and her corps of workers who served such a fine meal. Of the ten Churches throughout the Diocese, St. Stephen's was second in attendance.

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John D. M. Hamilton
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Miss Mary Louise Seltzer
Miss Ethel H. Bollinger
Miss Virginia D. Homeyard
Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr.
Mr. Joseph Faulkner

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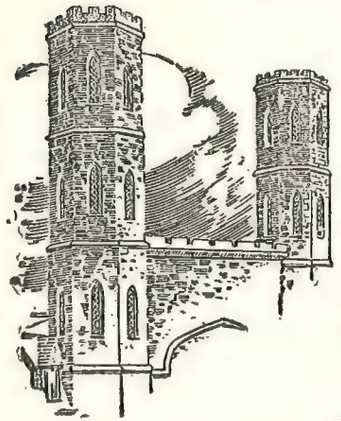
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Jesus, Lover of my Soul" .....*Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Perfect peace does not mean freedom from conflicts. Where there is life there is conflict. God's Word, however, envisages a condition where man's heart is at rest even while engaged in a conflict for the right. Peace within is found wherever the soul trusts God and does not stray from Him. O God, Thy peace is the peace that passeth understanding. We thank Thee for the gift of peace of which Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: Not as the world giveth give I unto you." Our heart desires this peace. Help us, therefore, to trust Thee for this Thy gift. Amen.

Processional Hymn 536 .....*Old 124th*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 .....*Chant*

Psalm 81, Page 442

Benedictus Es Domini .....*Thiman*

Benedictus, Hymnal 640 .....*Chant*

Anthem: "God Is Love" .....*Matthews*
God is Love, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. Love never faileth. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.

The Sermon: "AS WE FORGIVE" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 337 .....*Rockingham*

Recessional Hymn 335 .....*Caswall*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her husband, Dr. George Sinnamon; by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his brother, Landis Gordon Walker; and by Mrs. Robert A. Trautner, in memory of her husband, Robert A. Trautner.

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7:30 P. M.—Holy Communion; the preacher, John P. Bartholomew, A.B.

ANNIVERSARY REMINISCENSES

Dear Dr. Price:

We thoroughly appreciated your very interesting sermon that you preached on the 135th Anniversary of our Church; this I know represented a lot of work on your part. There are probably very few persons who remember the Church as we do. My mother went to St. Stephen's in 1888 or 1889. The parish house was new, there was blue carpet on the floor. We all attended Sunday School. Mother attended the mothers' meetings on Wednesday afternoons, she would take one or two of the children with her. Miss Stoddard would read to them as they made gingham aprons, which were sold. Mother also belonged to a King's Daughters group, that met on Sunday afternoons. My sisters all belonged to the G.F.S., also to another King's Daughters group in charge of Mrs. Vanderslice; she was the person who asked us to go to St. Stephen's, her husband was Dr. Edward Vanderslice, he had charge of the Phila. dispensary at 127 S. 5th St. I was baptised at St. Stephen's, also some of my sisters; we were all confirmed there. My three older sisters were married there, also Louise Braun. Mr. Wood played the organ in Sunday School and Church; he would come down on the trolley cars. Dr. S. D. McConnell was in charge and the Rev. Mr. Joseph Miller was his assistant and also superintendent of the Sunday School. On the Sunday after Easter we had our Festival, and a cross of flowers was placed near the chancel rail. The crowds were so great policemen were on duty at the side doors and front doors. The Sunday School pupils marched in singing, and the Burd School followed, and the Home of the Merciful Savior were seated in the gallery dressed in white. After the service was over the flowers were given to the Sunday School pupils. Before we joined St. Stephen's we attended St. Georges Church at 4th and Race streets. We attended Sunday School there at 2 P.M. on Sundays. For a while we attended St. Stephen's in the morning at 9:45 and St. Georges at 2 P.M. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell sat in his front pew; his daughter Maria was Louise Braun's Sunday School teacher. Mr. Roland Morris would be present, also the Clemans and Van Dusens. My sister Bessie had a Sunday School Class and Bessie Grammer was one of her pupils. We have fond recollections of St. Stephen's. It was nice greeting you on Christmas Day after the service.

Sincerely,
SELINA WILDER
Toms River, N. J.

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Dear Dr. Price:—I must tell you the wonderful news! Little Geraldine Sieley, who had gone blind in one eye, and after the prayers of your Prayer Fellowship for her, started regaining her sight. Doctors had held consultations previously and decided it was best to operate and remove that eye, since it had not responded to treatment or medication. Geraldine's eyesight continues to improve. She is so happy, and she says, "Momie, I know what has done it—praying did it." She is so young, but she seems to have an understanding with God. We are grateful to you, and all the members of the Prayer Chain. H. C. (Phila., Pa.)

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We welcome as the preacher for the Noonday Lenten Services Monday through Friday, the Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., Rector of the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, who is substituting for Dean High Moor, who is unable to be with us due to the illness of his wife. We welcome the Rev. J. H. Hauser, Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who will be the preacher at the Saturday service.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Ralph E. Allen, Mr. & Mrs. David S. Gamble, Gladys Given, Alice L. Gold, Marion S. Hamlen, Edwina S. Hild, Mrs. Maude Hinds, Mrs. Louis G. Gorneffer, Mrs. John Horton, Mrs. Ella M. Keys, Mrs. Hazel Meszaros, Mrs. Mabel B. Moore, Grace Pyle, Daisy Raynor, Mrs. Anna M. Reed, Mrs. John Smyth & Family, Mrs. Clara Stephens, Mrs. Caroline L. Temme.

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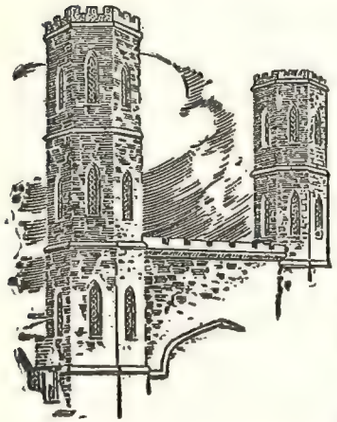
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The Prelude: "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—So much of religion is a mild assumption or a pious wish, and for that reason it never becomes a transforming power in our lives. When we know for a certainty that Jesus lives, and that He will make us live, then things begin to happen, and our lives begin to mount upward. Father, cleanse us of fear, timidity, and uncertainty, and give us the great conviction that "the best is yet to be, the last for which the first was made." Make us to know that a glorious life is within reach of us all through Thy Son Jesus. Amen.

Processional Hymn 334 .....*Penitence*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 .....*Chant*

Psalm 112, Page 483

Benedictus Es Domini .....*Thiman*

Benedictus, Hymnal 640 .....*Chant*

The Anthem: "Greater Love Hath No Man" .....*Ireland*
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bear our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed; ye are sanctified; ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, unto God: which is your reasonable service.

The Sermon: "WHITE BIRDS OF PRAYER" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 336 .....*Rathbun*

Recessional Hymn 406 .....*Stephanos*

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VITAL RELIGION

Is the pattern of Jesus effective in home life—does it really mold boys and girls into Christ-like men and women? We hear so much, in these troubled days, about the "youth problem"—about the nine thousand youngsters in our state, for instance, between the ages of seven and seventeen, who came to the attention of the courts in 1957. It may be held that it is encouraging that only one out of every hundred youngsters come before a judge; and it is! But the painful facts about the tiny minorities still trouble us. Could the pattern of Jesus prevent the development of these violent and itchy-fingered youngsters?

Jesus' way not only *could* grow Christ-like men and women, instead of the juvenile delinquents—it actually *does*. As a matter of sober fact, there is no youth problem, only a parent-problem. Where a baby comes into the world with an empty mind eager to be filled—and he fills that mind entirely from the examples of the older generation, especially his father and mother.

Look back into God's Word. What lay back of the prophet Samuel, that fearless and flaming prophet of Israel—Elkanah and Hannah, two deeply religious parents, who thought of their home and their children as entrusted to them by God, and entitled to know God throughout their tender years. What lay back of Jesus? Was it not, again, two parents who believed that all life and love and joy and opportunity came from the hand of God, so that Mary's response to the news of her pregnancy was a deeply joyous song in praise of God. Jesus grew up in the climate of God's love—no wonder He was the sensitive and heroic instrument of that love throughout His brief days.

Henry Sloane Coffin once wrote, "Any normal child accepts eagerly the God whom the family and the community sincerely believe in. His vivid imagination to which the unseen is as actual and often more actual than the seen, his trustfulness, his desire for companionship, and his dislike of being left alone—all equip him for believing firmly. Many children think a great deal about God, take Him into their practical considerations, and treat Him as a very present member of the household and member of it. Those who deny their susceptible minds this religious satisfaction do them a cruel wrong and vastly impoverish their early years. Older people whose own faith is not frankly expressed, who cannot bring them to speak naturally of God and do not lead Children to talk wtih Him in family prayer and in public worship, fail to provide boys and girls with that vital religion in which they can gladly and outspokenly live as children of God."

Wherever the pattern of Jesus is followed in the family, children grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men.

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, who will be our guest preacher at the Lenten Noonday services Monday through Saturday this week.

TITHING

"No man is whole-heartedly interested in some passing need to which he tosses his loose change; but he feels differently toward that good work to which he gives systematically. All Christians give naturally to some passing need, it is true. But for their own integrity and spiritual responsibility it is necessary for them to plan to put a certan amount in God's work and to give careful thought to placing it wisely. This is not so much because God needs their help, as it is that they need to realize their own part in His great plan." M. M. S.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years, to repaint the interior of the Church, to improve its lighting in the Church, and to air-condition the Church. Some thirty persons have already given or pledged over four thousand dollars to date. We do want everyone to have a share in this, our 135th Anniversary Project.

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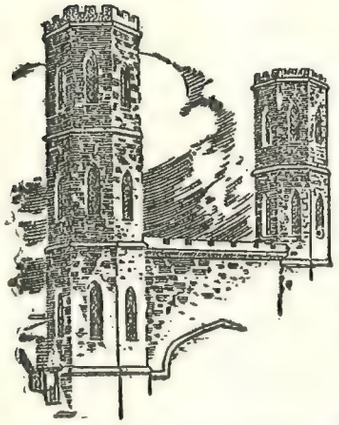
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The Prelude: Hosanna ..... *Weinberger*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Glory of the Cross lies in its expression of the great love of God and Christ for men. The shame and disgrace of the Cross were transformed into honor, because sacrifice was raised to the highest level. Its Glory is evident in transformed lives and in the blessedness and peace brought into hearts that have experienced its saving power. We thank Thee, Jesus Christ, for Thy supreme sacrifice upon the Cross. Thou hast given us a better insight into the loving heart of our heavenly Father because of it. Grant unto us the power of the Cross as an experience in our lives, so that we may glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 146, Page 522
Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*
Benedictus, Hymnal 640 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem: "Alone Thou Goest" ..... *Matthews*
The Sermon: "THE KING OF GLORY" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 58 ..... *Langran*
Recessional Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*

Palm on our Altar today is presented by the Mothers' Meeting in memory of departed members.

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THE VITAL DECISION

Edgar Goodspeak in his, "Life of Jesus" gives a thrilling and informing picture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the First Palm Sunday. The prophet Zechariah had long ago predicted that the Messiah would enter the city "humble, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt, the foal of an ass." It was with this prophecy in mind that Jesus had carefully prepared to enter the city just as Zechariah promised the Messiah would. This means, without any doubt, that Jesus meant His entry into Jerusalem to be "the announcement, unmistakable and unforgettable, that He is indeed God's Messiah, the Commissioner of the Kingdom of heaven."

The people caught on at once and greeted Him with wild enthusiasm. As they neared the city, they followed the ancient custom of singing their favorite psalms—122, 100, 48, and others. The Messiah had come! Perhaps they had forgotten that the coming of the Messiah meant that they must choose—choose whether they were for Him, or against Him. When, the next day, He strode into the temple, overturned the tables of the money changers and condemned the corrupt church leaders for making of His Father's House a den of money-hungry thieves. "Jesus was making a frontal attack on the established order in Jerusalem, and making a bold bid for a public hearing for His message . . . *He is seeking a decision, at Jerusalem.*"

He was seeking that decision reluctantly. He knew only too well what was—and is!—in the hearts of men. He knew the stubborn desire of men to be their own rulers, to do as they please, to welcome only a Messiah who would seek to make *their* dreams come true. And so He knew what a shock it would be to them to find that the true Messiah came to invite them to make God's dream come true, and to be the servants (not the masters) of God's Messenger. But still He sought to win them. Having thrown down the gauntlet to the enemies of God, in cleansing the temple, He patiently and lovingly taught them what God wanted. When they asked Him whether it was right to pay tribute to Caesar, He answered them boldly, leaving each man to decide for himself what he owed to the emperor and what he owed to God. When they asked Him whose wife would be the widow of seven husbands, He lifted the trick question to high spiritual levels, as only a Messiah could have done. And when a sincere Pharisee asked Jesus which were the great commandments of the law, Jesus gave him that ageless answer which made this honest Pharisee grateful, and Jesus commended him for his understanding. For a moment it seemed as if the Messiah was winning His way into the hearts of men who would receive and accept Him. But from then on the tide turned. The men who wanted to make a fortune for themselves out of the Church, who wanted to be little tin gods who rule the hearts and minds of men, took the center of the stage, and by craft and propaganda turned the people against their own Redeemer. Finally, by illegal and shrewd plotting, they had Him condemned and crucified, with the crowd backing them up. They had made their decision—and Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Jesus rides up to the hearts of men always with reluctance, always with love. Knowing our weaknesses, He hates to put us on the spot. But this is necessary. This is the final test of each of our lives—are we with Jesus, surrendered to Him and His way of love, or are we against Him? He rides again today, up to your heart. I can only say this, after learning it the hard way—that the only path of peace and joy lies with Him!

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REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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The Prelude: The Blessed Christ Is Risen Today ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Lord is the Almighty Victor because He conquered sin and death by His death and Resurrection. Because of His victories He promises us victory over sin and death. As He overcame, we can also overcome, and enjoy His fellowship eternally. Dear Lord, so often we grovel in the dust defeated by our doubts, fears, anxieties, and cares. Raise us up to a life of victorious faith in Thee by Thy great power. May we also overcome and be with Thee forever in glory. Amen.

Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

Christ Our Passover, Hymnal 683 ..... *Tone* 1, 4

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Hearts And Voices Heav'nward Raise" ..... *Matthews*

Hearts and voices heav'nward raise, Alleluia! Sing to God a hymn of gladness, a hymn of praise. He who on the Cross a Victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, Glorious life, and life immortal on this Holy Easter morn. Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise, we with Him to life eternal, by His Resurrection rise. Alleluia! Glory be to God on High. Alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory; Alleluia! Fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia to the triune majesty; Alleluia!

The Sermon "THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 210 ..... *Schmuecke Dich*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 90 ..... *Neander*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. The flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee Family. The Flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

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THE RECTOR'S EASTER GREETING

My Beloved People of St. Stephen's:

To you who have looked forward expectantly to the glory of Eastertide: may this Day be more than filled with old and new radiance.

To you who would make of life a sacrament: may you partake of the Sacrament He gave us, and lift up your hearts in the triumph that He made.

To you who can say easily, "I believe in the fact of the Resurrection," and yet remain unchanged: may you join in seeking to know the power of this fact, and be changed.

To you who come with wistful longing to pierce through the inscrutable mysteries of faith: may you join with us who admit the inscrutable, but believe through Christ.

To you who are young and sometimes bewildered: may you be guided in your wonder By Him who taught us the gallantry of God.

To you who have suffered bereavement and its weight of sorrow and loneliness: may you be up-borne by the empty Cross, the Easter symbol of Him who can change all tragedy to triumph: may you hear daily echoing in your hearts, as in the hearts of those who now live in the many mansions of the Father's House, His words: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

To you who find no peace in the turmoil of this discouraged world, where selfishness, sin, suffering and death seem overwhelming: may you walk again in the calm of that first Easter morning, along the lily-bordered pathways that bring you to that triumphant scene: an empty tomb, a redeemed woman, the Risen Christ!

To all: the richest blessings of Eastertide.

Affectionately and faithfully, your Rector,
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CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

The Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. The Rector would appreciate hearing from adults who would like, or think they would like, to be confirmed. Attendance at the classes does not obligate one to be confirmed. The decision may be made later.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

We have now read together as a parish 57 Books of the Bible. Ezra and Nehemiah are the next on our list.

The Rector presented Miss Sarah S. Winn for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on March 24th, 1958.

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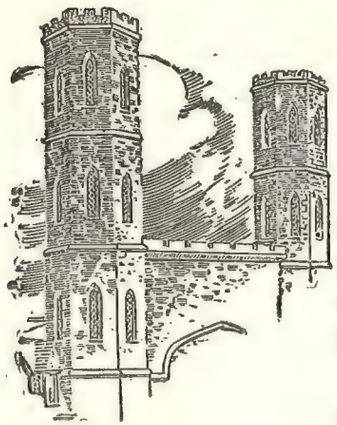
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Processional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*
The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*
Psalms 120 & 121, Page 502
Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*
Anthem: "My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord" ..... *Willan*
The Sermon ..... THE REV. STANLEY R. WEST, D.D.
Offertory Hymn 494 ..... *Coronation*
Recessional Hymn 351 ..... *Sleepers Wake*

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ADVANCES YOUR CLOCK ONE HOUR! It's this week—So, don't forget to make the change; don't be late to Church this Sunday!

LOOKING AT CHRIST

Spring comes on, bringing the resurrection of all nature from the death of winter into the full life of summer, we find ourselves holding onto the victory-spirit of Easter! God does it in nature—and He can do it in us, if we will let Him.

Our first necessity is to know that we are as dependent on Him as the earth is upon the returning sun. Without warm, steady sunlight, there would be no Spring. Without the life-giving warmth of God in our hearts, there is no resurrected *you*! But when God finds a man or woman open to Him, ready to be resurrected, He can do wonders. It is not our own inner resources that accomplish this rising into life—it is God within us, and we humbly depending on Him, that brings Easter to our spirits.

Stanley Jones, in "Master," makes this so wonderfully clear. Pointing out that the early Christians did not pretend to be "self-made men," sufficient unto themselves, he says:

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You had a taste of resurrection on Easter Day—a sense of the freedom of One who, through surrender to God, is stronger than all evil, all misfortune. You can press forward into a deeper and growing victory by remembering through every hour of every day, that you are dependent on God. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory!"

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Stanley R. West, D.D., who will conduct the Sunday and week-day services during the absence of the Rector.

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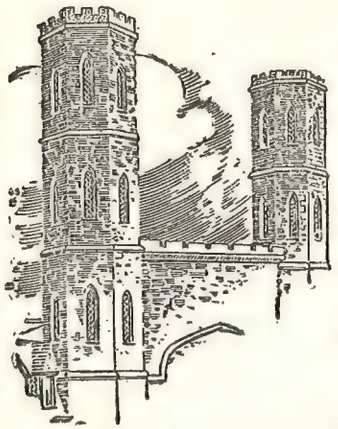
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The Prelude: "Communion" ..... *Purvis*

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Processional Hymn 296 ..... *Dix*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Be Still, My Soul ..... *Whitlock*
Be still, my soul, for God is near; the Great High Priest is with thee now; The Lord of Life Himself is here, before whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart His lowly throne Thy Savior God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die. I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with Thine: To Thee I give myself, my all and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

The Sermon: "WHY SUFFERING?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 282 ..... *Laude Anima*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria In Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 589 ..... *O Quanta Qualia*

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JUDGE NOT

In recent months I have been re-discovering the thought of Leslie Weatherhead, the wise and beloved Minister of the City Temple, in London, England. I want to pass on to you his clear and deeply convincing explanation of Jesus' teaching about judging others.

He begins by showing that we give ourselves away by our hot judgements of others. It makes us feel good to think about the sins of others. Or, sometimes we condemn others for the very sin we would most like to enjoy commiting, so we are really saying, "we can't see you relishing that sin, either!"

But, beyond this, the trouble with our very human judgements of others is that they are so likely to be unfair. John Wesley tells a story of a man whom in his heart he condemned for many years. Wesley labeled the man contemptuously as miserly, ungenerous. One day the man contributed to one of Wesley's favorite causes a gift that seemed very small indeed, and Wesley lost his temper and hotly criticized the poverty of the gift. But the man looked Wesley right in the eye and said, "I know a man who, at the week's beginning, goes to market and buys a few cents-worth of parsnips and takes them home to boil in water, and all that week he has parsnips for his meat and water for his drink, and meat and drink alike cost him a few cents a week." "Who is the man?" asked Wesley. "I am," was the reply, and Wesley wonderfully comments in his diary as follows: "This he constantly did, although he then had an adequate income, in order that he might pay the debts he had contracted before he knew God. This was the man that I had thought to be covetous." Judge not — that ye be not judged by your cruelly unfair judging!

Weatherhead tells a kindred story of a luxury cruise, and a young spoiled girl who delighted in the wonderful variety of the shapes the chef gave to the ice-cream pudding each night. One night it seemed very ordinary, and this spoiled girl complained to the captain that the chef was getting slack. She did not know that a radio message had reached the chef that his wife was very ill, and that, on the night that the pudding was so ordinary he had received word that she had died. Judge not, lest by the dreadful injustice of your judging you be judged yourself.

The late Dr. Alexander Whyte used to say that before you utter a judgement on another, you should first ask, "Is it true?"; second, "Is it necessary?"; third, "Is it kind?" That sounds like the voice of Jesus, speaking to each one of us!

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

We have now read together as a parish 59 Books of the Bible. I Chronicles and II Chronicles are next on our list.

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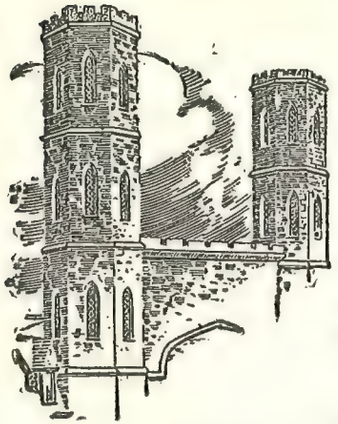
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Processional Hymn 276 .....*Nun Danket*

Creed and Prayers

Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1-2 .....*Nova Vita*

The Order of Confirmation, Page 296 in the Prayer Book

Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3-4 .....*Nova Vita*

Anthem: O Lord Most Holy .....*Franck*
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Offertory Hymn 572 .....*Maryton*

Recessional Hymn 554 .....*Lancashire*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by: Mrs. James Armstrong in memory of her husband; Mr. Charles T. Garrett, Jr., in memory of his family; Mrs. Ruth M. Martin in memory of her mother, Martha Martin; and Mrs. Barbara Mazzio in memory of her parents, Mary & Stephen Urasuk.

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HOW TO BEGIN YOUR DAY

It makes all the difference in the world *how* you *begin* your day. For this reason I want to share with you a page from John Baillie's wonderful "Diary of Private Prayer." My hope is that a taste of its warm, understanding companionship with God will tempt you to get the book for yourself. Here is a meditation to prepare your spirit for a day's living—to be read, to be prayed, thoughtfully and slowly, until God is close to you, and you are ready to start your day with Him:

"O God, my Creator and Redeemer, I may not go forth today except Thou dost accompany me with Thy blessing. Let not the vigor and freshness of the morning, or the glow of good health, or the present prosperity of my undertakings, deceive me into false reliance upon my own strength. All these good gifts have come to me from Thee. They were Thine to give and they are Thine also to curtail. They are not mine to keep; I do but hold them in trust; and only in continued dependence upon Thee, the Giver, can they be worthily enjoyed.

"Let me then put back into Thine hand all that Thou hast given me; rededicating to Thy service all the powers of my mind and body, all my worldly goods, all my influence with other men. All these, O Father, are Thine to use as Thou wilt. All these are Thine, O Christ. All these are Thine, O Holy Spirit. Speak Thou in my words today, think in my thoughts, and work in all my deeds. And seeing that it is Thy gracious will to make use even of such weak instruments in the fulfillment of Thy mighty purpose for the world, let my life today be the channel through which some little portion of Thy Divine Love and Pity may reach the lives that are nearest to my own.

"In Thy solemn presence, O God, I remember all my friends and neighbors, my fellow-townsfolk, and especially the poor within our gates, beseeching Thee that Thou wouldst give me grace, as far as in me lies, to serve them in Thy name.

"O Blessed Jesus, who didst use Thine own most precious life for the redemption of Thy human brethren, giving no thought to ease or pleasure or worldly enrichment, but filling up Thine hours and days with deeds of self denying Love, give me grace today to follow the road that Thou didst first tread; and to Thy name be all the glory and the praise, even unto the end. Amen."

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, D.D.
May 11th, 1958

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come unto you."

*Fay, Robert W.	Morley, Robert Paul
*Hay, Lillian Jeffries	Mortensen, Gail Diane
**Hugonet, Mildred	Mortensen, Harold H., Sr.
*Long, Emily Florence	*Watters, James H.
*Loux, Julia Moore	*Willets, Ethel A.
*Madera, Patricia Stauffer	*Winn, Sarah Stathem

* Confirmed in Bishop's Chapel during the year.
** Confirmed in St. James' Church, Kingsessing.

The Rector will address the Men's Club of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, May 12th, at 8 P.M.

RECTOR'S HEALING MISSION

The Rector preached to over 10,000 people on his recent twelve day Healing Mission tour of the West. Starting in the Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, where he conducted a Healing Service at Noon in the Chapel and preached in the Church in the evening and met with the psychiatrists of the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry for several hours during the day. He conducted a three day Healing Mission in St. Paul's Cathedral, Oklahoma City, and had additional services in Wesley Methodist Church, and in the Medical Foundation Chapel for Doctors, Nurses and patients, and luncheon meetings with the local clergy, personal consultations and the induction of twenty-five members of the Order of St. Luke.

From Oklahoma City he went to Denver where he spoke to representatives of the local prayer groups and conducted a healing service in the Episcopal Cathedral and the Warren Methodist Church. He spoke to a group of working men at a 6 A.M. breakfast meeting, and to a fine group of clergy at 8:30 A.M., and to a luncheon meeting of 38 clergy, including the Episcopal and Methodist Bishops of Denver.

In All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, the attendance for the three days was 3,825, and two hundred and twenty-five attended the Order of St. Luke's Supper. Some 25 were inducted into the Order and some two thousand came to the Altar Rail for the laying-on-of-hands.

In St. Michael's Cathedral in Boise, Idaho, four capacity services were held and twenty inducted into the O.S.L. Two TV interviews were given and Supper and Breakfast Meetings were held for the Bishop and Clergy. Some of the Clergy coming from distances of several hundred miles. A fine meeting with 25 doctors was held in St. Luke's Hospital.

The responsiveness of the people everywhere along the route was overwhelming. People are coming to the Church today for the vital answers to their problems.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH will be held on Sunday at 12:15 P.M. in the Community House. At this meeting twelve men will be elected to the Vestry. An interesting Mission Work film will be shown, and refreshments will be served.

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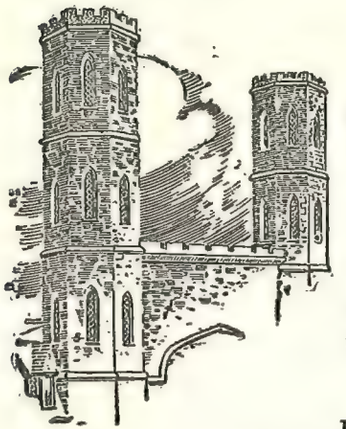
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"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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RELIGION AND HEALTH

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11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—*Emerson*
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

Prelude: "O World, I Now Must Leave Thee" ..... *Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The stream of life flows softly on. Our days are quickly spent. Happy childhood days and the carefree days of youth speedily fade into life's noon. Then comes the mellow afternoon, when the golden sun melts into lovely eventide. Should God's mercy spare us for the eventide of life, there will be light for the trusting child of God. Loving Father, who carest for Thy children throughout their entire journey of life, grant that light may be ours at eventide. We can peacefully depart from these scenes if our eyes behold Thy salvation. Amen.

Processional Hymn 404 ..... *Llanfair*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 91, Page 454

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above ..... *Whitlock*
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory! What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the Kingdom of His might all is just, and all is right: To God all power and glory! Then all my joyful way along I sing aloud Thy praises, that men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises: Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part! To God all praise and glory!

The Sermon: Temptation And Its Mental Processes ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

Recessional Hymn 355 ..... *Coronation*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Edna O'Rear, and daughter, Miss Evelyn O'Rear, in memory of brother and uncle, Arnot Lewis; and Mrs. Clara Lewis in memory of son—Arnot Lewis.

Ascension Day flowers were provided by special funds, in memory of James Carrigan, beloved Verger of St. Stephen's for many years.

3:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House

5:30 P. M.—Holy Communion & Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

CONVERSION

Today we continue with "It's knowing what to do with things that counts." Last week we saw what God intended us to do with our Christian faith. It is intended to change us into better neighbors, more understanding parents, more refreshing friends, more radiant disciples. We live among the people for whom life has grown dull and flat. The Spirit of God, working within us, can restore their zest and relish.

Of course most people know (in their heads) what to do with familiar things. Every sane workman knows that the God given use of his money is to care for his wife and his children. But, deep down, his difficulty is that he has never decided what to do with his life, himself! He has not even stopped to think what his life is for; for what purpose God created it; what it was designed to do. So he slips into the easy rut of acting as if his life belongs to himself; and does what he wants to. Because he has not decided what his life was created for, he spends his check at the race track window, and his family goes short on food.

Shortly before he died, Jesus told the story which leaves no doubt what your life was designed for. A nobleman, looking ahead to a trip abroad, entrusted sums of money to three servants he relied on; and bade them to invest it in his interest. On his return, he called them in to give him an accounting, for it was his money that had been entrusted to them. Jesus makes it clear that our first task in life is to be a servant of God, and that life has been entrusted to each of us to be used in God's interests.

The big problem for every man and woman is to face that challenge, and to come to terms with God. When one stops running feverishly away from the problem, quiets down in His presence, it is not too difficult to see that each one of us, and all our possessions, belong to God. It does not take a mighty brain to understand that the only worthwhile career is to become a good and faithful servant of God. It does take praying, and wrestling of soul, to become willing to accept the job! It takes Bible reading. It takes humble study and adoration of Jesus Christ. As you open your eyes, you begin to see that the loveliest and most useful people you have ever known were the good and faithful servants of God; that the greatest Statesmen and leaders have been (like our Abraham Lincoln, and that earlier Abraham of 30 centuries before) servants of God.

When the light suddenly breaks into your heart, and you decide to go to work as God's servant, that is called "Conversion." In everyday language "Conversion" simply means that you turned away from the stupid, unhappy serving of yourself to the glorious and radiant serving of God. That is what He gave His life for. "It's knowing what to do with things that counts."

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Dear Dr. Price:—Thank you for writing to me so promptly and assuring me that prayers were being said for Debbie Forrester, at the time six months old. Her case was one where her pancreas wasn't functioning properly, and after bronchial pneumonia one lung had collapsed. The doctors had said, when I wrote to you, that Debbie had only a few days to live. After I wrote to you the doctor said, "A miracle has happened to this baby, for I didn't think she would leave the hospital alive." Since that time Debbie has had some very good days. However, she still needs your prayers.

—S. B. (Dover, N. J.)

THE VESTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Mr. David L. German, Rector's Warden; Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Accounting Warden; Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden, Emeritus; Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., Clerk of the Vestry; Mr. Edward S. Morris, Treasurer of the Burd School; Mr. Harry J. Hauger, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mr. Charles K. Hay, Mr. James O. Lyman, Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Mr. Roland Bickerstaff.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years to repaint the interior of the Church, to improve the lighting, and to air-condition the Church. Some sixty persons have already given or pledged over eight thousand dollars to date. We do want everyone to have a share in this, our 135th Anniversary project.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation gifts and pledges toward our Anniversary Improvement Fund from the following:

Mr. & Mrs. William Arthur
A Visitor
Mrs. Laura Fuir
Mr. Elmer S. Carll
Sarah W. Korn
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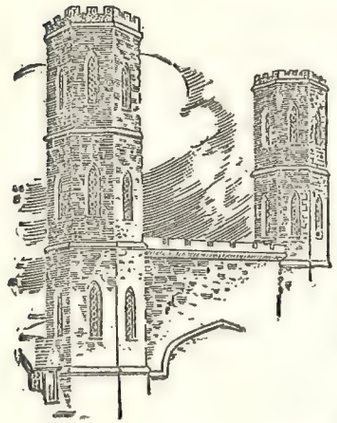
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The Prelude: O What Their Joy ..... *Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We, too, would now make this same declaration of an unbroken succession of Divine deliverance and with Samuel give our testimony to the enduring faithfulness and mercy of our Lord. "He who hath helped thee hitherto will help thee all thy journey through." Dear Lord, whatever hath befallen us by the way of trial and sorrow, we have never lost confidence in Thee, even though in our weakness we would have had it some other way. Give us ever the assurance that all things work together for good unto those who love Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 370 ..... *Gracfenburg*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 119: V and VI, Page 492

After 1st Lesson: Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

After 2nd Lesson: Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: "Ye Who Now Sorrow" ..... *Brahms*
Ye now are sorrowful; howbeit, ye shall again behold Me, and your heart shall be joyful; and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon Me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were Mine, but at the last I have found comfort. Yea, I will comfort you.

The Sermon: THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES ..... The Rector

Massing of the Colors

Pledge To The Flag

America, 4th Verse: Hymn No. 141

Prayers—Taps

Postludium Anthem: There Is A Land Beyond The Setting Sun ..... *Smieton*

Benediction, Sevenfold Amen

Recessional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*

Memorial Flowers today are presented by The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 4, and Unit 4; and by Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Auxiliary No. 186, in memory of Mrs. Theodore Reath; Also Miss Gladys Given in memory of her brother, Raymond Given, and by Mrs. John C. Funck in memory of her husband.

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WALKING WITH GOD

Stephen Bayne, Jr., in his rich and helpful "Christian Living," points out how hard it is for us to accept the responsibility for our own wrong doing. We much prefer to lay it on someone else's shoulders! "From Adam on down, we have been tempted to lay the blame on another; "woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me the fruit of the tree . . ." And Eve blamed it on the serpent. Lincoln Steffens once suggested that if the serpent could have spoken, he would have blamed it on the fruit of the tree!"

The fact remains that we are free to choose good or evil. We know the difference between the two. One difficulty is that, often, our choice is not between black and white, but between the better and the best, between the respectable good and God's glorious high road. And we so quickly take the easier, lower way, while God beckons us along the climbing path. It is still sin when we choose the second best, for following one's own preference is plainly sin. Further, we know that God has put into us the power to choose the best; and when we are trustfully dependent on Him, we always find the courage and willingness to take the road to Jerusalem. From the story of Jesus we have learned that beyond every Calvary lies Easter, and beyond that, the Day of Pentecost.

In the life of every sincere seeker, there comes a point where we face up to our sin "in thought, and word, and deed." We ask the Merciful Father to forgive and cleanse us, and set us on our feet. We acknowledge now, beyond all doubt, that it was *our* choice to go our own way. We have found that our wilful way leads to destruction and death. So we begin to crave the higher way, the steep, tough path. For we find that, with God as our Guide, we keep coming to the top of some stiff climb, and suddenly look out over God's world with all its breath-taking beauty. Walking with God is the richest and most rewarding way a man can take.

A MISSION OF CHRISTIAN HEALING AT ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Sunday Mornings in July at 11 O'Clock

July 6th—How To Help Someone In A Nervous Breakdown
July 13th—Functions of the Sub-Conscious
July 20th—Ways To Speed Your Recovery
July 27th—Turning To God For Health And Healing
THE MISSIONER—The Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D.

The Public is invited. Bring your friends of any faith, or no faith. Personal conferences by appointment.

The Mission is a challenge and an inspiration to people in normal health quite as much as to those who are sick.

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—E. S. (Haddonfield, N. J.)

The Rector will participate in a Panel Discussion at The Hahnemann Medical College on May 29th, with a radiologist, psychiatrist and an internist, to discuss the terminal or hopeless cancer patient; with especial reference to the relation of the minister to the professional team.

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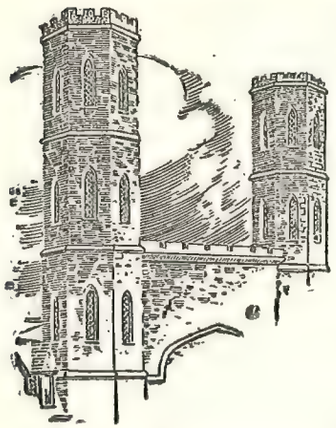
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The Prelude: Cantabile ..... *Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are indeed unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the presence of the Lord in all the trials of life as well as in its joys. Our Saviour, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy presence wherever we may be and when we are alone. In grief or defeat help us to see Thee clearly and from the vision to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Come, Holy Spirit ..... *Coke-Jephcott*
Text, Hymn No. 369

The Sermon: "CHARIOTS OF IRON" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 271 ..... *Moscow*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 204 ..... *Adoro Devote*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 557 ..... *St. Gertrude*

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POWER TO TRANSFORM

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In that peace we can find compassion for all the stumbling men and women who are still learning the hard way. We watch them taking the unrewarding road of their own desires, and we yearn for them to want God's way. We are humble enough now not to rush to try to show them the answers, for we remember that we had to *want* God's way first before anyone could help us to find it. So we keep these stumbling people in our prayers, lifting them up again and again into His presence, trusting Him to find for them what we cannot. Little by little we begin to *know* that God can give them the same abundant life He has given us, and that they will respond. We meet them now with a new feeling, of both compassion and confidence, being confident that they will let God transform their stubborn selfishness into determined good will, their hurtful condemnation of others into an eager search for the way to draw them into fellowship with the Risen Christ.

Stanley Jones, in "Mastery," vividly portrays the power of God to transform the most unlikely people. He shows how the infinite Love, working through a plain man, can miraculously change another, as illustrated in the story of Ananias and Saul:

Note this: "But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done . . .' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine.' Note "how much evil he has done . . . he is a chosen instrument . . ." One saw an iniquity; but the Other saw an instrument. And the Positive prevailed—and how! It prevailed over the doubts and fears of Ananias, and he turned to the powerfully Positive, "brother Saul." His would-be murderer was his brother, for his positive love turned the enemy into a friend—and more, into a brother. The stricken Saul must have shaken with sobs as he cried, "My God, they're calling me 'brother'—I who have come down to murder them—they've made me 'brother'." Then and there Saul was converted, I believe. He was stunned and blinded on the Damascus Road, but not converted. Here he saw, through human forgiveness, the Divine Forgiveness, and entered into the gates of eternal Life.

God has given a few souls into your power. He has set them so intimately close to you that you can hurt or help them more than anyone else in the world. Walk so closely in the direction of God's purposes that His power can work through you, a twentieth Century Ananias, to lift them to become the Pauls God intended them to be!

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Book of Judges will be the Book of the Month for June. This will then count up to 62 Books we have read together as a Parish.

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"These Times" Magazine has published an article "Christ Can Heal Today" by the Rector, in the June Issue.

We acknowledge with thanks these recent Bulletin subscriptions: Mrs. Martha Coleman, Mrs. Annie Foster, Eva Hansen, Mrs. B. M. Tinsley, Adele M. Watts, Mrs. Diane Buckalew.

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, United Thank Offering Custodian for St. Stephen's, reports that at the U. T. O. presentation Service at Valley Forge Military Academy Chapel, on May 19th, St. Stephen's gave $247.79, representing 85 contributors from our Church.

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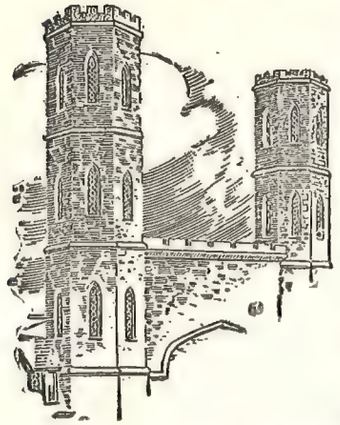
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The Prelude: Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Amid constant change and shifting standards, we have one abiding hope, that we shall eventually become sons and daughters of God. It is this invincible hope which has brought mankind thus far in its march upwards and onward; it will eventually lead us to God. Hope drives us on when reason bids us stop. Dear God and Father of us all, make us to know that when we stop hoping we stop living. Teach us to recognize that despair and doubt are suicidal. Give us a sense of expectancy that brooks no defeat. Amen.

Processional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*
The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 39, page 389
Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*
Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem: Gloria In Excelsis ..... *Mozart*
The Sermon: "THREE SUBSTITUTES FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH"
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AMBASSADORS OF GOD'S LOVE

In a small village, in New England, the people of the Church got to battling like pagans, with the minister as the storm center. What was the God-Given part for him?

His opportunity was to witness to the power of Christ to overcome all small-hearted raging. Jesus demonstrated this, when His disciples wrangled as to who were going to be the Kingdom "big shots." But, all too often, we ministers allow ourselves to be distracted or humanly angry, instead of acting as Ambassadors of God's mighty Love. Before we know it, we have taken sides in a war that leaves out God entirely. We are pledged to be the channels of His compassion, reconciling lonely rebels to their Father, comforting pain-torn lives, and strengthening the weakening ones by God's power working through us. Yet sometimes we get so absorbed in fashioning a "clever" sermon that we neglect a desperately needed pastoral call. These are some of our sins, and they are grievous. We can blame them on no one else but ourselves.

But you lay people can be honest enough to face your part in the "making" of a minister. Some of you, in your eager loyalty to the Master, build up your minister, and pour God's strength into him. So many others, without realizing it, weaken your minister, and trip him up. In professional baseball, twenty years ago, a brilliant youngster named Ted Williams flashed onto the scene like a meteor. He was a clean living, rather friendly youngster, loaded with fabulous talent, determined to become a great player, but not yet sure of himself. So he spluttered and flamed up and sulked a few times, and what did the sport writers do? They colorfully pictured him as a child with tantrums, and, by so doing, they helped him to become exactly that. So they did their part in fashioning a temperamental actor who would spit at crowds, instead of a hero like Lew Gehrig, who showed millions of boys how to be a gentleman on the diamond. You lay men and women have a similar part in the shaping of a minister. Granted that he should stand strong and courageous and go God's way, no matter what you say or do—he is human, and he does respond to you. Sometimes you miss God's way and it is your minister's difficult duty to "administer the Godly discipline" of God's firm, strong Love; and you do not like it at all, and flame back resentfully. Believe me, he has to pray extra, to let God's patience displace his own resentment!

Many of you demand that your minister organize a "successful" Church, a bee hive of busy-ness instead of a family-household of God. Some of you, as you leave Church, gush, "You preached a wonderful sermon today!" As if it came merely from his human mind. You put him up on a pedestal as if he were the Deity to be worshipped! But some of you, thank God, as you shake hands with him after service, quietly and gratefully say, "I could hear God in your sermon this morning;" and *you* are molding him into a man of God! More power to you, for you are building the Church through which God could save His world from destruction.

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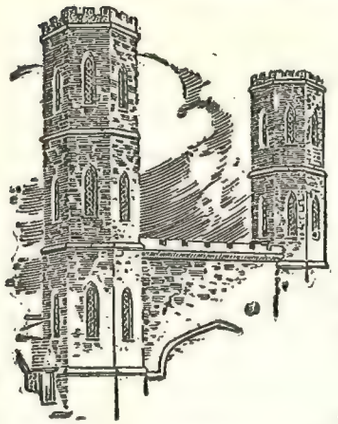
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The Prelude: Devotion ..... *Bossi*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—To pray for the coming of God's Kingdom is to dedicate yourself to the task of bringing it about. The first duty is to bring your own personal life into conformity with the principles of the Kingdom, then to use your God-given talents in His service. Lord, help us to make our prayers genuine and not a mere repetition of words. Amen.

Processional Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 75, page 431

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: Blessed Are All They That Fear The Lord ..... *Sowerby*

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in His ways. For thou shall eat the labors of thine hands: O well is thee and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house; thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long; yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

The Sermon: "THE HAPPY HYPOCRITE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 556 ..... *St. Andrew of Crete*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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POWER TO TRANSFORM

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You have read many times the Chapter which transformed the missionary from a failure into a fruitful worker in God's far-flung vineyard. You have read it in the old and familiar translation we all have known since we were children. Actually, it is so familiar that we miss some of its power and "bite." Recently I came across Goodspeed's translation of this glorious Chapter, and I invite you to read it every day through the next week.

"I will show you a far better way. If I speak the languages of men and even of angels, but have no love, I am only a noisy gong or a clashing cymbal. If I am inspired to preach, and know all the secret truths, and possess all knowledge, and if I have such perfect faith that I can move mountains, but have no love, I am nothing. Even if I give away everything I own, and give myself up, but do it in pride, not love, it does me no good.

"Love is patient and kind. Love is not envious or boastful. It does not put on airs. It is not rude. It does not insist on its own rights. It does not become angry. It is not resentful. It is not happy over injustice, it is only happy with truth. It will bear anything, believe anything, hope for anything, endure anything.

"Love will never die out. If there is inspired preaching, it will pass away. If there is ecstatic speaking, it will cease. If there is knowledge, it will pass away. For our knowledge is imperfect and our preaching is imperfect. But when perfection comes, what is imperfect will pass away.

"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside my childish ways. For now we are looking at a dim reflection in a mirror, but then we shall see face to face. Now my knowledge is imperfect, but then I shall know as fully as God knows me. So faith, hope, and love endure. These are the great three, but the greatest of them is Love."

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Mrs. Anthony Rinkers
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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"Christ's Faithful Soldiers and Servants"

February 2nd—Deborah Nancy Achuff
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Burials

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord"

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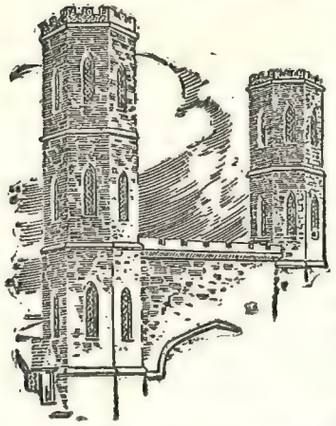
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The Prelude: O God, Be Merciful To Me ..... *J. S. Bach*

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Processional Hymn 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*

The Venite, Hymnal 609 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 107, 1-16, Page 476

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 645 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: "Bless The Lord" ..... *Ivanoff*
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits; bless the Lord, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath for ever. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

The Sermon: "GOD-CENTERED LIVING" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 291 ..... *Mendon*

Recessional Hymn 523 ..... *Russia*

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

All men wake up in the morning expecting something. Some expect only the old, tiresome grind; some, a day boiling with worry; some expect a mixture of drudgery and joy; while still others look for a difficult but glorious march toward golden hopes. These last can look into the blackest storms with hope, because they look to the Father. As the old Psalmist put it, "My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation. He is my defence. I shall not be moved."

As we grow older, there are days when we do face black clouds, and the storm pounds against our souls. Yet, even there, our expectation can be from God. In 1892 Young Robert Byers lay helpless in a tiny room in Adelaide, Australia. A college student of great promise as a musician, he had suddenly been stricken with paralysis. Worse than that, little by little his sight and hearing became affected, and in 14 years he was totally blind and almost deaf. All he could do was lie motionless on his bed, and think; and talk in slow sentences with his friends who came to see him. One might think that he might stop expecting anything from life except despair. But as he faced the black night of his storm, he believed that God still had opportunities for him. One day he confided in a visitor, "I've got lots of friends, but there are other blind people (particularly children) who haven't. I'm going to see if I can't interest my friends in helping them." So he wrote to his friends, asking each to give some annual birthday gift for a needy blind child. In five years, Robert Byers, still lying motionless, blind and almost deaf, was receiving annual birthday gifts from 1500 friends and friends of friends; and was helping no less than 80 blind boys and girls in twenty-one different lands. And, when he died in 1926, his friends carried on that work. His expectation was from God—see what wonderful good came out of it.

We remember how Jesus Christ came as the Light of the world, to shine in our dark skies with His infinite Love. Dare to claim your right as a Christian—the right of expecting something glorious from God, no matter how dark and threatening your skies may be. "My soul, wait thou upon God, for my expectation is from Him."

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THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

St. John Baptist Day, June 24th, marks the thirtieth Anniversary of the Rector's Ordination to the Ministry of the Church. Sixteen of those years have been spent as Rector of this Parish. He was ordained in his second year in Theological School. In 1929-30 he was assistant at Christ Church, East Orange, N.J. From 1930 to 1942 he was Rector of St. Philip's Church, Brooklyn, and in March, 1942, he became the eighth Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

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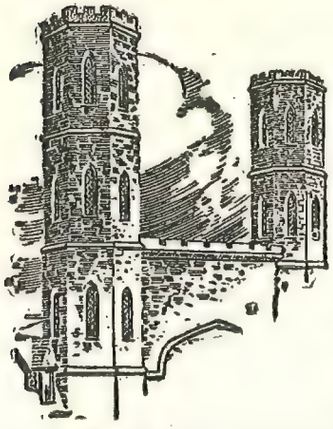
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Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

Anthem: O Lamb Of God ..... *Oldroyd*

The Sermon: "THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 564 ..... *Lyons*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

Gloria In Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

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We are thinking today of the time of the deeping of Jesus' agony of spirit, as He approached the Cross. His grief of spirit was not because of His own approaching pain of body or of Spirit. Rather, it was because of men's incredible sloth of spirit, their blindness to the glory of Love's way. Even those He had drawn close to Him, sleeping and eating and talking with them, patiently teaching them by stories that children could grasp—these men, *His* men, still plodded on, determined to have their own way. Right after He had told them, for the third time, that He had come among them to teach them Love, and that His way would lead to a lonely Cross in Jerusalem, two of them slipped away from the others, and earnestly besought a favor of Him—that they might occupy the places of honor in His Kingdom, on His right and on His left. That certainly was the Passion experience—for these intimate friends were still trying to fit Jesus into their plans, instead of fitting themselves into His plans—even as you and I have done so many times.

So, once more, He opens the whole of His great Mind and Heart to them as their patient Teacher and Saviour. He pointed to the governments of their day, in Rome and through the Orient, and said, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; for whoever would be great among you must be your servant." As a scholar makes clear, "His words reject not only Rome with its exploitation, and all imperialism, all colonialism, which seeks advantage, rather than service . . . Jesus finds that there is nothing in the business of lording it over peoples which deserves the name of leadership . . . at all . . . Again, He asserts that the only greatness lies in service." Yet, in our Churches we have so often accepted the world's standards in raising up powerful heads of Churches, the pomp and show of expensive and extravagant dramatics, the "success" of raising large sums of money and erecting costly buildings—all this for the Church of the Christ who came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Jesus rejects the whole scheme of pomp and power, of position and iron rule over others—greatness lies, not in ruling, and in having one's needs taken care of by servants; but in gladly and lovingly looking to the needs of others, and taking care of them.

To put it simply, learning the life of service is "growing up," maturing into the likeness of Jesus Christ. As babies and little children, we start life being ministered to, being cared for by those who love us. As one writer has put it, "We all begin in the passive voice. We are acted upon before we act. We are loved before we love. We are served, in ways almost beyond count, before we serve. By how many we are ministered to—all the way from astronomers to poets to bus operators and garbage collectors! Yet a life's most significant graduation day comes when we graduate into the active voice. And so few ever do; ever really come to moral maturity. The aim of the "great ones" whom Jesus repudiated was to keep themselves in the passive voice, to be waited upon, ministered to, forever on the receiving end, never on the giving. That is the surest way to miss life in its largest possibilities. Only when we get life across this "great divide" do we touch its highest glory or its deepest joy." This is the message of Christianity, to cross the "great divide" from being ministered to, to ministering!

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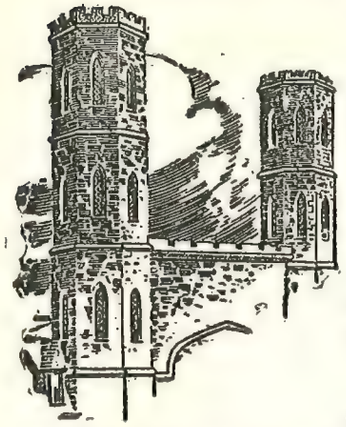
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE REV. WILLIAM WOOD OF LONDON.

The Prelude: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" ..... *Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow to that of the day? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." We confess, heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy Wisdom and Goodness. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Processional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 72, Page 426

The First Lesson, Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14
THE REV. CHARLES A. SUMNERS, Rector, St. David's Church, Austin, Texas

Benedictus Es Domine ..... *Thiman*

The Second Lesson, St. Luke 10:1-24
THE REV. KLAUS THOMAS, M.D., Ph.D., Berlin, Germany

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: "The Voice of Joy and Healing" ..... *Janna Cori*

The Sermon: "LOOKING TO JESUS FOR HEALING"
THE REV. WILLIAM WOOD, Associate Warden, O.S.L., London, England

Offertory Hymn 529 ..... *St. Catherine*

Recessional Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by the Gensheimer Fund in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Gensheimer. Also flowers in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Saylor.

4:00 P. M.—Reception in the Community House.
7:30 P. M.—Address by the Rev. Klaus Thomas, M.D., Ph.D.—"FAITH HEALING IN THE LIGHT OF MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE."

PRAYING FOR YOU

In the 17th Chapter of St. John's Gospel you will read that glorious prayer of Jesus, at the end of His ministry on earth. In it He prays for all those, in all Centuries, who would try to follow lovingly in His footsteps. Actually, He was praying for *you*. At the end of each day, we look back to see how we have followed Him, or failed to do so. And it is vital, before our eyes close, that we settle up that day with the Master, that we may sleep in the peace of being forgiven for our sins, encouraged in our faithfulness, and humbly eager and confident for tomorrow's dawning. To help you in closing your days, I share with you an Evening Meditation of John Bailey:

"O Thou before Whose eyes all human hearts lie bare and open, forbid that I should seek to hide from Thee anything that I have this day done or thought or imagined. What must be forever hidden from the knowledge of others, that let me openly acknowledge in Thy Presence. What no proper shame kept me from committing, that let no false shame keep me now from confessing.

"O Thou, whose tender mercies are over all Thy works, humbly and sorrowfully I crave Thy forgiveness for the sins of this day:

For every weakening and defiling thought to which my mind has given harbor;
For every word spoken in hastiness or passion;
For every failure of self-control;
For every stumbling block which by deed or example I have set in another's way;
For every opportunity lost;
For every blessing thanklessly received;
For loitering feet and a procrastinating will;
For this . . .
And this . . .
And this . . .

And grant that, as the days go by, Thy Spirit may more and more rule in my heart, giving me victory over these and other sinful ways.

"To Thy loving guardianship, A Holy Father, I commend all those who are dear to me, especially . . . and . . . Bless all amongst whom my lot is cast, grant them the satisfying sense of Thy reality and power. Be with all those who tonight are in any peril or distress. Be in every sore heart, in every stricken home, beside every bed of pain, giving to all the blessing of Thy Peace. Amen!"

HEALING CONFERENCE

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the Order of St. Luke The Physician and to the many interested people who are attending our four day Conference on Spiritual Healing. We hope everyone will enter into the joy and inspiration of these days ahead. We are extremely indebted to the Leaders of this Conference. The Rev. William Wood has come to us from London, England. He is an Associate Warden of the O.S.L. The Rev. Klaus Thomas, M.D., Ph.D., a Pastor Psychiatrist, is our Chaplain in Berlin, Germany. Dr. George Ritchie is a practicing physician and surgeon of Richmond, Virginia. He heads a free counselling service and is the founder of the Christian Youth Corps. Mrs. Agnes Sanford, so well known for her unique contribution to the Healing Ministry, is giving a series of important lectures. To Mrs. Ethel T. Banks, whose most able editorship of "Sharing" Magazine over the years has made it the unquestioned leader in the whole field, we give a hearty welcome. The Rev. John E. Large, Rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York, and National Chairman of the Spiritual Healing Commission of the National Council of Churches, will give an important lecture. The Rev. Don Gross of Pittsburgh, Author of "The Case For Spiritual Healing," will be a Noon-day preacher, as will also the Rev. Earl S. Walker, Lutheran Pastor of Pittsburgh, and the Rev. Charles A. Sumners of Austin, Texas. Mrs. Emily Neal, whose second book on healing, "You Can Be Healed Now" is just off the press, will be with us. We are indeed grateful for their presence and for their contributions they are prepared to make. To Mrs. Nelle Cook, who will be in charge of the "Books," and the many others whose contributions to this Conference are so important, we want to say, "Thank you."

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—J. H. F. (San Leandro, Calif.)

TO OUR VISITORS

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Most of the restaurants and eating places around the Church are closed on Sundays; for our out-of-town friends we would suggest Horn & Hardart's Cafeteria on Market Street between 11th & 12th Streets; or H. & H. at 8th & Market Streets, this one has waitress service. The Dining Room at the Ben Franklin Hotel, Chestnut St. at 9th is very fine.

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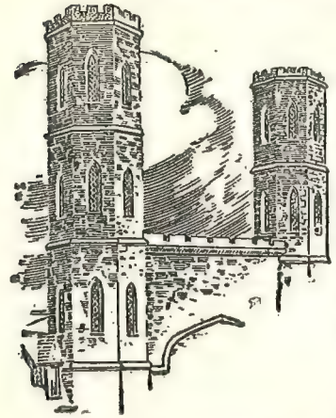
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The Prelude: When In The Hour of Utmost Need ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A condition for Kingdom entrance requirements is the sharing of religious experience with others. Let this be today's resolve: "I shall speak with someone today concerning the value I have received from being a child of God. I will tell what the Lord has done for me." Our Father in Heaven, we praise Thee for the holy voices through which Thou hast spoken to us. We, too, would place ourselves at Thy disposal, that others, hearing us, may receive our witness concerning Thy Son, Jesus Christ, and through it experience a new fellowship with Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 105:1-15, Page 470

Benedictus Es Domini, ... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: "God is Love" ..... *Matthews*

The Sermon: "THE NEED FOR FAITH" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 524 ..... *Mannheim*

Recessional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his sister, Margaret Sorrell Walker; and by Mrs. Lillie V. Biddle in memory of her mother, Mrs. Lydia A. Goodwin.

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EARLY HEALINGS: PRESENT FAILURE

For over SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS, written evidence shows us that the healing of the sick occurred frequently. It is evident that through all those centuries the Church possessed the power to heal.

A.D. 150. Justin Martyr in his "Apology" appeals to the miracles as evidence of the power of Christ, not to the miracles of the Apostles or Christ but to those continually being wrought in his own time, as he says "by many of our Christian men."

A.D. 195. Irnaeus, Bishop of Lyons, toward the end of the 2nd century, claims as a matter of common knowledge the power of the Church to heal.

A.D. 220. Tertullian of Carthage gives similar evidence.

A.D. 254. Origin speaks of the many healings which he had witnessed.

A.D. 397. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, in the 4th century, gives like testimony.

A.D. 430. Saint Augustine describes many healings and the different ways in which the people were healed. He remarks that these are not so well known as the Bible miracles and generally only in the city in which they take place, and if it be a big city, then only in parts of it.

A.D. 735. The "Venerable Bede," an Englishman, in his "Life of St. Cuthbert," described many of the miraculous cures of the sick.

For SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS Christian healing was well understood in the life of the Church. We have not merely the testimony of the men just mentioned, but through all these centuries the underlying faith of the Church is revealed to us in countless prayers.

For instance, take the following from "The Liturgy of St. Mark," about 150 A.D. "Them who are sick, O Lord of Thy people, visit in Thy pity and mercies, and heal." Or, read the prayer of Bishop Serapeon about 350 A.D., "O Lord of compassion, stretch out Thine hand and grant that all the sick may be healed." Or, again, read the "Leonine Sacramentary," about 460 A.D., "O God, the Protector of them that hope in Thee, bestow upon us healing of body and mind."

These early prayers are offered in the confident expectation that physical healing will follow. That is what is asked for in the prayer; no reference is made to spiritual blessings; nor do they include any such ideas as "if it be Thy will." The early Church believed that the will of God was for the health of His children.

(This will be concluded in next week's issue)

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—M. T. (New York City)

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BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 2

Our Boy Scout Troop continues to hold its high standing in our city as evidenced by the fact that it has received the National Plaque for 1958 for the outstanding service of the Unit, its Leader, and Boys in the Onward For God and Country Program, and signed by the Chief Scout Executives and the Honorary President, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Mr. James O. Lyman, Vestryman and Scout Master, has received the highest honor of the Scout Order of the Arrow—The Vigil Honor.

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The Prelude: Communion ..... *Purvis*

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Processional Hymn 503 ..... *Bethlehem*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Let All The World In Every Corner Sing" ..... *Thiman*
(Text to be found in Hymn No. 290)

The Sermon: "DOES LIFE MAKE SENSE?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 537 ..... *Moscow*

Sursum Corda, Hymnal 734

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

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In the Church Bulletin of September 21st we wrote of all the important evidence in the first seven hundred years of Christian history showing that the Church possessed the power to heal.

After a while—that is, after these SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS, signs of weakening of faith appear. The prayers of the sick often ask for both the healing of the body and the healing of the soul, which makes plain that the healing of the body was not merely of secondary importance but also lacked the old certainty of faith. We can see the decline as we read the history of those times.

It was all increased, of course, by the spiritual darkness of the dark ages, so that by the time modern history began to take place, such faith had passed out of the general beliefs of the Church. Nevertheless, they have never been entirely unknown. There is a continuous record of healing by men who were living very near to God and this record comes right down to the present day. Still, these are practically solitary instances. The fact is that the conscious possession of the power to heal is hardly to be found in our day. But, when we look around we note that there are so many more of these isolated instances that we may not be aware of at first glance.

One has to be somewhat in touch with what is going on to realize the widespread extent of this reviving attention to the healing of disease. It looks as though the Church had pretty well passed thru several centuries of unbelief but now was slowly but carefully and earnestly scanning the horizon for signs of "God's way with man."

There is a growing comprehension of the matter: more study: more learnings by trial and error: more presentation of the evidence from individuals: more, decidedly more insight into this spiritual relationship of God with the material bodies of men. As we look ahead down the long, long vista of the years, we feel sure that the many bright spots of understanding are growing in extent and number, and that spiritual healing will become a commonplace in the life of the Church.

Many men of good will, and of understanding, in many places under the sun, make known the meaning of God's healing, and so bring health to longing sufferers!

HEAVEN GAINS TWO GOOD WORKERS:

Mrs. Margaret Riehm, president of our Woman's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Lida Trautner, president of our Mothers' Club, both of whom have made such an enviable record for leadership and achievement as heads of our Women's groups, have "stepped over into heaven." Our loss is heaven's gain, and we feel that from the vantage point of their new life, they will still be interested in the progress of our women's groups as they "go from strength in their new life of perfect service in God's heavenly Kingdom."

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PRAYER WORKSHOP

Dorcas and Gail Kurtz will conduct a lecture and workshop series on The Quest for Health and Wholeness in the Community House at 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. on October 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, and Noveber 4th—and to be repeated on the same dates at 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. The Fee for the course, $8.00. The subjects are as follows: 1. Finding God's Will for Our Lives; 2. Hidden Factors in Health and Healing; 3. Preparing the Way to Receive; 4. How to Let God Work Through Us; 5. Living in a New Dimension of Health and Abundance.

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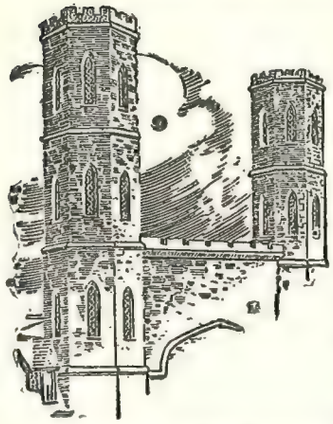
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Processional Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 62, Page 413

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Matthews*

Jubilate, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: "Awake, My Heart" ..... *Marshall*
Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure Defender, thy Maker, thy Preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day with Thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be Thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy Word my nurture, my word, given to bring me on toward heaven.

The Sermon: "PREREQUISITES" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 569 ..... *St. Flavian*

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"But," someone asks, "How do I get that way? Sure, I know (in my mind) that I've been wrong, and, in a way, I feel uncomfortable and guilty. But, to be honest, I'd rather go on looking out for myself first, and making my own choice at each fork in the road. Down deep I have a hunch that I might be happier if I could 'repent,' but how do I get to *want* that way?"

A seasoned Christian points out that this unrepentent man has been looking in the wrong direction—at his own success and satisfaction and comfort. The solution is to turn and look the other way—"look at God, the kind of God revealed in Jesus; see that you have not only broken His law, but wounded His love. Look at yourself in your sins in the light of that Love. Does it make you change your mind about them?"

As soon as a human being catches sight of the Love of God as embodied in Jesus, he is very apt to start feeling humble, penitent, and truly grateful. Jesus pictured Himself, at Judgement Day, saying, "I was hungry and you gave Me food . . . A stranger and you welcomed Me . . . In prison and you came to Me . . ." Stanley Jones, comments:

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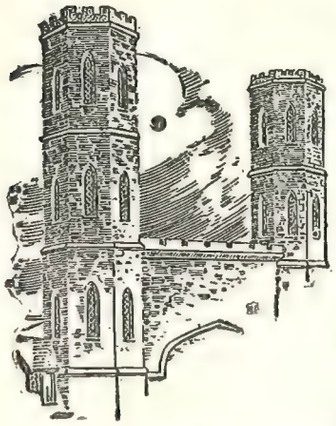
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The Prelude: Air ..... *Bach*

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Processional Hymn 304 ..... *Beecher*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 96, Page 459

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Matthews*

Jubilate, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*

Anthem: In Faith I Quiet Wait ..... *Bach-Protheroe*
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The Sermon: "THE SOWER" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 524 ..... *Mannheim*

Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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Hannah Hurnard spent the first 20 years of her life in misery. "I was a miserable, morbid, self-centered person who never felt any love for anyone, shut up in my own torment. Until I was 19 I never remember feeling happy . . . I had two hateful and tormenting handicaps. One, a horrible stammer . . . until I was 19, I never went into a shop alone, nor onto a bus or train . . . at school I suffered torments . . . the other handicap was, in some ways, worse than the stammer. I was obsessed by tormenting fears . . . terror of the dark, terror of heights, terror of crowds . . . and daily and nightly horror of death." Then, one glorious day, her prayers were answered, God became real, and she gave herself to Him; and her transformation began. One day she came across Frank Boreham's Sermon on "Scarecrows":

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It is a new thought, for many of us, to think of our nightmare terrors as signs welcoming us to a banquet. But Hannah Hurnard found that this is true in actual, day to day living. She found, right by each of her most dreadful-looking scarecrows, the richest treasures. She found, at last, how wonderful He is in His abounding Providence.

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E. S. (Scranton, Pa.)

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years to repaint the interior of the Church, to improve the lighting, and to air-condition the Church. Over 100 persons have already given or pledged ten thousand dollars to date. We do want everyone to have a share in this, our 135th Anniversary Project.

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A PRAYER FOR ALL STRANGERS WHO DROP INTO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH ON WEEK-DAYS:

Dear Heavenly Father, we place into Thy compassionate hands these persons who pause in this lovely place and ask our prayers. Though strangers to us, they are Thy children, even as we; and though we will not know what befalls them, do Thou keep them in Thy care wherever they may be, and bring them closer to Thee, duly thankful for Thy mercies. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

With this issue of the Bulletin comes the Annual Appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year, under the leadership of Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, the Benevolent Society sent 5,029 pieces of sewing to the hospitals as follows: Episcopal, 367; Jefferson, 4,323; Presbyterian, 79; Visiting Nurse Society, 260.

Six hundred dollars will just about cover the estimated cost for the season 1958-59. Your contribution will help the needy women who do the sewing and also the hospitals which desperately need the articles. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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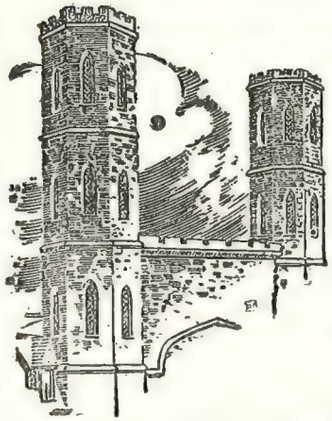
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Processional Hymn 535 .....*Festal Song*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 .....*Chant*
Psalm 119:105-112, Page 497
Benedictus Es Domini, ...*Matthews*
Jubilate, Hymnal 644 .....*Chant*
The Anthem: Psalm 148 .....*Holst*
Lord, who hast made us for Thine own, hear as we sing before Thy throne. Alleluia! Accept Thy children's reverent praise for all Thy wondrous works and ways. Alleluia! Waves rolling in on every shore, pause at His footfall and adore. Alleluia! Ye torrents rushing from the hills bless Him whose hand your fountains fills. Alleluia! Earth ever through the power divine, seedtime and harvest shall be thine. Sweet flowers that perfume all the air, thank Him that He has made you fair. Burn, lamps of night, with constant flame, shine to the honor of His name. Thou sun, whom all the lands obey, renew His praise from day to day. Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Sermon: "WHAT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH BELIEVES"..THE RECTOR
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INTERRUPTIONS

Are you sometimes sorely tried by interruptions? There are just so many hours, and you have certain work to do—and, just as you get energetically under way, the telephone rings, or someone knocks at your door. We have to find some way to deal with our interruptions, for no day is complete without them!

Jesus was forever being interrupted. Just read through one of the Gospels, and count the number of times that some urgent person broke into His working. On one occasion He had been using the mountain side for His pulpit, and now He was making His way down the path, to His next task, when the leper blocked the way, and pleaded for healing. Right in the pathway the leper knelt, blocking the way completely, bringing Jesus' swift steps to a sudden stop. What did Jesus do—fume and fret; or rush by the leper, explaining that He was in a hurry? No, "Jesus held out His hand, and touched him." Jesus treated man's interruptions as God's opportunities. He did not think of this sudden encounter as breaking into His day—but, rather, as God presenting an opportunity so special that other plans could wait, and be taken care of in God's good time.

Some time ago my friend Ruth Robison shared with me her discovery of the richness of so-called "interruptions." Her husband is a minister, and they were young, with a growing family of small children. On this particular day there was company coming for lunch—special company, for whom you want your children bright and shining, at their best in every way. Now it so happened that in that Parish there was a maiden lady who found great pleasure in dropping in at the parsonage rather frequently, and with apparent genius for picking the most inconvenient possible moments. The morning was going fast—she had Jimmy in the tub, and the meat loaf in the oven—when she heard the front door open and close, and a very familiar voice call, "Mrs. Robison!" "Yes, Miss King, what is it?" She replied in a voice that was tense and grim. "Mrs. Robison, I just called to ask if you have reached the state of Christian grace when you can thank God for interruptions?" Ruth Robison, boiling within, said a swift and pleading prayer, and called back, "No, Miss King, I have not—But, with God's grace, I will!" And, with God's grace, she *has*. You can interrupt Ruth Robison now, and find her serenely and quietly listening to you—probably with a sparkle of amusement in her eye to put you at your ease. Because she has found that any human need that "breaks into" her routine is simply God breaking through to give her a very special chance to serve Him with Love!

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How humble I feel when I know that your wonderful Prayer Fellowship are praying for me. I have in the past few days been able to conquer to a degree the old fears, and surely it is your prayers united with mine and my husband's that have enabled me to "be still and know God."—A. E. (Vancouver, Washington)

1517 — REFORMATION DAY — 1958

On October 31st, 1517, a young Augustinian Monk named Martin Luther, posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgences by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as The Reformation. The anniversary of this event is observed among Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon the fundamental Christian conviction. October 26th will be observed throughout the world as "Reformation Sunday."

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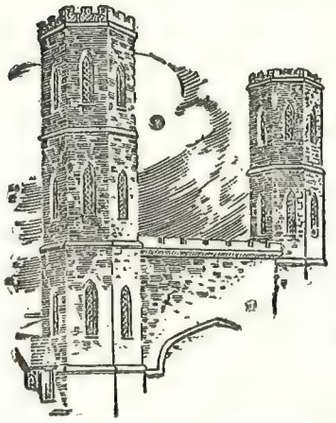
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Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sine Nomine*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708

The Anthem: "There Shall Be No Night There" ..... *David D. Wood*
And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein; and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there, and they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light; and they shall reign forever and ever. There shall be no night there.

The Sermon: "THE LIFE TO COME" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 569 ..... *St. Flavian*

Sursum Corda, Hymnal 734

Sanctus, Hymnal 711

Communion Hymn 124 ..... *St. George*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

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ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1958

We are placing the names of those having special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day.

Theresa F. Simpson	Madeline H. Post	Anne R. Daley
Lora A. Parker	George W. Meckling	Katherine M. Field
Hedwig S. Johnson	Henry V. Pelz	Mary K. Hist
Harriet Smyth	Martha Atherton	Rae O. Bathurst
George S. Agnew	Jennie M. Carroll	Jean A. Thompson
Catherine E. Garrett	Emma J. Heavy	Lida R. Trautner
Florence B. McNutt	Charles W. Mitchell	Margaret Riehm
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HOW SHALL I MAKE MY PLEDGE?

In the privacy of your Church pew, on Loyalty Sunday, November 16th—You will be given an opportunity to sign a Pledge Card for 1959.

No matter how hard you try, you cannot get ahead of God in giving. The more you give the more you receive in return (either spiritual or temporal)! God's arithmetic is this: $10.00 minus $1 equals $10 plus. In other words, nine-tenths with God goes much further than ten-tenths without God!

The Rector will speak to the women of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, on Monday, November 3rd, at 8 P.M.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The U. T. O. will be presented in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, on Wednesday, November 19th, at 8 P.M.; so it is time for our women to prepare their individual offerings. You are asked to put the contents of your Blue Box in the Special Envelope, and bring it to Church on November 2nd. All women of the parish are asked to participate in the offering. Mrs. Wilson Leithead is Parish Custodian of the U. T. O.

The United Thank Offering presented at General Convention in Miami Beach on October 10th exceeded by $660,000 the Offering which was presented for the previous triennium at Honolulu, in 1955! The total of $3,869,985.38 represents a new high in the giving of the women of the Episcopal Church. Eight thousand people attended the Presentation Service.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania gave $184,000. In 1955 our Diocese gave about $130,000; an increase of about $50,000!

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years to repaint the interior of the Church, to improve the lighting, and to air condition the Church. Over 100 persons have already given or pledged ten thousand dollars to date. We do want everyone to have a share in this, our 135th Anniversary Project.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation gifts and pledges from: Mrs. Anna Allen, Mrs. M. Imogene Freeman, Mrs. F. Helen Street.

We appreciate these persons' contributions toward the work of the Benevolent Society: Julia Assenberner, Beatrice Bernzinger, Mildred H. Campbell, Mrs. Fred Everett, Ross J. Griffith, Saxton Kendrick, Wm. A. Kirk, W. Le Van Lawfer, M. W. Leach, Josephine A. Lindenmayer, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mangold, Mrs. Mabel B. Moore, Isabelle Pouton, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, E. Stiers, Mrs. Edna L. Wenrich, Miss Irene Wheatley, Mrs. William Waddell, Martha Guillermet, Mrs. Edith R. Worrilow, Miss Gertrude Bergen, Joseph R. Campbell, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Margaret M. Homan, Miss Mary C. Kutzer, Anna M. C. Lundh, Francis L. Marion, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Martin, Albert R. Marshall, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Matthews, Laura Quigley, Clara Schmid, Mrs. C. S. Slatcher, Alice Stowe, Mrs. F. Helen Street.

Our "thank you" to these Bulletin subscribers: Louise F. Leupold, Mrs. Harry Lyster, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, Mrs. Charles Stein, Mrs. Helen F. Street.

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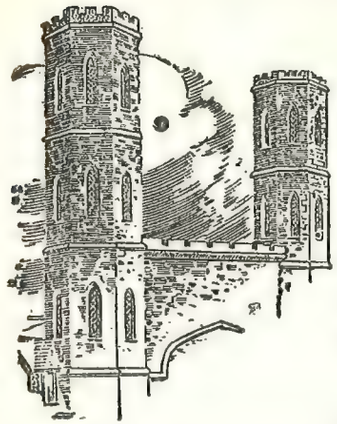
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11:00 A. M.—PATRIOTIC SERVICE AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

The Prelude: A Solemn Melody ..... *Davies*

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Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*

Psalm 46, Page 397

Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Matthews*

Jubilate Deo, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*

The Anthem: "Offering Of Prayer And Of Praise" ..... *Mozart*
Off'ring of prayer and of praise we bring to Thee, God of Israel, Father most merciful, we render Thee thanks for Thy saints departed, who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear. Lord, God, King of heav'n, grant us to have our perfect bliss in Thy glory eternal. As Thou to Abraham and his children didst promise for ever.

The Sermon: "UNDER GOD . . ." ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 145 ..... *Geneva*

Massing of The Colors

Pledge To The Flag

America—4th Verse: Hymn No. 141

Prayers—Taps

Postludium Anthem: "In Paradise" ..... *Faure*

Recessional Hymn 148 ..... *Duke Street*

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WATCHING

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We learn by watching others. Children pick up their manners — for better or worse — from watching their parents. Boys learn baseball by going to see some hero play the game. Girls pick up baby-care by watching their mother, attending to a small baby brother. And you and I learn the Christian life, primarily, by watching true Christians.

Close your eyes and let God bring back vividly to you some of your remembrances of childhood scenes—those shining times when you *saw* the love of God take visible form in some deed of kindness or courage, — a deed of selfless generosity by your father, a word of sensitive understanding your mother spoke to you at exactly the right moment. God's love was alive to you, through your earthly parents. Or close your eyes once more, and remember more recent scenes, when God touched your mature life through one of His Christ-like servants.

What it comes down to, actually, is that we are taught by action more than by words. The greatest and most life-giving teacher was Jesus Christ. All through the dawn of life on this planet, and even down through the Old Testament days, men wondered and guessed what God is like; and no one really *knew* until Jesus came and lived God for them before their eyes. When we read our New Testaments, we must use our imaginations—*see* Jesus doing His mighty acts of tender and saving love. We must be alert through each day, to catch the glimpses of God in people in whom He dwells and works. We need to seek out the friendship of those in whom He is alive. For, like Joan, we learn faster when we have someone to watch!

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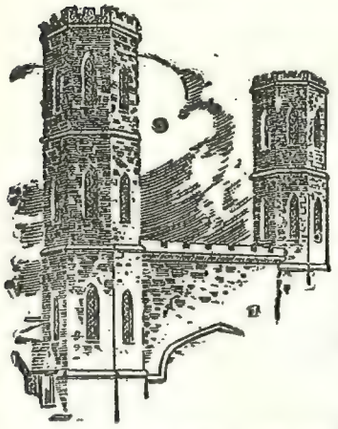
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The Prelude; Invocation ..... *Dallier*
Processional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 ..... *Chant*
Psalm 81, Page 442
Benedictus Es Domini ..... *Matthews*
Jubilate, Hymnal 644 ..... *Chant*
The Anthem: Turn Back, O Man ..... *Holst*
(Text: Hymn No. 536)
The Sermon: "WHAT YOU CANNOT DO WITHOUT" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 398 ..... *Quam Dilecta*
Recessional Hymn 554 ..... *Lancashire*

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"Now observe at the outset the entire contradiction of all our previous efforts, in the simple passive, 'we *are* transformed.' We *are changed*, as the old version has it—we do not change ourselves. No can can change himself. Throughout the New Testament you will find that wherever these moral and spiritual transformations are described, the verb is passive. . . . Growth is not voluntary; it takes place; it happens; it is wrought upon matter. So here. 'Ye must be born again'—we cannot *born* ourselves. 'Be not conformed to this world but be ye *transformed*'; we are subject to a transforming influence, we do not transform ourselves. Not more certain is it that it is something outside the thermometer that produces the change in the thermometer, then it is something outside the soul of man that produces a moral change upon him. That he must be susceptible to the change, that he must be a party to it, goes without saying; but that neither his aptitude nor his will can produce it, is equally certain.

"Obvious as it ought to seem, this may be to some an almost startling revelation. The change we have been striving after is not to be produced by any more striving after. It is wrought upon us by the molding of hands beyond our own. As the branch ascends, and the bud bursts, and the fruit reddens under the co-operation of forces from the outside air, so man rises to higher stature under invisible pressures from without. . . . According to the first law of motion: every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a straight line, except in so far as it may be compelled *by impressed forces* to change that state. This is also the first law of Christianity. Every man's character remains as it is, or continues in the direction in which it is going, unless it is compelled *by impressed forces* to change that state. Our failure has been the failure to put ourselves in the way of the impressed forces. There is a clay, and there is a Potter; and we have tried to get the clay to mold the clay."

And then Drummond comes to the solution, to live as if each of us were a mirror in the presence of Jesus Christ: "reflect the character of Christ, and you will become like Christ."

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 16th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by pledges, the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1959. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the annual rededication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

YOUR PLEDGE IS A RELIGIOUS ACT

Our Lord talked about money because it is important. Nothing reveals the state of your mind more clearly and more accurately than your attitude toward your possessions.

Your money is, in a very real way, yourself. Let me put it this way—If you earn $10.00 a day—a $10 bill is a day of your life, much more than just symbolically. It represents a day of your skill, intelligence, energy, a day of YOU . . . Put it in a slot machine—the day is wasted. Lay it on the Altar—it is your offer of a day of yourself to God.

The leaders of our Church at the recent General Convention held in Florida have urged every Episcopalian to consider the Biblical practice of tithing. You may ask "What is Tithing?"

Tithing is an open-hearted act of living gratitude. It is the result of a Christian decision to say: "Thank You, Lord" each day in a faithful way for the countless blessings which come from Him—including the precious gift of life itself.

The ancient Biblical Tithe was a straight ten percent of all that a person received.

The modern Tithe asks each Christian person or family to give: five percent for the Lord through the Church, as an act of self-giving in obedience to the first and great Commandment. And, five percent to charity for the needs of others—in Christian obedience to the second and great Commandment.

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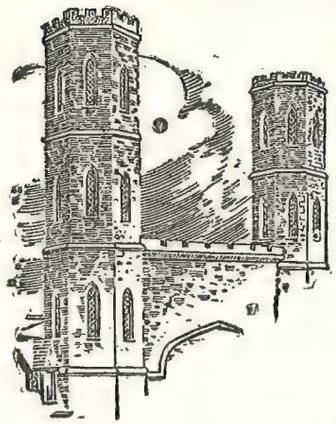
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To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephens' opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: To Thee, Lord Jesus, Thanks We Give .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow to that of the day? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." We confess, Heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy wisdom and goodness. For Jesus' sake. Amen.
Processional Hymn 562 .....*Webb*
The Venite, Hymnal 608 .....*Chant*
Psalm 111, Page 482
Benedictus Es Domini .....*Matthews*
Jubilate, Hymnal 644 .....*Chant*
The Anthem: "Be Glad, Then, America" .....*Billings*
The Sermon: "EXTRA ECCLESIAM NULLA SALUS" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 144 .....*Nun Danket*
Recessional Hymn 296 .....*Dix*

Flowers on our Altar today are provided by the Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of mother, Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy and her family.

Flowers for Thanksgiving Day are provided by special fund, in memory of James Carrigan, beloved Verger of St. Stephen's 4/1/7—9/21/50.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House.
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HONEST REMEMBERING

As St. Paul wrote to his friends in the young Church at Ephesus, he charged them to keep clear of the filthy immorality of that pagan city. Then he closed by directing them, "always and for everything giving thanks . . . to God the Father." In other words, "*Thanks for everything!*" It may seem strange to urge people to be thankful as they lived in the unfragrant atmosphere of a human pig pen. In The Acts of the Apostles he tells vividly of the wild riot stirred up against the Christians by the greedy silversmith's union. How can people be thankful in such a world of filth and peril?

St. Paul could urge them to thankfulness, because he was thankful himself. He had found, from tough experience, that God guided him through riot and turmoil and ship-wreck so wonderfully that people began asking how he did it. St. Paul would answer, "I don't do it. Christ does it in me. You can find the same victory by letting Christ take over the directing of your life." No wonder he lighted the lamps of faith along those Mediterranean shores. For he could, at any time, say to his Father, "Thanks for everything!"

But, someone anticipates, "Are you going to urge us to face our world of integration riots and corrupt unions and filthy magazines, saying to God, 'Thanks for everything!'?" Why not? Our world is very much like St. Paul's; only ours travels more swiftly. Why *not* be thankful? We do not like all the ugliness and evil, but we have found that, with Christ dwelling within us, He is stronger than every enemy.

No American, no Christian, is happy over the troubled city of Little Rock. But God is stronger than anger and fear; and, already, out of these turmoils, the glory of God is beginning to shine. In the North there are leaders who counsel their people to be less eager to solve the problems of their brothers in the South, and more deeply concerned over getting our own noses clean. A little honest remembering reminds us that we have not yet solved all our problems in a way that pleases God! Down in Florida a man of God stands in the pulpit and says, "The minister has a special role—a splendid opportunity . . . to build a bridge of understanding between bitter people. Or, deep in Alabama, another minister calmly speaks for Christ, "We must attempt to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to bear witness to the integrity of the Christian Church in which only faith and love matter. When a man joins the Church, he is asked about his faith and love; he is not asked about his race." That can be said only by a Southerner ot Southerners; but all of us can thank God for the saying of it. Thanks for everything!

As we gather joyfully around our Thanksgiving tables this year, let us lift our hearts to Him in deep joy, grateful for His sufficient love and power; and say to Him, from the bottom of our hearts, "Thanks—for everything!"

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Dear Dr. Price:—Since I wrote to you asking for prayer help, the first time, over a year ago, our son, Jimmy (aged 10) has had no sign of illness whatever. Jimmy was released from the hospital March, 1957, after an operation for cancer of the brain. We were told that he had less than six months to live. We can never, never begin to express our thanks to God and to all the wonderful Prayer Fellowship people for the well being of our son.—Mrs. V. E. (Livonia, Michigan).

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th, at 11 A.M., when our offering will be given, as for many years past, to the Episcopal Hospital.

St. Stephen's Church is the beneficiary of 62 shares of Provident Tradesmens Bank and Trust Co. from the estate of the late Dr. Herbert Old, Rector's Warden and Vestryman; the income of which is to be used for the Missionary obligations of St. Stephen's Church.

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The Rev. Mr. Meckling and the Ladies Aid of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing wish to thank all who helped in making their Autumn Bazaar of October 2nd a success. The profit from the Bazaar, and contributions is $1,989.70.

We gratefully express our thanks to these contributors to the work of the Benevolent Society: Beatrice Bernzinger, Mrs. S. H. Burke, Mr. Willard J. Ferris, Jr., O. W. Garrison, Geo. T. Gibb, John Price, Anna M. Reed, Mrs. Ella Rice, Mrs. Mildred Shinn, M. E. Varallo, Mrs. H. W. Weigelt, Mrs. Helen F. Brendlinger, Mrs. Nellie H. Brill, Eva Hansen, H. F. M.

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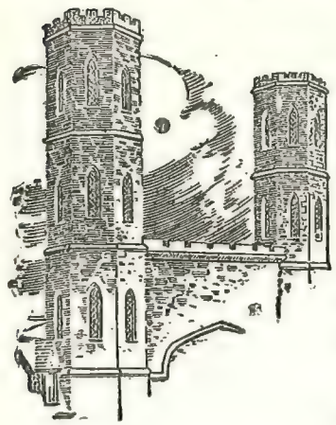
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Processional Hymn 1 .....*Stuttgart*

The Venite, Hymnal 608 .....*Chant*

Psalm 145, Page 520

Benedictus Es Domine .....*Thiman*

Jubilate, Hymnal 644 .....*Chant*

Anthem: "O Thou, The Central Orb" .....*Charles Wood*

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

The Sermon: "MISERABLE SINNERS?" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 5 .....*St. Thomas*

Recessional Hymn 318 .....*Hasanna*

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NEVER TOO LATE

"You know how Orion always comes up sideways,
Throwing a leg up over our fence of mountains,
And, rising on his hands, he looks in on me
Busy outdoors by lantern-light with something
I should have done by daylight, and indeed,
After the ground is frozen, something I should have done
Before it froze."

So Robert Frost writes—we get so far behind in our chores, so grievously delayed. Like the Inn-keeper at the first Christmas, we seem to wake up to our shining opportunities when it is too late:

"I am the keeper of the inn, what man will pity me?
I heard one knocking at my gate, and rose not up to see;
I heard one crying in the dark in need and travailed sore:
I made no room to house God's Son, but turned Him from the door."

Again and again we have busied ourselves feverishly with little things and have no thought for the great things until it was too late.

Humanly speaking, there could be dismay in our hearts on this first Sunday in Advent. Humanly speaking, we have long made it a December habit to be so absorbed in the outward preparations for Christmas that we gave little heed to preparing for His coming in our hearts. We shudder as we wonder if the same tragedy will happen to us this year—Christmas Day dawning, and no inward joy and peace; every preparation made for Christmas except for welcoming the Chief Guest.

But the hand of God brushes over our human calendars, and wipes out the words "too late." The Penitent Thief on his cross hears the Son of God promise, "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise." With God there is no "too late." He only waits for us to welcome Him as the Chief Guest, to be willing to enthrone Him as the Master of Love in our hearts. As the Lord said to Abraham, "Lift up now thine eyes, and look *from the place where thou art.*" Let the past go—if you want the Shining Christ in your heart on His Birthday, start where you are, prepare for Him now, along with preparing the victuals and the presents. Stop and sit quietly ten minutes each day, giving thought to the grudges and fears that are to be cleansed out before He comes; praying that God will strengthen you to turn from cold selfishness to warm good will and love. If you will do that, faithfully, day after day, you will hear the last glorious words of the inn-keeper's poem—

"Good man, rejoice, nor grieve in vain,
Tonight He seeks that door again!"

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Dear Dr. Price:—My mother, who is 83 years old, had a large sore on her nose which the skin specialist diagnosed as cancer. He wanted to operate, but she was so frightened that her blood pressure went up to 220. My daughter and I placed her name in for prayers and brought her to the healing services. We prayed for God's guidance to show the doctor some other way to treat it. The doctor called and suggested X-ray treatment, although he thought it was too far gone. After only 5 X-ray treatments, my mother's nose was healed. The doctor was surprised, as he didn't expect it to help. We know that it was God's healing power. We appreciate the opportunity afforded by St. Stephen's Healing Services and the work of the Prayer Fellowship.

—Mrs. E. O'Rear (Philadelphia)

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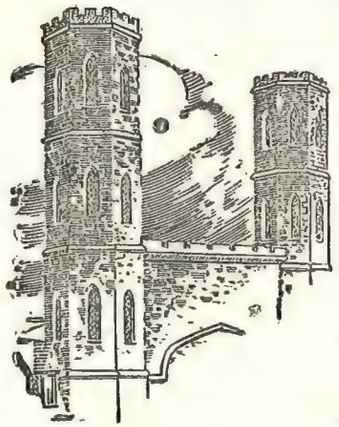
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The Prelude: Come, Savior of the Gentiles ..... *J. S. Bach*

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Processional Hymn 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Bread of the World ..... *Candlyn*
Text: Hymn No. 196

The Sermon: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 400 ..... *Graefenburg*

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Who was the first one they invited to be their guest? It was the only unfailing Friend of men; the only Guest who already stood on the front steps, yearning to be admitted. It was the only Guest who desired to take up His permanent abode with them. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and him with Me." In that simple blessing-service, they opened the front door to God, and asked Him in.

God stands outside the threshold of each day and knocks. What did you do about His knocking this morning? What will you do about it tomorrow? He will not push the door open. He will stay outside, and your day will lack His warmth and glory and lift. Tomorrow, when you first open your eyes, what will your thoughts be? George Stewart suggests:

"Begin the day by offering it and yourself to God. Look at the day as an individual thing, this day, and offer it to God for His use."

After all, if we trust Jesus, we know that God is our Father, and that He cares for us, just as we are. Why leave Him outside, knocking in vain, as if He were some traveling salesman? He is the first to be invited in, the most Honored Guest!

Look ahead just 18 swift days—there shines the Great Day when, everywhere in the world, men remember that God stands at the door, as He did long ago, outside the Bethlehem Inn. A God so mighty that He could create the spacious universe, and yet so tender that He will not push His way into your day—what an incredible, wonderful God! Think of it—He knows your sorriest sins as well as your loveliest graces; and He loves you, as you are. Think what Christmas could be for you (and *through* you), if you will invite Him into your preparing. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock!"

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MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"

August 5th—Simon J. Slusarz and Blanche Lesinski

BURIALS

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord"

May 27th—Emma J. Leavy
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Aug. 6th—Mary K. List
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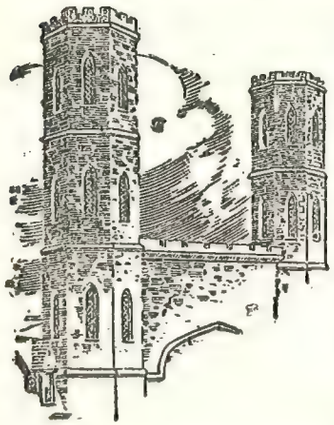
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Processional Hymn 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*
The Venite, 608 in the Hymnal ..... *Chant*
Psalm 72, Page 426
Benedictus Es Domine ..... *Thiman*
Benedictus, Hymnal 640 ..... *Chant*
Anthem: "And the Glory of the Lord" (The Messiah) ..... *Handel*
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"The day at once becomes a unity and life becomes unified. However many distracting details come into the day, both mind and emotions are dominated, not by them, but by the sense of, you have only one thing to do—namely, to act in obedience to God in regard to them."

Just think of it—what a load of anxieties you can dump! You have *"only one thing to do"*—make your Christmas pleasing to the Master Whose Birthday it is. Perhaps you cherish that minor sin of being a perfect housekeeper—well, that does not please God, because it makes everyone else uncomfortable. What a joy to God if your over-scrupulous house-keeping would relax, so that people could feel easy about coming and going. Perhaps you are a man burdened by past mistakes and possible future ones—St. Paul said, "But one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind me, and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on to the goal." And what was that goal? It was eternal companionship with Jesus, beginning now.

How amazing, and refreshing, to walk through each day with Him, forever. That glorious Christian, Studdert Kennedy, once spoke of that weak soul who—

"Wants to keep Christ forever standing amid the lilies of the Altar, with a sweet incense of worship rising about Him, a weekly refuge from the distraught and vulgar world. He wants to lock up Christ in the Tabernacle, to keep in silence in the secret place, where men must go down on their knees before they touch Him. But Christ wants to come out into the market place, and down to the streets; He wants to eat and drink with prostitutes, to be mocked and spit upon by soldiers. He wants to call the dishonest trader from his office desk; to stand at his lathe beside the workman; and to be with the mother over the washtub in the city of mean streets. He wants to go into the world, that beauty and goodness and truth . . . may grow up around Him wherever He goes."

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If you happen to be behind in this year's pledge, it would be of great help to the treasurer if you could bring it up to date. Mr. Harry Hauger would be glad to tell you where you stand.

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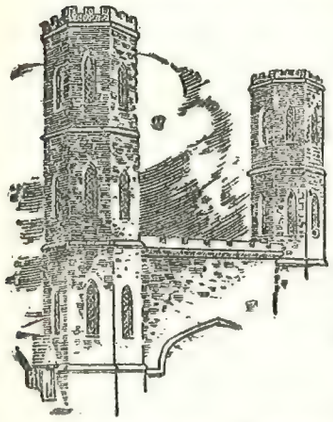
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The Prelude: "Greensleeves" ..... *Purvis*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We are "Sons of God," for God in Christ has redeemed us. As we enlist in and for Christ's cause, we are His and therefore must live up to this profession. This sonship, in which we claim God as our Father, is a free gift of grace. As children of God, we have confidence in, and dependence on Him. We thank Thee, Father in heaven, that we can, as Thy children, call Thee Father. Because we are sons, we have in us all kinds of possibilities. Christ, our Brother, stands beside us as our Ideal. We need power to become "more like the Master." Grant us this strength; in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9, Chant tune, Hymnal 608

Psalm 105, 1-20, Page 470

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

The Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14, Chant tune, Hymnal 640

The Anthem: "The Three Kings" ..... *Willan*

Who knocks tonight so late? The weary porter said. Three Kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head. The serving man bowed down; the inn was full, he knew. Said he, "In all this town is no fit place for you." A light the manger lit: there lay the Mother meek. Said they, "This place is fit: here is the rest we seek!" Come; they loosed their latchet strings; so stood they all unshod. Come in, come in, ye kings. And kiss the feet of God.

The Sermon: "TIME, HUMAN NATURE, AND THE LAW" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 440 ..... *Watchman*

Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Greenland*

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Flowers for Christmas Day are provided by special funds: The East Window is decorated in memory of the Magee Family; The Atmore Window in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

SPRING CLOUDS

Jesus was born in the Spring time, the wise scholars tell us. For shepherds did not keep their flocks out under the cold, wintry skies; but gathered them into warm and sheltered places where the chill winds of Winter swept across the land. How December 25th came to be chosen is another story, and a long one. But the simple and wonderful fact seems to be that Jesus was born in that miraculous season when life triumphs over death, when the cold gray clouds are melted away by the warmth of the sun! How appropriate that He should come just when the world was shaking off the icy imprisonment of winter days, and bursting out into the freedom of joyful life!

It may be that, for some of you, there are clouds over your Christmas sky right now. Some disappointment, some dread, some old emptiness, seems to shut off the joy you crave in your heart. I do not deny that those clouds are real—but I do tell you, with glad certainty, that those are *Spring* clouds, and that the love of God can and—if you let Him—will melt them away until your heart is filled with the warmth of His caring for you, and it sings like the angels.

How "let" Him melt those clouds away? By quietly and firmly following His loving way through the next few days. Pray until you think of some loving deed that you can do, some loving letter or telephone call. That is what the Littlest angel did, when his Christmas sky was clouded.

There is a lovely legend which begins with the Littlest angel not being allowed to join the angel choir that heralded the birth of Christ. But the Littlest angel decided that he would get to Bethlehem, even if he had to go alone. He decided that he was going to take a birthday-present to the Christ-Child. So he gathered an armful of the prettiest star-flowers he could find, and set out on his journey. On his way he found so much sorrow and suffering that he gave away every one of his beautiful star-flowers before he ever reached Bethlehem. He was miserable and shy when he saw the rich gifts the Wise Men from the East had brought. But Mary understood. She thanked the Littlest angel, and told him that he had done just what Jesus would have done, and she drew him into the little group that was gathered close around the manger where Jesus lay. There were no clouds in his Christmas sky now—for by following the Bethlehem road of love, the Littlest angel had come right to Jesus Himself!

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—M. M. (Bellingham, Washington)

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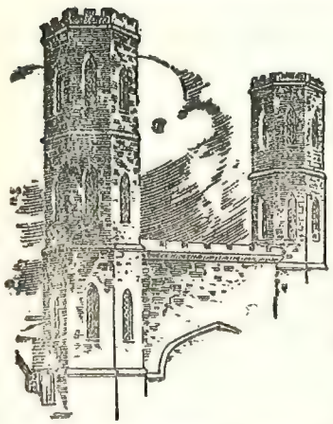
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Processional Hymn 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9, Hymnal Chant No. 608

Psalm 132, page 508

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Matthews*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15, Hymnal chant No. 644

Anthem: "Darest Thou Now, O Soul?" ..... *Williams*

Darest thou now, O soul, walk out with me toward the unknown region where neither ground is for the feet nor any path to follow? No map there, nor touch of human hand, nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips, nor eyes are in that land. I know it not, O my soul, nor dost thou, all is blank before us, all waits undreamed of in that region, in that inaccessible land. Till when the ties loosen, all but the ties eternal, Time and space, nor darkness nor gravitation, nor any bounds bounding us. Then, then we burst forth, we float in time and space O soul, prepared for them. Equal, equipped at last. O joy, O fruit of all! Them to fulfill, O soul.

The Sermon: "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 321 ..... *Margaret*

Recessional Hymn 319 ..... *Handel*

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NEW YEAR'S DETERMINATION

1959 lies before us like the clean pages of an unwritten book—ready for us to write into it the deeds of our days. Let's resist the temptation to make New Year's resolutions which are forgotten by January the 2nd! Instead, we can substitute New Year's determination to turn our lives toward God.

Studdert Kennedy has pointed out how dangerous it is to make half-hearted resolutions to follow Jesus. For Jesus stirs within us the mighty hopes of following His daring way of love, trusting Him to make us able. Then we *try to do it ourselves,* and find that we cannot! Rather than making this pitiful, half-hearted attempt, He urges us to "remain among the cattle of the field."

So many, many people stumble along guiltily because they have promised so much to God, and done so little about it. Why not face the down-to-earth truth—it is impossible for us, by our own resolution and strength, to live up to Jesus' way of life. God never made us able to achieve it.

Shall we then give up the Christian standard of life because it is beyond us? No, we can do just what Jesus did—ask God to live in our hearts, and transform us to be like Jesus. We can constantly invite Him into our thoughts, so that *He can do in us what we cannot do without Him.* We can let His Love work in us, and through us, to bring heaven-on-earth where there is hell now.

Once you have been caught by the beauty of Jesus Christ, you can never find rich joy again until you make Him the Master of your heart. Dare to do that, and 1959 will be a year of miracles!

We want to express our appreciation to these contributors to Christmas Dinners: Miss Mary E. Holder, Stephanie Mitchell, Helen G. Downes, William Wilkie, Mrs. G. B. Street, Sidney Weeks, Mrs. Kellman, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Mrs. S. H. Burke, Edith J. Craig, Martha Guillermet, Miss Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, Mrs. Rex Herder, Miss Mary C. Kutzer, H. H. Hanson, Mrs. Catherine Miller, Helen LeDent, Mae Snedden, Edith R. Stout, Susie LeMar Morris, Mr. Sidney Hicks, Isabella Ponten, Edwin Schun, Marion Slatcher, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. J. Eicklin, Mr. J. R. Wilson.

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—F. O. (University of California)

PHILADELPHIA LARYNGECTS

Some three years ago Mr. Edward J. Maxwell began his Friday night classes for Laryngects in our Community House. These are the people who have lost their voices through the surgical removal of their voice boxes. The following is the annual report of Mr. Maxwell:

Since coming to St. Stephen's over 3 years ago, 162 people have come and gone through our school. 91 in the past year. And more are coming right along. Since we started we have received $617.00 in cash donations. We have spent $1,290.00 in total expenses: for ginger ale, which is used to help people to talk; also for medical and surgical tubes that our pupils needed. We have paid transportation to and from school; board and room for those who needed it. We have also paid rent and supplied food for two families. If we had a little help from some source to get some equipment we could do a better job.

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I do sincerely thank Dr. Price and all who are associated with him for making the facilities of St. Stephen's available to us. Best wishes to all of you for a real happy Christmas, and God be with you through the coming year.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

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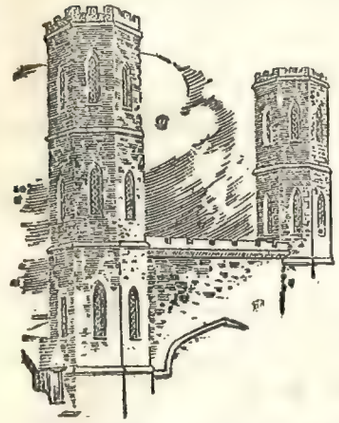
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Prelude: Noel in G Major .....*D'Aquin*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A thankful heart not only looks backward, but also forward with confidence. The metal mirror may dimly reflect the image or even distort it, but the perfect knowledge shall come when we see face to face. Our past and present experiences shall then appear in a new light. Heavenly Father, from Whom, for Whom and to Whom are all things, help us to realize anew that without Thee we can do nothing. Cleanse our hearts from all sin and impurity. Let us look forward hopefully to the fulfillment of Thy promises concerning those things that are to be. Amen.

Processional Hymn 285 .....*Covenant*

Kyrie, Prayer Book, Page 70, Hymnal No. 714

Anthem: Through The Dark The Dreamers Came .....*Daniels*

Through the darkness the dreamers came, Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame of a star, Via, Via, de profundis via.

But the way did not seem shadowy or long; it was brightened by a dream and a song: "Gloria, in excelsis, Gloria!"

It was worth the journeying to the weary end; for they found their dream; A King and a Friend; Maxima, Gloria Die Maxima!

The Sermon: "WHAT SCIENCE EXPECTS OF RELIGION" .....THE RECTOR

Sanctus, Prayer Book, Page 77, Hymnal No. 716

Communion Hymn 20 .....*Divinum Mysterium*

Gloria in Excelsis, Prayer Book, Page 84, Hymnal No. 739

Recessional Hymn 355 .....*Coronation*

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The Lord looked at me, and His eyes pierced like hot wires.
"Perhaps," He said, "there is something in you and numerous others that will have to be cracked open, if 150 million people are going to grow up over night.
"Something in you," said the Lord, "something, perhaps, in *you*."
That *was* a joke, and I laughed. But the Lord wasn't laughing. I hastened to reassure Him. "There's nothing the matter with *me*. It's the other fellow, that's the trouble, 150 million of him."
"I know all about the 150 million," said the Lord, and I thought He seemed a little tired as He said it, "but I don't at the moment seem to be able to see anyone but you."
"Me, Lord?" I said. "How odd, I'm sure You must be mistaken. There's nothing about me that need give You even a moment's uneasiness."
Then there was a silence, a terrific silence like a wall that rose up between him and the Lord. The man protested that he had always fought on the Lord's side. But the Lord's silence just grew more silent, and the wall of separation grew higher. "I'm a good man," he argued, and felt a Hand on his collar which made him remember the wood-shed and the shingle; and he heard God wondering why He had remained a God of mercy. The man still argues that he has fought hard for God. And God says:
"I'm not interested," said the Lord, "in what you think you have done for Me . . .
To Me you are a life, a life with a soul at the center, . . ."
The Lord bent over me as a mother bends over her baby.
"You are a child," said the Lord, "and my heart is sick with your childishness.
But you have a soul . . .
If I could get at your ego and somehow crack open your nucleus — something might happen. And there is a world at stake.
You are nobody, and then again you are America.
You are nobody, and you are 150 million people who have to grow up over night."

It's urgent. There is a world at stake! Let God get by your ego, and let loose the power of His love to help save the world for God's plan!

We wish to thank these contributors to "Christmas Dinners": Margaret R. Fleming, Mr. & Mrs. George T. Gibb, Mildred Maxham, Ross J. Griffith, Eva Hansen, Mrs. Mildred C. Faris, Miss W. P. Sachs, Kate Wurstee, R. Winter, Mary Hamilton, Mrs. Laura Fuir, E. M. Macphie, William L. Scherzer, Mrs. Jean Dixon, Mrs. Leon Merrow, A Friend, David Magee, Florence Appel, Mrs. R. E. Ormsby, Mr. & Mrs. Will Coffee, Mrs. J. E. Semon.

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, D.C., Sunday evening. He will conduct a Prayer Retreat for the women of Swarthmore at Trinity Church on Monday, January 5th, from 10:30 A.M. to Noon. He will conduct a Healing Service in the Chapel of the Marble Collegiate Church, 29th Street and 5th Avenue, New York, at Noon on Wednesday, and preach in the Church at 8 P.M.

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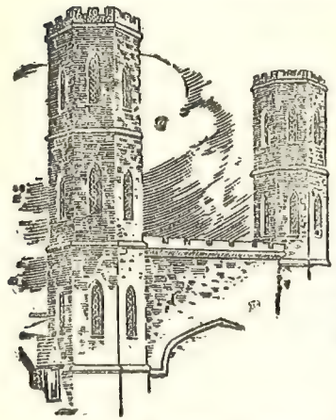
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The Prelude: Jesus, Priceless Treasure .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Bible, as the Word of God, is man's best guide for life. It shows us the pitfalls of life, it unmasks temptations and evil, and it points out the things that are pure and of good report. This Guide shows the way home to the Father's House. O God, we thank Thee for Thy Word. Without the guidance of Thy Word the way to Thee would remain unknown, and the solution to our problems of life would be left to a blind fate. Teach more diligently to follow the leadership of Thy Word in all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 48 .....*Stuttgart*

The Venite, Page 9, Prayer Book, Chant No. 60, Hymnal

Psalm 57, Page 409

Benedictus Es Domine .....*Thiman*

Jubilate, Page 15, Prayer Book, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Lord, We Implore Thee .....*Franck*
Lord, we implore Thee, guard us and guide us; our doubts and fears remove now, and forever more, this we humbly pray Thee. Lord, in Thy mercy turn our hearts unto Thee, and let us ever be full of deep humility. Lord, God Almighty, guard us and guide us, we pray Thee, and grant our supplication. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 465 .....*Bethany*

Recessional Hymn 52 .....*Dix*

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O. H. Austin tells the following story about riches:

Old Granny Smith (we'll call her) faced the tax assessor. He looked around her plain little living-room as if he were looking for something he couldn't find.

Granny tried to be helpful. She said, "Oh, yes, that new rocking-chair—my boys got together and gave me that for Christmas. They could not rightly afford it, and I can't rightly enjoy it, it being so fancy . . . but you will want to count that. I don't have any idea what it's worth."

The assessor still looked unsatisfied. "You sure you ain't got some hidden assets somewhere?"

"Well," she answered, "I guess I have $32 in the bank."

And then his reason for being unsatisfied came out: "But I've been hearing that you was a rich woman."

"Oh, that," she said. "I've heard that too. And I do have riches. But not the kind that you can write up in tax books . . . I wouldn't be any good without my riches, but they wouldn't be much good to you for raisin' money on."

He didn't quite know what she meant. He said so.

"Well, I have friends, I guess those are about the greatest riches a body can have. I have a fine family, and they love me. I have faith, which sees me through hard times and which gives me a reason to be thankful, and to share my joys. They are my riches. I guess they are what you would call 'riches in heaven'."

Jesus was preparing people for that day when they would leave their worn-out bodies behind, and their spirits would go on to be with God. That will be like examination-day—how much do we have in our minds; how much do we have of faith, of courage, of understanding, of love. The material wealth we have to leave behind—for we cannot take it with us. But people like Granny Smith are rich that day, for their riches they can take with them, the everlasting kind of wealth that no wind or weather can spoil.

If you walk with Jesus through each day, then each night you will be finding yourself richer. It's glorious, and exciting—"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven"!

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ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years: to repaint the interior of the Church, to air condition the Church, and to improve the lighting. To date over $15,000.00 has been pledged by 135 persons. We do want everyone to have a share in this, our 135th Anniversary Project.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation gifts and pledges from: Mrs. Helen LeDent, Mrs. Evelyn R. Work, Miss Gertrude Bergen, Miss Jane R. Harper.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Helen G. Downes, Jay Knox.

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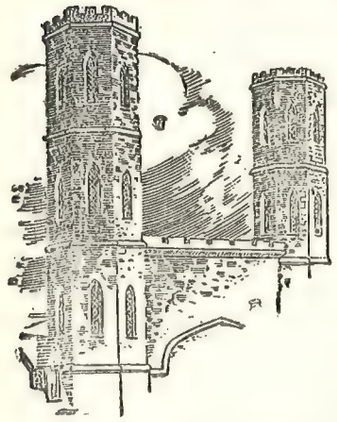
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Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Sine Nomine*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Hymnal Chant No. 608

Psalm 91, Page 454

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15, Hymnal Chant No. 644

The Anthem: "Blessed Are All They That Fear The Lord" ..... *Sowerby*

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in His ways. For thou shall eat the labor of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house; thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

The Sermon:—CREATION—"AND GOD SAID . . ." ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 393 ..... *St. Catherine*

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But how do *we* know what is best for us? Once, when you were a child, you had a lot of colds and sore throats, and your parents had the family doctor in—and he said, "We'll take his tonsils out." And you went to a hospital, and waked up with a throat that hurt, and you wondered why your father and mother let that hurtful thing happen to you.

We so-called "adults" are like small children with a very great Father. And Jesus taught us that, in every event,—a simple meal on the road to Emmaus, or a crippling disease, or even a crucifixion—we could find God's opportunities, God ready to enrich us. The Saude has put it:

There is no moment in which God does not present Himself under the guise of some suffering, some consolation, or some duty. All that occurs within us, around us, and by our means covers and hides His divine action. His action is there, most really and certainly present, but in an invisible manner, the result of which is that we are always being taken by surprise and that we only recognize His action after it has passed away. Could we pierce the veil, and were we vigilant and attentive, God would reveal Himself continuously to us, and we should rejoice in His action in everything that happens to us. At every occurrence we would say: *"Dominus est"* (It is the Lord.); and in all circumstances we would find a gift from God. We should consider creatures as very feeble instruments in the hands of an Almighty Worker, and we would recognize without difficulty that nothing is lacking to us and that God's constant care leads Him to give us each instant what is suited to us. If we had faith, we should welcome all creatures; we should, as it were, caress them interiorly for contributing so favorably to our protection when applied by the hand of God.

Try, this week, whenever *anything* happens, saying to yourself, "It is the Lord." It will make you more grateful for plain blessings, and more trustful and courageous when difficulty and pain lie across your road!

The Rector will preach at the Noonday Service at St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Virginia, on Wednesday, January 21st.

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—L. G. L. (Upper Montclair, N. J.)

The children of St. Stephen's Sunday School, under the leadership of Mrs. Alfred Price and Mrs. Clara Robinson, were surprised with Christmas Stockings filled with cookies and tangerines, prepared by members of the Woman's Auxiliary, on the Sunday before Christmas.

KING'S DAUGHTERS

After seventy years of active service the King's Daughters of St. Stephen's Church has been disbanded. This fine sewing society under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Schmid has found it increasingly difficult to find sufficient workers, who are able to attend the evening meetings, to carry on this program. Our deep regret over the loss of this fine group is mitigated somewhat by the realization that in our Benevolent Society this type of work is being carried on. To Mrs. Schmid and her workers we express our gratitude for a job well done.

In the past year the King's Daughters has disbursed one hundred dollars with contributions to the Nazareth Home, Episcopal Hospital, Phila. General Hospital, Church Improvement Fund, Christmas Baskets, Altar Flowers, and thirty-eight articles for St. Christopher's Hospital.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscription to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. Some 716 are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of the forty-nine states, and in addition, to people in Canada. It goes not only to members but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It cost, this past year, $38.16 a week to print and to mail this publication. There are some 44 issues a year, at a total cost, in 1958, of $1,679.25. Last year we received $759.31 from individuals in response to our annual appeal. If every family would give $2.00 per year the cost would be met. Of course a great many people on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so that a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way to pay for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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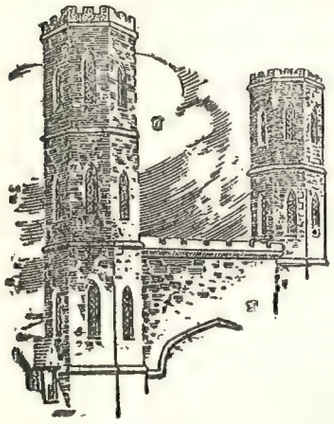
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BY REV. DR. STANLEY R. WEST

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Prayer, and Preambule ..... *Vierne*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Only those who approach God in the right spirit can truly worship Him. If we seek to live as in the sight of the Eternal, we experience a great joy and find it easy to serve Him on the pathway of life. Temptations will be overcome and our constant communion with God will be a blessing unto us. O God, grant us a double portion of Thy Spirit. May we be able to worship Thee as we ought, with the right and the true motive. Use us as instruments in Thy hand to spiritualize life in our own circle of friends. Make us faithful to all that is fine and noble. Amen.

Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9, Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 119:V, VI—Page 492

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round ..... *Malin*

*Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way; Guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day. Rule in our hearts that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee. We are of Thee, the children of Thy love, the brothers of Thy well-beloved Son; Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove into our hearts, that we may be as one; As one with Thee to whom we ever tend; as one with Him, our Brother and our friend. We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things sweet and fair, one with the joy that breatheth into song, One with the grief that trembleth into prayer, one in the power that makes the children free to follow truth, and thus to follow Thee.

The Sermon: ..... Dr. Stanley R. West

Offertory Hymn 219 ..... *Hamburg*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

Flowers on our Altar today are provided by the Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of mother, Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy and her family; and by Mrs. Fay McClain in memory of daughter, Fay R. Bernauer.

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*This splendid text was written for the graduation exercises of the Cambridge, Mass., Divinity School in 1864.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have finished another year in our Ministry of Healing in St. Stephen's Church. Devoting at least a half hour each day to pray for a long list of people may not seem a great thing for an intercessor to do, but it is quite often just the link needed for God's power to reach the one in need. We remember, with deep gratitude, that it is just the daily acts of prayer of each of our 105 intercessors, which has made the work of the Prayer Healing Fellowship as a whole possible. They have shared with us at St. Stephen's the great burden of the need of those who write to us for prayer.

The number of our regular Prayer Fellowship intercessors has reached 105, and we now have a daily chain of prayers around the clock. We have each of the 24 hours taken three times over by our 105 members. Each intercessor is disciplined to give a fixed hour each day for his prayer activity. Each needy individual is lifted up in prayer to God 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks. The patient is requested to keep us informed of progress. Chronic cases may be renewed for longer periods of prayer.

During the past year 21,331 persons requested our prayers. This means that 21,331 people were remembered 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks by our prayer helpers.

We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing cooperation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Has all the prayer, faith and devotion of intercessors and friends been worth while? No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector, an average of 80 per week, are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported at the monthly meeting of the Prayer Fellowship, and in the weekly report to the members, all progress and cures are recorded. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . for, where two or three are gathered, in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of Prayer can never be over-estimated.

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—J. H. N. (Western Springs, Illinois)

The Rev. George R. Bishop, who made St. Stephen's Church his spiritual home during his retirement from the active ministry and in recent years while living in Princeton, was a valued member of our Prayer Fellowship, was promoted to the Higher Life on Tuesday, January 6th. The burial service was held in Trinity Church, Princeton, on January 8th. To Mrs. Bishop and her son, Reginald, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

MILK CAN

In 1958 eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars was contributed in the Milk Can on the steps of the Church for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. It is used to share our surplus food with people in foreign countries who are hungry.

T E S O

In modern alphabeitcal terms T E S O means: Theological Education Sunday Offering, now a major source of income for the support of the eleven Theological Schools in the United States. By proclamation of the Presiding Bishop, in 1959, this falls on January 25th. The leaflet enclosed in this Bulletin tells of the program of theological education of the Rector's School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The offering from St. Stephen's Church will be divided between the Cambridge School and the Philadelphia Divinity School. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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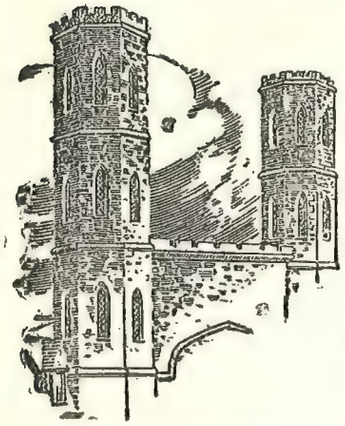
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Prelude: I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table ..... *Kretzschmar*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our never-ending task of being Christian is to fill ourselves in unending measure of such qualities of the spirit as strength in the inner man, faith in His dear Son, knowledge that comprehends the dimensions of Love; and Love itself that passeth all understanding. Dear Lord, we are overwhelmed when, as we behold the smallness of ourselves, we realize that we were meant to contain Thy fullness. Unto that end may we strive to be immersed in Thy Truth and Goodness, but not until we have emptied ourselves, so that Thou canst replenish our hearts with every grace of Thyself completely. Amen.

Processional Hymn 304 ..... *Beecher*
Kyrie, Hymnal No. 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: Grieve Not The Holy Spirit of God ..... *Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

The Sermon: "FORGIVENESS" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 448 ..... *Trust*
Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts), Hymnal 734
Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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HANDICAPS

You might call it "The Case of The Near-Sighted Musician." There was once a violinist who played his instrument with skill, but he had one serious handicap. He was so near-sighted that he could not read the score on his music stand with confidence, so he simply memorized his part. To make himself doubly sure, he memorized all the other parts in the orchestra. Then one day, shortly before a concert, the conductor was taken seriously ill. There was a hectic last-minute search for a pinch-hitter. Someone suggested the near-sighted musician, for, after all, he did know all the parts by heart. He led the orchestra so well that he was made permanent conductor. That is how the great Arturo Toscanini got his start.

Handicaps *can* be the spring-board to incredible achievement. For a handicap makes a man humble. As with St. Paul's "thorn in the flesh," he knows his weakness, which must be overcome. Two different men betrayed Jesus. Judas, the treasurer, sold his Master's life for thirty dirty pieces of silver—then ran away in despair to hang himself. Peter, warming himself by the fire, denied that he had ever seen Jesus before. But, instead of taking to his heels, he stood there a moment, looking toward Jesus. He met that unforgettable look of patient love that trusted him still—and then Peter let God into his fearful heart. Just because he had a handicap of fearfulness, he knew he must have God's Spirit within him. He let God supply the courage which then dared to stand before kings and governors.

God gave all human beings one great "handicap" in common—without Him we are nothing. We cannot meet life victoriously without Him in our hearts. We cannot overcome our temptations without His strength within. We cannot take our richest opportunities without Him in our thoughts. As St. Paul put it, "For when I am weak, then I find I am strong." You are like the paint-brush which lies useless until it lets the artist take hold of it, to paint a beautiful picture!

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THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Rector's Confirmation Class will begin February 8th, at 10:00 A.M. in his study. If you want to be a communicant member of this Parish, you should attend the Confirmation Class and be presented by the Rector to the Bishop when he comes to administer the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, April 12th. Confirmation is an opportunity for instruction in Christian belief and practice, as well as a public affirmation of Christian loyalty. The Class will meet for six weeks.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, D.C. tonight.

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INVESTMENT IN CHRISTIAN WORK:—We respectfully call attention of our members and friends to the opportunity of perpetuating their Christian devotion by remembering St. Stephen's Church in their last will and testament. Information concerning this sacred matter may be obtained from the Rector or Vestry of the Church.

1958 REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

During the calendar year 1958 we completed and returned 6446 pieces of sewing to the hospitals, as follows:

Episcopal	396
Jefferson	5924
Visiting Nurse Society	126
	6446

For the sewing of these pieces we disbursed $556.61, which included carfare for the workers.

As is our custom, we closed our Spring Session with our Annual Party, financed entirely by Mrs. I. Smith Raspin, one of our aides, which party was attended by the workers, aides and a few guests, among them was Miss Bayner of the Jefferson Staff, through whom we receive the sewing to be done.

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ANNA W. HAUGER, *President*

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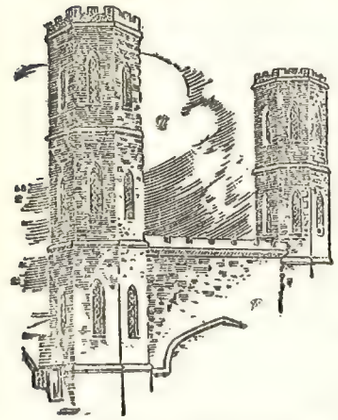
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Lied ..... *Vierne*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men. He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hate and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man could commit. He who was pure would have us watch our words and deeds so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and Merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee; in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Processional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9; Hymnal, Chant No. 608

Psalm 39, Page 389

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, Page 15; Hymnal, Chant No. 644

The Anthem: "O God of Peace" ..... *Robert E. Allen*
O God of Peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray Thee, to Thy Presence, where we may be still and know that Thou art God.

The Sermon: "SHOW ME THY GLORY" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

Recessional Hymn 568 ..... *Hermas*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. David L. German in memory of his parents, Dr. & Mrs. David L. German; and by Miss Jane Harper in memory of her mother, Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

How close Lent is—Ash Wednesday comes on February the 11th! For all wide-awake Christian people this is the growing season, when we cultivate our spiritual lives so that they will be more fruitful for God. To make this Lent an adventure, I suggest that you get "The Inspired Letters," prepared by Frank C. Laubach (publisher—Thomas Nelson & Son). It is simply the New Testament Epistles, translated into the language we use today, so that we can grasp what these letters mean. Here is a passage I have found especially valuable:

The human body is one, but it has many members. Though they are so many members, they are only one body. It is so with us and Christ. For we are all baptised by One Spirit into His one Body. Jews and Greeks, slaves and free men, were all given to drink from the same cup and receive the same Spirit.

The body does not consist of one member only. It consists of many members. Even if the foot should say "I am not a hand, so I'm not part of the body," it would still belong to the body. If the ear should say: "I am not the eye, so I do not belong to the body," it would still be a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how would it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how would it smell? But as it is, God has arranged every organ of the body just where He wanted it. If there were but one single organ, there would be no body. There are many parts, but there is just one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand: "I do not need you." The head can not say to the feet: "I do not need you." No, the very opposite is true . . . The parts of the body do not fight against one another. Each member takes care of every other. If one part suffers, all the others suffer with it. If one part of the body is honored, the whole body is full of joy.

Now, all of you together are the Body of Christ. Each of you is a member in Christ's Body. God has given each man his place in the Church.

Use this wonderful translation daily, thoughtfully throughout Lent—and you will find God speaking to you more clearly than ever before, with His sufficient grace and mighty compassion.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our Healing Ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—Last May the doctors at the largest hospital in Detroit told us that my mother had lost her ability to swallow (caused by nerve damage due to thickening of bones in the skull and spine); they inserted a feeding tube into her nose, down her throat, into the stomach. They said she would have this the rest of her life. Later an eminent neuro-surgeon in the city confirmed their findings. Now, however, may I tell you, to the glory of God! My mother went to her doctor after two months of having that tube—had him remove it—and over his protests told him that so many people are praying for her, and she felt an inner compulsion to have faith in those prayers. She has been eating like a normal person for four weeks now!

—Mrs. W. R. (Grosse Pointe, Michigan)

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ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years; to repaint the interior of the Church, to air condition the Church, and to improve the lighting. To date over $15,000 has been pledged by 135 persons. We do want everyone to have a share in this, our 135th Anniversary Project.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation gifts and pledges from: Mrs. Mabel B. Moore.

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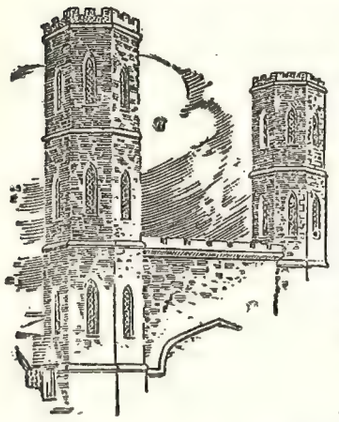
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The Prelude: Kyrie Eleison .....*Karg-Elert*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are indeed unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith, that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the presence of the Lord in all the trials of life, as well as in its joys. Our Saviour, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy presence wherever we may be, and when we are alone. In grief of defeat help us to see Thee clearly, and from the vision to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 55 .....*Heinlein*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9; Hymnal, Chant No. 608

Psalm 75, Page 431

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 .....*Thiman*

Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Hymnal, Chant No. 640

The Anthem: O Lord Most Holy .....*Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee and love Thee; Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee; and in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor, so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

The Sermon: "THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 411 .....*Grace Church*

Recessional Hymn 339 .....*St. Christopher*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Mary Varallo in memory of mother and sister: Mrs. Florence and Anna Frascone; and by Mr. Francis L. Marion in memory of his wife, Anna M. Marion; and by The Mothers' Meeting in memory of Mrs. Lida Trautner.

Mr. Henzel is in Atlantic City this morning accompanying the All Philadelphia Senior High School Choir in a special Convention Service. We are happy to welcome Mr. Will Beck, who will play the service.

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THE INNER WORLD

A saint is "One in whom Christ is felt to live again." That is simply an everyday person like you, in whom the Spirit of Jesus works and loves. Douglas Steere points out the first quality of a saint:

"A saint is one who begins with himself and with what he must do . . . he approves of the sentiments of the old Negro Spiritual that chants, ''Tain't the preacher nor the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, a standing in the need of prayer'."

Jesus was thinking of this when He said that "The Kingdom of God is within," for this is the inner world of our thoughts and feelings where we really love. The sincere follower of the Master—or saint—enthrones God as the Master of his inner world; and it then becomes full of power, of light, of love, of beauty. Such a person, like Jesus, speaks "with authority," with the weight of a Person greater than himself, because he lets God do the talking.

Actually, it may be *you* I'm talking about right now. It's quite possible. It may be that you decided, one day, that you no longer wanted civil war and turmoil within you, and you welcomed God as the Ruler of your inner life. On that day you entered the ranks of the humble, every-day saints. You knew yourself among those "called to be saints." Your life became more fruitful. E. Herman puts it:

"When we read the lives of the saints, we are struck by a certain large leisure which went hand in hand with remarkable effectiveness. They were never hurried. They did comparatively few things . . . yet, they always seemed to hit the mark; every bit of their life *told*. Their simplest actions had a distinction, and an exquisiteness, which suggested the artist. The reason is not far to see. Their sainthood lay in their habit of referring the smallest to God. They lived in God."

Yes, I could be talking about you; and I think I am. For God needs a plain saint right where you are—someone through whom He can talk wholly common sense and loving kindness. He needs one right where you are—one who he can use as the open channel of His loving concern. So, start with yourself—and be old-fashioned enough to invite the King to take permanent charge of your inner kingdom. For certainly He who rules the universe so wisely can direct your life into usefulness and peace!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our Healing Ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—There is one happy family in Port Clinton, Ohio, at this moment! A week hence little Tracy Behrman, three, would be scheduled for an operation from the skill of Cleveland's foremost plastic surgeon. One of the best general surgeons in this area declined to touch the large, dried-fig sized cyst appearing during the past six weeks on the side of Tracy's face at the side of the facial nerve. Even the most skilled surgeon ran the risk of injuring the nerve, thus leaving the side of the face paralyzed for life. Tracy was taken to your healing service and received the laying-on-of-hands. A few days later the unbelievable happened. The cyst suddenly opened and emptied, leaving Tracy's lopsided face as beautiful as before. A band-aid covers a small spot where the grotesque intruder was. There is one happy family in Port Clinton at this moment, and henceforth!—Mrs. A. H. (Port Clinton, Ohio).

ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD EVENT

The Annual Corporate Communion and Breakfast of the Brotherhood in the Diocese of Pennsylvania will be held Saturday, February 21st. The Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated by Bishop Roberts at 8:00 A.M. and breakfast will be served in the Community House at 9:00 A.M. Vice Admiral James L. Kauffman, U.S.N. (Ret.) an active Episcopalian, will address us via FM Station, WFLN, from the Cathedral of Christ, Roxborough.

The Rector will speak to the Young People of the 1st Baptist Church, Sunday evening, February 15th.

The Lenten Noonday speaker Monday through Friday will be the Rt. Rev. William Crittenden, D.D., Bishop of Erie. The speaker on Saturday will be the Rev. J. H. Hauser, Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS to become a member of this parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church you become a member of this parish by asking the Rector of the parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

The second way is by Confirmation. Classes of instruction for adults are now being held in the Rector's study Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. Confirmation will be held on April 12th.

MRS. BECHTEL HONORED

At the 20th Anniversary Meeting of the Women's Aid to the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing, Mrs. Theodore Bechtel, who has been president for 20 years, was presented with a gold cross and chain and other gifts. Mesdames Merrow, Vice President; Weber, Treasurer; and Christy, Secretary; were presented with lovely pins for their long service in their respective offices. The meeting concluded with a gala party attended by the Rev. Dr. Price, who congratulated Mrs. Bechtel for her long service to the Women's Aid, and the Church.

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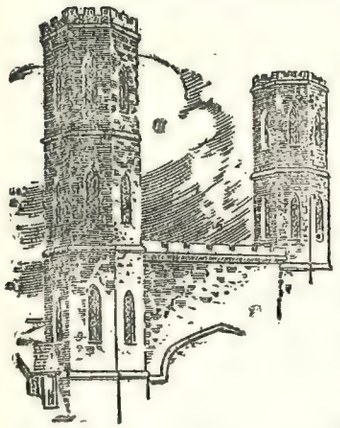
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The Prelude: Supplication .....*Purvis*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Those who follow God's guidance get the most out of life. Obedience to God's will is the secret of true and lasting happiness. They who can truly say, when they pray, "Thy will be done" are invincible. They are living the victorious life, for they firmly believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Lord, help us to find and follow the true way to Thee. Open our minds and hearts that Thy will for our lives may be revealed to us in unmistakable terms. May we be assured of Thy companionship. Amen.

Processional Hymn 334 .....*Penitence*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9; Hymnal, Chant No. 608

Psalm 107:1-16, Page 476

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 .....*Thiman*

Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Hymnal, Chant No. 640

*The Anthem: He Watching Over Israel .....*Mendelssohn*
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps . . . Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish; He will quicken thee.

The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN LOVE" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 556 .....*St. Andrew of Crete*

Recessional Hymn 385 .....*Austria*

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It is your privilege, as Jesus' disciple, to depend on His Holy Spirit for the right word in time of need. Some friend of yours has slipped into sin or paganism, and is unhappy in it—then asks you how you manage to trust God. You keep very quiet for a few seconds, and ask for the word that will reach that person's need; trust God for the outcome. Try it again and again. You will find miracles happening in your life, just as in the Early Church.

For instance, back in World War II, there was a Mrs. Pages who lived in the French Alps as head of a girls' Home. France was under the heel of Germany, and the gestapo were hunting Jews. Mrs. Pages was sheltering 25 of them, at the risk of her life. One day the dread gestapo man came—"You are hiding Jews," he charged her. "Yes," she answered. "We have the names," he continued, "And we are here to arrest them." Then Mrs. Pages was very quiet for a moment, and prayed, "God, create a miracle so I won't have to lie." And God went to work in her, stirring up her wrath. In an angry tone of voice, and with her eyes blazing, she faced that gestapo agent—"There are 25 Jews. Take them; but I warn you. Long ago you should have come here and done something. Why didn't you? If you do anything now, I'll go to your chief and tell him you have known long before and have done nothing." The gestapo man turned pale, "Yes, you are right," he said weakly. "But just don't say anything about this." And he left the Jews safe in her keeping.

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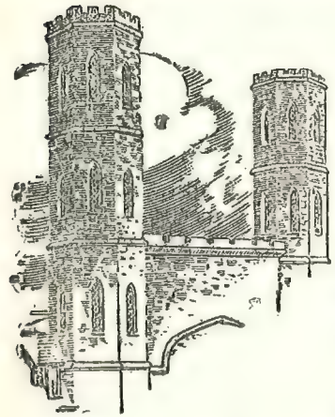
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Lenten Season is hallowed in the lives of Christians everywhere because in it we can see the completed work of Him of Whom John the Baptist spoke. Glorious Message: He takes away our sin! Heavenly Father, Thou hast sent Jesus into the world to grant us forgiveness for our sins, thus banishing our despair. Fill our hearts with trusting faith in Him, help us to forsake sin and live in obedience to Him Who gave Himself for us that we might live. Amen.

Processional Hymn 533 .....*Bethlehem*

Kyrie, Hymnal No. 714 .....*Oldroyd*

The Anthem: Father, Once More .....*Matthews*
Father, once more within Thy Holy Place, we bring the sins which, kneeling, we confess, not worthy yet to look upon Thy face, yet loath to rise until Thy hand doth bless. Father, once more within Thy house of hope we turn to find a glad release; in Thy forgiveness there is strength to cope with all that robs the spirit of Thy peace. Within Thy house of prayer we kneel before Thee at the open way; and leaving both our hopes and burdens there, we wait till Thou shalt teach us how to pray. Father, once more within Thy house of praise, we bring our gifts to Thee, from whom they came; we lift our hearts, and our hosannas raise to welcome Him who cometh in Thy name.

The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN LOVE" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 464 .....*St. Catherine*

Sanctus, Hymnal 716 .....*Oldroyd*

Communion Hymn 196 .....*Eucharistic Hymn*

Hymn instead of Gloria, No. 211, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

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LAW OF LOVE

Hannah Hurnard recalls a day in the Cheddar Gorge when she sat and looked out at the pinnacle cliffs above her. She noticed that they were riddled with holes, and that multitudes of birds were entering and leaving the holes, which they used as their nesting places. The birds, she writes, were

"swooping to their nests, then coming out again and launching themselves on the air and wheeling about in loveliest freedom. They seemed so tantalizingly un-earth bound as they soared jubilantly in the sky, exulting in their wings and filling the Gorge with their songs. As I watched them, it broke upon my mind with a shock of delight and illumination that birds are a most perfect picture of life in 'the heavenly places' to which our Lord and Savior calls all of His followers. We see in them a perfect illustration of the life which every Christian is entitled to live here and now, 'risen with Christ,' 'in the world, but not of it'."

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She has the answer: "*Why* is it that so few Christians know in actual experience what it is to enjoy the winged life of 'the heavenly places'? Is it not because we know so little about love? *Love is the law of the winged life.* Up there 'in the heavenly places' is to be experienced the perfect freedom and joy of those who have learned to love truly, and have received power to do so continually and under all circumstances. 'If the Son shall make you free,' said the Lord of the high places to all His earth bound and enslaved followers, 'ye shall be free indeed.' (John 8:36) 'Only love!' cried His servant, St. Augustine. 'Only obey the law of love and then do as you like'."

Let this be our Lent, then—to pray and think our way deep into the Law of Love, and be practicing it every day. It might even be that, when Easter dawns, we shall be "risen with Christ," living on wings!

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On Sunday last the Rector dedicated two Altar Veils, a Credence Cover, and thirteen Purificators embroidered by Miss Hazel Bainbridge, and presented in memory of those from this parish who gave their lives in the service of our country.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is being asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you and you need the Church. Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10 A.M.

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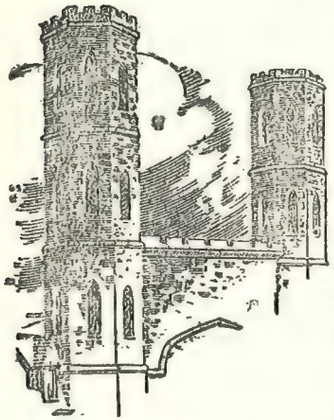
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Prelude: "Out Of The Depths" .....*Dupre*
"I Call To Thee" .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—No person becomes great until he has learned to deny himself. Selfishness is the mark of a petty soul; the way to greatness lies through sacrifice. When a person takes up his cross with a will, he learns how to walk in the Jesus Way of living fruitfully in this world. Bring to our minds, Lord, Thy willingness to forego honor and security and pleasure, and even life itself, for our sakes. Then help us to count the world well lost, as we gain in our likeness to Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 536 .....Old 124th

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Hymnal Chant No. 608

Psalm 40, Page 390

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 .....*Thiman*

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The Anthem: "God's Peace is Peace Eternal" .....*Grieg*
God's peace is peace eternal, here discords all our joys displace, we wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, before the Judge we all must bow. God, merciful and kind, will shield us; and from the evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the poorest soul release, who turns from sin to heavenly peace.

The Sermon: "LOVE HAS GOOD MANNERS" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 335 .....*Caswall*

Recessional Hymn 489 .....*Sicilian Mariners*

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WINGED LIFE

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Some of you will find that this is the key to your being chained to earth. You have been sympathizing with yourself that so-and-so is so difficult and trying a person. But, once you have honestly faced your own faults, with God's help, you will not find it nearly as hard to accept so-and-so. Once you push *their* annoying ways out of your mind, and honestly tackle your own, your old pride and smugness begin to die; you begin to feel tenderness and understanding toward so-and-so; and your life takes a leap off the ground and you begin to live on wings!

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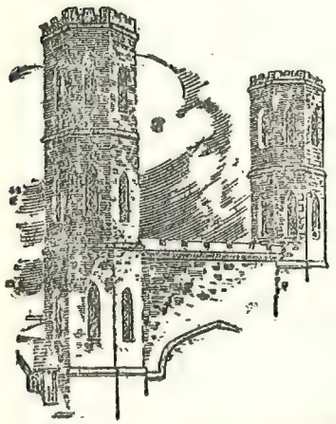
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The Prelude: "O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin" .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Perfect peace does not mean freedom from conflicts. Where there is life there is conflict. God's Word, however, envisages a condition where man's heart is at rest even while engaged in a conflict for the right. Peace within is found wherever the soul trusts God and does not stray from Him. O God, Thy Peace is the Peace that passeth understanding. We thank Thee for the gift of Peace, of which Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you." Our heart desires this Peace. Help us, therefore, to trust Thee for this Thy gift. Amen.

Processional Hymn 55 .....*Heinlein*

The Venite, Hymnal, Chant No. 608; Prayer Book, Page 9

Psalm 75, Page 431

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 .....*Thiman*

Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Hymnal, Chant No. 640

The Anthem: "Greater Love Hath No Man" .....*John Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The Sermon: "LOVE IS EAGER TO BELIEVE THE BEST" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 336 .....*Rathbun*

Recessional Hymn 341 .....*St. Christopher*

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LIVE ON WINGS

How do we get started on this winged life? It is our leaden self-love that holds us to earth. How do we get off the ground? The simplest way is by giving ourselves away; by a deliberate act of putting our whole lives under a Higher Command. Jonathan Edwards writes on Saturday, January 12th, 1723, in the morning:

"I have this day solemnly renewed my baptismal covenant and self-dedication. . . I have been before God; and I have given myself, all that I am and have, to God; so that I am not in any respect my own. I can claim no right in myself, no right in this understanding, this will, these affections that are in me; neither have I any right to this body or any of its members; no right to this tongue, these hands or feet; no right to these senses, these ears, this smell or taste. *I have given myself clear away.*"

So he began by putting himself wholly in God's hands to use. He goes on, "Now henceforth I am not to act in any respect as my own." But he knows how easy it is to fool one's self, so he continues, "I *shall* act as my own, if I ever make use of any of my powers to anything that is not to the glory of God; . . . if I murmur in the least at affliction; if I am angry because of injury; if I do anything purely to please myself, or avoid anything for the sake of my ease; if I trust to myself; if I take any of the praise of any of the good I do, or that God does by me; or if I am in any way proud."

This is the way Jesus lived—belonging to God and His Love. That is the way that He, the risen Christ, worked and loved in countless disciples down the centuries. That is how He can live and love in you, to-day! When you have given yourself clear away to Him, He can use you to bless the weary, heart-sore friend who drops into an easy chair in your home, needing His refreshing through you. He can pour His healing strength through you as you stand by the hospital bed of your sick neighbor. He can look through you into the eyes of a troubled child, and make them safe again, in the security of His Love.

Would you like to make this Lent an adventure of learning to live on wings? You may use Loyola's Prayer, below, following, for your act of self-giving which begins the adventure!

"Take, Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory and my understanding, my imagination and my whole will.

"All that I am and all that I have, Thou hast given me and I surrender it all to Thee now, that Thou mayest dispose of it according to Thy will.

"Give me but Thy Love and Thy Grace and I am rich enough and have nothing more to desire. Amen." (St. Ignatius Loyola, 16th Century.)

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The Rector will preach at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, Sunday, March 15th at 7:30 P.M. He will preach at the Noonday services at Arch Street Methodist Church on Monday and Tuesday, and St. Paul's Church, Englewood, N. J. on Wednesday evening. He will appear on "Guidepost" program, WFIL-TV—Channel 6, at 7:10 A.M. March 17th.

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CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

Christians who have made up their minds about their Savior, are morally bound to make a public profession of their faith; for no one is mature who is not willing to decide the great issues of life, and declare his convictions in public. In the Sacramental act of Confirmation, a Christian stands before a Bishop in Church, and makes public profession of his faith in Jesus Christ, thereby taking upon himself all the responsibilities for the promises made on his behalf at his baptism. The result of this commitment is the gift of the Holy Spirit, which flows through the hands of the Bishop, through whom the vows are made to God.

We hear a great deal today about social responsibility and the effects of heredity and environment on personality. We are apt to forget there is such a thing as personal responsibility, and that we must take sides on the great issues of life because God is a God who takes sides. Confirmation is a personal commitment to God and Christ and the Church, and those who do so commit themselves receive God's special grace.

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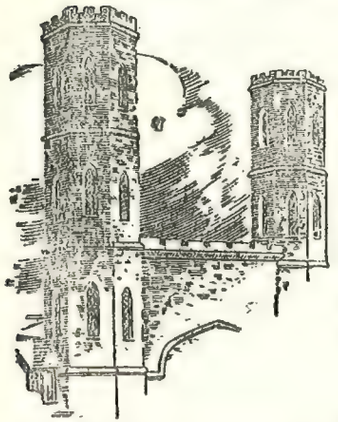
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Glory of the Cross lies in its expression of the great Love of God and Christ for men. The shame and disgrace of the Cross were transformed into honor, because sacrifice was raised to the highest level. Its Glory is evident in transformed lives and in the blessedness and peace brought into hearts that have experienced its saving power. We thank Thee, Jesus Christ, for Thy supreme sacrifice on the Cross. Thou hast given us a better insight into the loving heart of our heavenly Father because of it. Grant unto us the power of the Cross as an experience in our lives, so that we may glorify Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 107, Page 476

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Benedictus, Prayer Book, Page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads!" ..... *Handel*

Lift up your heads, O Ye Gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of hosts; He is the King of Glory!

The Sermon: PALM SUNDAY—JESUS AND BARABBAS ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 70 ..... *Petra*

Recessional Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*

Palm on our Altar today is presented by the Mothers' Meeting in memory of departed members; by Mrs. Helen LeDent in memory of her husband; by Mrs. Lillian Barlow in memory of her husband; by Mr. Francis L. Marion in memory of his wife.

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WEAPONS OF LOVE

Jesus was spending this night with His good friends, Mary and Martha and Lazarus, in Bethany. In the moments when He was alone, He must have been in deep meditation, seeking God's guidance for His "attack" on Jerusalem. How could He make known His purpose by the very way He entered the holy city? His mind must have searched patiently through God's Word (our Old Testament) which He had learned as a boy in Nazareth. Suddenly the answer came to Him out of the Book of Zechariah.

Zechariah had prophesied in the stirring days when the armies of Alexander were advancing relentlessly, sweeping the Persian hosts before them, awakening hope of release in the hearts of the Jews. Zechariah saw in that triumphant advance the working of the mighty hand of God. One by one he names the proud cities which would come next on Alexander's line of march—Askelon, Gaza, Ekron, Ashdod, then, suddenly, in verse nine, there comes a complete surprise. The prophet sees Alexander's army only as a tool in the hand of God. Riding invisibly with it is the God of Israel, who is about to restore the spiritual glories of the kingdom of David. But this conquering God is no warrior. He will come, not riding on a war-horse, but upon an ass, which symbolized a nation at peace.

We can also hear Jesus' deep sigh of gratitude to His Father when He recalled this ancient prophecy which so perfectly expressed His purpose. In solemn joy He arranged to borrow the ass from a friend. This kind of an entrance into the city would proclaim His real intent to all who really wanted to know.

So, by the manner of His riding, He served notice that He had no weapons save the weapons of love. He had no other plan, in case love should fail. For He knew that, ultimately, love never fails. It can be thwarted, delayed, rejected, but it keeps on loving, even in the face of hard-boiled, incredible cruelty. Even then, even when cruelty grows sarcastic, love prays, "Father, forgive them . . ." And goes on triumphantly loving.

Many of us resist the Love of God for a time. We turn away from the Cross, unable to watch His suffering for us, and close our ears to His prayer, knowing its power. But, sooner or later, we look just a little too long, and we listen more than is safe—and then we surrender to that Love. For this is a Love which will never stoop to compel us. God, with all the thunder-bolts and earth quakes in His hand, will not use them to bully us; for He wants only our willing, glad caring for Him. Once we *see* that Love, we give ourselves to it, in humble gratitude. Perhaps that same Love, now dwelling in us, may speak through us, and save others from the death of self-love, and self-trust.

"Fear not . . . Thy King cometh." What an amazing King He is!

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REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector at St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Classes at the Maundy Thursday Service, at 8:00 P.M.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

The Rector will be the Noonday preacher during Holy Week.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated Wednesday at 5:30 P.M., and on Maundy Thursday at 1:00, 5:15, and 8:00 P.M. Music by St. Stephen's Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening service.

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GOOD FRIDAY
10:30 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by the Rector.
12:30 P. M.—Address by the Rector.
1:30 P. M.—Cantata: "The Redeemer," Martin Shaw; Full Choir and Soloists.
2:00 to 3:00 P. M.—Address by the Rector.

SATURDAY—12:30 P. M.—Address by the Rector.

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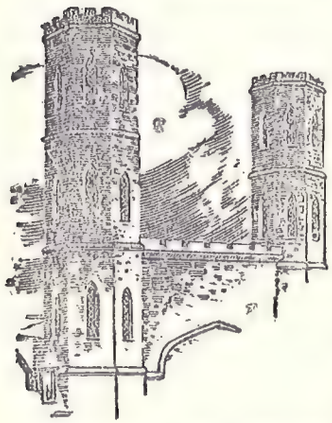
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"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Prov. 18:10

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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EASTER DAY
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins"—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Two Easter Chorales ..... *Dupre*
Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Lord is the Almighty Victor because He conquered sin and death by His death and Resurrection. Because of His Victories He promises us victory over sin and death. As He overcame, we can also overcome, and enjoy His fellowship eternally. Dear Lord, so often we grovel in the dust, defeated by our doubts, fears, anxieties and cares. Raise us up to a life of victorious faith in Thee, by Thy great power. May we, also, overcome, and be with Thee forever in glory. Amen.

Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
Christ Our Passover, Prayer Book page 162 ..... Chant No. 633
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: Thou Hallowed Chosen Morn ..... *Sowerby*

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise, that best and greatest shinest; Fair Easter, Queen of all the days, of seasons best, divinest! Christ rose from death; and we adore forever and forever more. Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth, behold thy children 'round thee! From east and west, from south and north, thy scattered sons have found thee; And in thy bosom Christ adore forever and forever more. O ye who bear Christ's Holy Name, give God all praise and glory: All ye who own His power, proclaim aloud the wondrous story! The Love, the Wisdom, still adore forever and forever more.

The Sermon: "THE RESURRECTION FAITH" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 98 ..... *Puer Nobis*
Sursum Corda, Prayer Book page 76, Hymnal, No. 734
Sanctus, Prayer Book page 77 ..... *Faure*
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. Flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee family. Flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

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DEATH, THE OPEN DOOR TO LIFE

As Lent began, much of our land lay silent under a deep blanket of snow. In a world of trees and shrubs and grass, there was no sign of life. And now, as Easter Day breaks, that same world is bursting with new life, ablaze with color and song. As the sun set over Jerusalem on Good Friday, long ago, the hopes of Jesus' friends lay silent and buried under the chill of despair. Then Easter dawned, and suddenly they were dazzled with the wonder of the news—He was alive, and their hearts sang with joy.

Life is like that—look back and remember those night-mare moments when your world was silent and dead. It seemed that you had come to the end—the end of living in a place you love, the end of companionship with the person you loved, the end of your usefulness, the end of a dream (of being married), the end of a wonderful piece of work, the end of victoriously joyful living as you found your horizon narrowed to a bed. Your heart was laden with disappointment.

And then you made one of the greatest discoveries a human being can make—that God planned death as the open door to life. Just as He led Jesus through the grim death of Calvary to Easter Day, so He leads us through many a death into life more wonderful than we have ever known before. This is the secret way of God—THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE! All that He requires is that we face each death with Him. Jesus on the Cross, in His agony of body and spirit, felt utterly forsaken and dead of heart for one dreadful moment. But He faced that death with His Father—and the door opened into the endless life which He lives today, in millions of His friends.

There was once a teacher—W. Cosby Bell—who was loved by the young men he helped to prepare for the ministry. He taught those young men that they would pass through many a death into new life, and, finally, through death of the body into the eternal life of the spirit. Their one need was to pass through every death with God. One day, shortly after he had finished his great book on life eternal, he was struck down by a heart attack. When he was told he was dying, he sent this message to the young men he loved:

"Tell the boys that I've grown surer of God every year of my life, and I've never been so sure as I am right now. Why, it's all so—it's a fact—it's a dead certainty . . . tell them that I say good-bye—They've been a joy to me. I've had more than any man that ever lived, and life owes me nothing. I've had work I loved, and I've lived in a beautiful place among congenial friends. I've had love in its highest form and I've got it forever . . . I can see now that death is just the smallest thing—just an incident—that it means nothing. There's no real break—God is there—and life—and all that really counts in life—goes on!"

In that faith—that death is always the open door to life—I wish you a radiant Easter!

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No longer strangers, but members of the household."

Miss Nadia Watson
Miss Sara E. Beardslee
Mrs. Minnie Wilson

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting which is legally to be held on the Monday following Easter will be postponed until Sunday, April 12th, following the eleven o'clock Confirmation Service. At that time Vestrymen will be elected.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Roberts will visit our Parish on Sunday, April 12th at 11 A.M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. At the eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

CHURCH GAINS 100,000 MEMBERS

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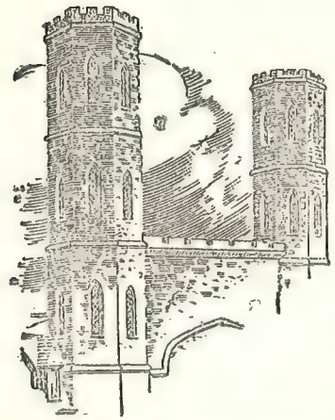
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The Prelude: Ave Verum ..... *Titcomb*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—In a specific sense sonship with God depends upon accepting Christ. The indwelling Spirit enables us to come into the possession of a power that brings triumphs over the temptations of life. With God we are always able. We can do all things through Him. Forgive us, O Master, whenever we have resisted Thy gracious invitations to us. When Thou dost approach us in the moments of this day, grant us receptive hearts. Thou art anxious to come into our hearts to become a living reality, a vital power. Amen.

Processional Hymn 361 ..... *St. James*

Kyrie ..... *Stanford*

Anthem: "Praise To The Holiest" ..... *Shaw*
Text: Hymn No. 343

The Sermon: "LOVE ENDURES" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 537 ..... *Moscow*

Sursum Corda, Hymnal 734

Sanctus, Hymnal 736 ..... *Lutkin*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 90 ..... *Neander*

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HOW TO REPLY TO JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

The Canadian Church has published an official card—the text is the work of the Rev. Fr. R. F. Palmer, SSJE; and householders who keep a copy by the door find that when it is read Jehovah's Witnesses invariably depart without argument.

"YOU PREACH A CRUEL GOD"

The card reads:—"I admire your zeal in trying to forward your beliefs. I am sure you are a sincere person. But I cannot accept your literature. You preach a cruel and unreasonable god who is going to sweep most of his children away in a horrible battle of Armageddon while you Witnesses stand aside and look on.

"I don't believe that you will really like to look at such a wicked thing. You are too kind for that. Yet you make out that God is not good and kind. He destroys His own children, not because they are morally bad, but rather because they do not join Jehovah's Witnesses. You would not treat your children like that. So you are better than the god you preach.

"For ages he has known, according to you, that he was going to have this horrible battle of Armageddon, and yet he has gone on making more children to be destroyed. I want nothing to do with such a god. If you go on preaching him, you will get to be like him, cruel and unreasonable. You Witnesses consider this world hopeless and so you leave it to perish. You make no effort to help the suffering by supporting hospitals, orphanages or other works of mercy. You take no part in seeing that we have good, honest government.

GOD OF LOVE

"I believe in the true God, the God of Love, not in your old god of hate. I believe in the Gospel—that means the good news that God loves us and cares for us. I do not believe your message of bad news. I know what the true God is like. Your unreasonable god is not one bit like Jesus, who went about doing good, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and Himself died for us on the Cross instead of destroying us. You are too good a person to be a Jehovah's Witness. Be a witness for Jesus and the God of Love. Spread His good news of the gift of eternal life here and hereafter.

"Thank you for calling and for listening to me. I shall be pleased if you will read this. Good day, and God bless and convert you."

BEBATE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Recent years have witnessed an increasing effort to end capital punishment in the United States. Arguments in support of its elimination fall into two main categories: those that emphasize its repugnance to the Christian faith and those that believe its retention violates concepts of modern penology.

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CONFIRMATION

Bishop Roberts will visit our parish on Sunday, April 12th at 11 A.M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. At the eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

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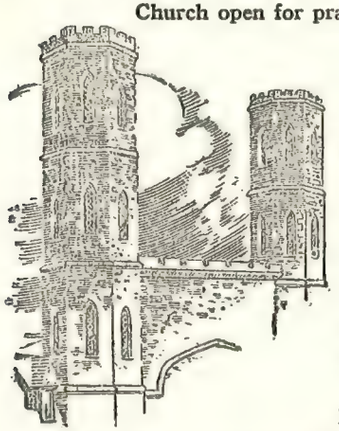
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INVITATION

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Adagio" ..... *J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: "Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me?" It is not always easy to see God in Christ. Even long acquaintanceship and familiarity with the Gospel may blur our vision. We need a new revelation, a fresh approach every day, to behold the brightness of His Glory. Lord, give us the grace of recognition. May we see Thee in every experience of our lives, no matter if the sun shines brightly on our path or if the clouds of sorrow hang over it. May we never doubt Thy presence as a Living Savior. Amen.
Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*
Creed and Prayers
Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1, 2 ..... *Nova Vita*
The Order of Confirmation, Page 296 in the Prayer Book
Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3, 4 ..... *Nova Vita*
Anthem: "Thou Art My Way" ..... *Shaw*
The Sermon: THE RT. REV. WILLIAM P. ROBERTS, D.D.
Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*
Presentation of The Colors; America, 4th Stanza, Hymn No. 141
Prayers and Benediction
Recessional Hymn 554 ..... *Lancashire*

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DEBATE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

On April 14th at 7:45 P.M. the Department of Christian Social Relations has arranged to have the question of Capital Punishment debated by leading experts, in St. Stephen's Community House. Following the presentation and rebuttal by the Rev. G. Hall Todd, D.D., Minister, Arch Street Presbyterian Church, and Thorsten Sellin, Ph.D., Chairman, Department of Sociology, Wharton School, U. of P., audience participation will be welcomed. Light refreshments and informal discussion will follow the meeting. You and your friends are urged to come.

The Rector will speak to the students and faculty of the Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, on April 14th and 15th.

GOD IS ALIVE

A veteran (of World War I) recalls an old French lady who could not imagine living anywhere except her little, familiar village, and who stayed on, even when the fighting-line came within a mile. At evening the soldiers would see her leading her two cows up the village street, and would greet her with kindly voices, loving this peasant-woman who clung to her little world. One terrible day there was a heavy bombardment, and a shell tore her two cows to pieces, and wounded her. Some soldiers found her, sitting by the roadside, wiping her wounded face, and crying out through her tears, "The good God, He is dead!" The Good God, He is dead!"

J. B. Phillips (that great English soul who has put the Bible and Christian faith into simple, understandable words) points out the same despair in our day: "Is God dead? A lot of people seem to think so. After all, they say, God doesn't seem to do very much, and nobody ever sees Him."

Then he goes on to remind us that one of our deepest Christian convictions is, not that God is dead, *but that He did once die.* He had decided to reveal His character in a way that men could understand, by making a personal visit to this planet. A few recognized Him, and a few others realized that when Jesus talked about God, He spoke with a ring of truth in His words—He sounded like an expert speaking on His own subject. A few bitterly resented His exposure of their pride and greed and hypocrisy, so they engineered a judicial murder. They managed to get the Man who claimed to be God killed. Nothing exciting happened—there was no celestial rescue party. After suffering agony, He died.

But we have learned from His teaching that His life and death were necessary "to expose the nature of sin and to build a bridge between God and man." For most people know that there is an unpleasant gulf between them and God, caused by their own and other people's sin and selfishness. It is because of this gulf that God often seems so far away, or even dead, and, however hard we try, we cannot bridge it. All serious religions attempt a kind of bridge-head toward God, but only Christianity builds the bridge . . . nothing *we* can do can close the gap between the terrifying purity of God and the sinfulness of man. But what we could never do, *God has in fact done.* The Bible says, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." (II Corinthians 5:19). Once you drop your own attempts to make yourself good enough to get into touch with God, and accept this tremendous act of reconciliation as something done for you personally, then the picture miraculously clears. Now you can see God, not as a terrifying Judge, but as Someone who came right down into the sweat and pain and squalor of human life to win you to Himself. Millions of people have found that, once they drop their own pretensions and accept quite simply this forgiveness, God becomes real—He becomes your Friend and not your enemy . . . One who would go to that length to bring you into friendship with Himself.

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Robert has met the requirements of a general knowledge of the contents of the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Hymnal. He has a working knowledge of the Church, the Sacraments, and the history of the Church. He has become acquainted with the organization and work of the Church in community, nation, and world.

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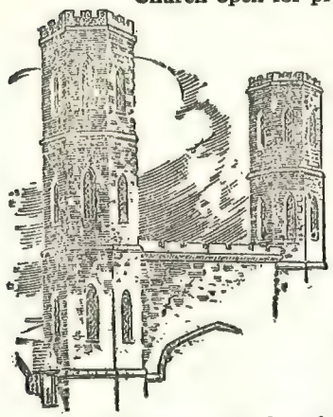
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The Prelude: "Prelude" .....*Fischer*
"Fantasia" .....*Pachelbel*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Upon being asked to perform some service, our first question often is, "What shall it profit me?" The Apostle Paul reminds us that Godliness inevitably brings profit. In this world it assures peace, happiness and contentment; in the world to come, the greatest of all profits, life eternal. Dear Lord, make us conscious that to fashion our lives after the Lord is our most glorious task. Help us to overcome the temptations of this day and to walk in the Master's footsteps, ever keeping in mind our ultimate goal: eternity. AMEN.

Processional Hymn 94 .....*St. Kevin*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Hymnal, Chant No. 609
Psalm 96, Page 459
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 .....*Matthews*
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Hymnal, Chant No. 645
The Anthem: "O Come, Everyone That Thirsteth" .....*Mendelssohn*
(Quartet from "Elijah")
Sermon: "HAUNTED OR HALLOWED?" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 464 .....*St. Catherine*
Recessional Hymn 494 .....*Coronation*

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"Look" Magazine for April 28th features an illustrated article, "THE EPISCOPALIANS", by Hartzell Spence. This is one of a series on Religions in America.

VESTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Mr. David L. German, Rector's Warden, Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Accounting Warden, Mr. I. Smith Raspin, Accounting Warden-Emeritus, Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., Clerk of the Vestry, Mr. Edward S. Morris, Treasurer of the Burd School, Mr. Harry J. Hauger, Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong, Mr. Charles K. Hay, Mr. James O. Lyman, Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Mr. Clarence T. Garrett.

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years; to repaint the interior of the Church, to air condition the Church, and to improve the lighting. To date over $30,000.00 has been pledged by 135 persons. We do want everyone to have a share in this our 135th Anniversary Project.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation gifts and pledges from: Mr. Samuel Ellinger.

ADVANCE PAYMENT

One day in Galilee a tax collector roughly demanded of Peter, "Doesn't your Teacher pay His taxes?" Jesus paid them—but imagine anyone wondering whether Jesus was willing to pay the full cost of anything! He had just told His disciples that, in order to bridge the awful gap which now separated men and God, He was going to pay with His own life.

That heroic Italian, Savonarola, had learned from Jesus the costliness of life committed to God. He found the citizens of Florence frittering away their precious lives in frivolities. So he challenged them with words that burn; and with a "bon fire of vanities." The comfortable Pope was so upset that he offered to make Savonarola a Cardinal, just to shut him up. But this committed man looked at the scarlet cap scornfully, saying: "I desire neither hat nor mitres . . . I desire nothing save what God gives to the saints — death; a crimson hat, a hat of blood, is what I desire." He was prepared to pay the cost. And he added this thought-provoking observation: "Are you desirous of a reputation for courage? You must risk your life. All this is paying in advance. Observe the other side of the picture; the bad things are paid for afterwards."

This is a truth that needs learning—that God requires *advance* payment for life's greatest treasure; while He allows *deferred* payments on the cheap and evil ones. Look about in life—you will see that this is true. The alcoholic has his hour or two of exhilaration and escape, and then pays afterwards in splitting headaches for himself and racking heart-aches for his loved ones. But the practical farmer spends his first strength in plowing, sowing, and cultivating—and *then,* afterwards, he enjoys the gathering of the harvest. Look back over history—you will find Hitler and Mussolini first enjoying their brief years of dizzy power and prominence, and *then,* afterwards, paying for it in wretched and shameful deaths. Jesus came to reconcile the estranged children of earth to their Father. He was first willing to pay with His crucified dying, and *then* He could rise into victory, to draw God's family close to Him once more.

Are you deep and earnest in wanting to follow Jesus Christ? Do you want to be used richly and gloriously by God, and thus find the "Peace of God which passeth all understanding"? The cost of that must be paid in advance. It is "dying" to yourself; surrendering your deciding to God's will. As John Wesley put it, "I'm no longer my own, but Thine: Put me to what Thou wilt . . . let me be full, let me be empty . . . I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal; and now, O Glorious and blessed God, Thou art mine, and I am Thine!"

The Rector will conduct Healing Missions in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, April 20th-22nd, inclusive; Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, April 22nd-24th, inclusive; All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, April 26th-28th, inclusive and in the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, April 29th-May 1st, inclusive.

The Rev. Dr. Stanley R. West will conduct the weekday services during the Rector's absence, and preach at the Sunday Services on April 26th. The Rev. Harold O. Boon will conduct the Thursday Healing Services.

The Spring In-Gathering of the Women's United Thank Offering will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. Blue envelopes have been mailed to all the women of the parish. This is a Missionary Offering which supports in large measure the women workers in the Church both in this country and in foreign fields. Mrs. Wilson Leithead is our Parish Custodian.

We are happy to add to the list of those who were confirmed last Sunday the name of Dr. Edith Jeanne Andrews.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—I have been attending your healing services for about four years now. Knowing what great miracles it has done for me, I have persuaded many of my suffering friends to come with me, and they have marveled at the results. I have had a number of serious ailments cured, including a broken foot and arm, and, much to the doctor's amazement, I was doing all my work in four months. For years I had suffered with spasm of the heart and doctoring all that time. Thanks to your wonderful healing services I have not had an attack for over a year. No one can convince me that if you have faith and come and be inspired by the healing services, there is an illness that cannot be cured.—E. C. (Norristown, Pa.)

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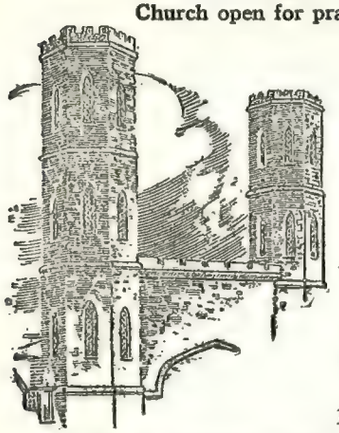
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The Prelude: "Jesus Christ, Our Lord Redeemer" .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—God speaks to us not only in Holy Writ but also through the wonderful book of nature. In this He reveals His power and His beauty. It is true that change and decay at times seem to mar this beauty; but even out of change and decay there comes new beauty to glorify the Creator. The beauty of God expresses itself in His handiwork, O Lord, our God, who hast made Thy name excellent in all the earth and who hast set Thy glory above the heavens, open our eyes to behold the expression of Thy glory in the beauty of nature. Amen.
Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 119:14, 15, Page 497
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 .....*Matthews*
Jubilate, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal
Anthem: "Let Saints on Earth In Concert Sing" .....*Titcomb*
(Text, Hymn 397)
Sermon .....Dr. Stanley R. West
Offertory Hymn 296 .....*Dix*
Recessional Hymn 589 .....*O Quanta Qualia*

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4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ADVANCES YOUR CLOCK ONE HOUR! It's THIS week—So, don't forget to make the change; don't be late to Church this Sunday!

UNITED THANK OFFERING

When we stop daily to thank God for our many blessings, we strengthen and develop our spiritual lives. When we drop a coin in our "blue box" while saying our prayer of thanks, we help our Church to grow and devolop the spiritual lives of our brethren in other parts of this world. In-gathering Sunday will be May 3rd.

THE WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S

The women of St. Stephen's are all members of the Women's Auxiliary, which is changing its name, nationally, to Episcopal Churchwomen, or to The Women of St. Stephen's, locally. Through hearing reports of speakers at the Church House, members keep in touch with the work of the Church-as-a-whole, in its different fields.

Mrs. Alfred Price spoke recently, at the meetings on the new Missionary District of Central America, and on our Missions in Alaska. There will be a luncheon after the final meeting at 11 o'clock on Thursday, May 21st, to which all of the women of St. Stephen's who would like to join, are invited.

The Rector will be at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, California, April 26th-28th, inclusive, and at the Church of the Incarnation, Dallas, Texas, April 29th-May 1st, inclusive.

HE SAW HIM

In that amazing story in St. Luke, the hero is the father who waited with such patience. Its right name is "The Parable of the Forgiving Father." Five simple words sum up that memorable story—"And his father saw him."

This father had two sons. The younger one was full of life; full of restless, hungry desires; wanting them satisfied in a big way. Being self-centered, he did not stop to think of his father's feelings. He simply demanded his share of the property, and went his way. The older brother was cautious, a bit timid about taking chances, and relished the feeling of being righteous. So he stayed dutifully at home, thinking himself most superior to his wayward brother. Being self-centered, he had no idea of the chronic ache in his father's heart as the old man yearned for his attractive, high-spirited youngster.

One day this pious older brother heard music and laughter. When he learned that it was a party to welcome his brother home, he blew his top. Being self-centered in his own special way, he did not understand the radiant joy on his father's face, the first radiance since the boy had gone away. He just shouted angrily at the old man, saying, in so many words, "What's the use of being good when a rotter like my brother gets the Big Party and all the cheering!" And he wouldn't come in. He just stayed outside, and sulked; alone, as self-righteous people usually find themselves sooner or later. The trouble with him was that his self-centeredness made him so interested in himself that he was blind to those around him. He never really "saw" his brother at all.

But, even before the Prodigal had left home in the first place, his father "saw" him; saw his charm and his honesty, his youthful eagerness for adventure, and he knew that, underneath that lovable immaturity was a treasure of a man, waiting to become a fact. So he waited through the long weeks, waited and prayed and hoped! Then, one afternoon, far down the road, he saw a familiar figure—his walk not so jaunty now, but resolute and sure; "and his father *saw* him," saw the boy at last shaped and tempered into the man God meant him to be. So he welcomed him with a mighty rejoicing—for he had come home to live in the companionship of his father, in his ways.

The father in Jesus' story, of course, is God. Jesus is telling you that God looks into your heart with the sure eyes of love, and sees what you really are, underneath; the person you can be, if you make up your mind to come home and live in His wonderful companionship. You can't do it anywhere else, except at home with Him. And every day He waits, and looks up the road—for *you!*

The Episcopal Hospital asks that we make mention in our Parish paper that there are vacancies in admissions to the Harrison Home. Rates seven to eight dollars a day. Further information may be secured by calling the Hospital.

ONE OF THE BEST DOLLARS' WORTH in Church journalism is the completely revamped "Church News" of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Fearing the shock which would come to her 3-year-old son, unfamiliar with death, a mother finally broke the news of a distant relative's demise, and with dread awaited his reaction. It came, as the small one's eyes never wavered from the TV screen: "Who shot him?"

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Stanley R. West, D.D., who will conduct the Sunday and weekday services during the Rector's absence.

Again we wish to express our appreciation for Bulletin subscriptions, to these persons: Mrs. Philip A. Arnold, Elizabeth Corrigan, Mrs. E. M. Keys, W. LeVan Lawfer, James O. Lyman, Miss Christine M. Mosler, Mrs. Charlotte Paist, Isabella Pouton, Caroline L. Temme, Mrs. Herman Williamson, Mrs. Janie S. Claytor, Eva Hansen, Mrs. Edith Oliver.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—Several months ago I attended your healing service. At that time I had been suffering from a stomach ulcer for several years and I'm frank to say I was a little skeptical, as I did not have the faith I needed so badly. After leaving Church, I suffered a bad attack and was sick all the way back to Henderson. However, I soon recovered and continued to pray for faith and healing. I have felt, and now know, my prayers have been answered. On February 10th I had another X-ray which showed the ulcer completely healed! My doctor was amazed. My faith grows every day now and I feel so much closer to God. I shall be eternally grateful to you, for I think you taught me how to pray and how to ask God's help.—P. P. C. (Henderson, N. C.)

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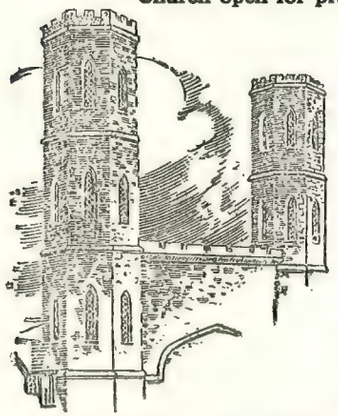
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The stream of life flows softly on. Our days are quickly spent. Happy childhood days and the carefree days of youth speedily fade into life's noon. Then comes the mellow afternoon, when the golden sun melts into lovely eventide. Should God's mercy spare us for the eventide of life, there will be light for the trusting child of God. Loving Father, who carest for Thy children throughout their entire journey of life, grant that light may be ours at eventide. We can peacefully depart from these scenes if our eyes behold Thy salvation. Amen.

Processional Hymn 276 ..... *Nun Danket*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9, Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 50, Page 401

*Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book, Page 10, Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, Page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above" ..... *Whitlock*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills; To God all praise and glory! What God's almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth: within the Kingdom of His might all is just, and all is right: to God all power and glory! Then all my joyful way along I sing aloud Thy praises, that men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises: Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part! To God all praise and glory!

The Sermon: "THE ASCENSION" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 355 (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6) ..... *Coronation*

Recessional Hymn 352 ..... *Diademata*

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*The "Te Deum Laudamus" has been called "The most famous non-Biblical hymn of the Western Church." Scholars have not been able to establish either the exact date of its composition, or the name of its author. They generally agree that it was written between the years 400-450 A.D., perhaps by Niceta, a Dacian Bishop. Through the centuries it has maintained a high position as one of our great canticles, and some famous composers have used its text for some of their finest musical creations.

We are going to chant the Te Deum after the First Lesson for a period of time, with the hope that you, the members of the congregation, will want to join with the choir in singing this great hymn. You will find the words on page 625 of the Hymnal. We will use one Chant tune for verses 1-6, a second tune for verses 7-12, and return to the first tune for verses 13-16.

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IT WAS VERY GOOD

May is a good time to read, "And God saw everything He had made; and, behold, it was very good." For Spring is at full tide, breaking up through the brown earth everywhere; and there are songs in every orchard, and eggs hatching in every nest.

Spring gives us a hint of the glory of God, drawing us to Him for His grace. It recalls that memorable moment in Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan," when she pours out what God's creation means to her. She is on trial for her life, accused of heresy. The Church has told her that "heavenly voices" are not God speaking through His angels and blessed saints, but evil spirits; that God speaks through the Church, and that she must repent, and depart from her error. As they hammer and threaten the simple peasant girl, she is shaken. Perhaps they are right. So she signs the paper, renouncing her "errors." And then, just when she thinks she is free, the Church condemns her to life imprisonment, on bread and water. Her spirit flames up in holy anger. She tears up the paper, and facing their threats to burn her at the stake, cries out:

"Light your fire: do you think that I dread it as much as the life of a rat in a hole? My voices were right. Yes, they told me you were fools, and that I was not to listen to your fine words nor trust to your charity. You promised me my life, but you lied . . . you think that life is nothing but not being stoned dead . . . but to shut me off from the light of the sky and the sight of a field and flowers; to chain my feet so that I can never again ride with the soldiers nor climb the hills . . . I could do without my war horse . . . if I could still hear the wind in the trees, the larks in the sunshine, the young lambs crying through the healthy frost, and the blessed Church bells that send my angel voices floating to me on the wind. But without these things I cannot live; and that your wanting to take them away from me or from any human creature, I know that your counsel is of the devil, and that mine is of God."

Some of you have looked across a country road, past a weathered barn, to a pasture and the woods beyond. You can *see* what Joan of Arc was talking about, and praise God for it. Others of you look out into the narrow chasms of city streets, but you can, at least, look up to the clean blue sky between, and do some praising yourselves. The Spring overflows everywhere, even into the hearts of men—and we glorify God because all that He made is very good!

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Mary's Church, Wayne, on the evenings of May 10th - 13th, inclusive. He will preach at the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, on Wednesday, May 13th at 12 Noon.

The Rector addressed a meeting of the Annual Session of the Eastern Keystone Baptist Association at the White Rock Baptist Church, 53rd and Chestnut Streets, on Tuesday night, May 6th.

RECTOR'S HEALING MISSION

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At Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, he conducted a two day Mission to splendid congregations.

At All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, he conducted eight services including an inspiring service of the Spring in-gathering of the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal churchwomen. Some 4,000 attended the Mission services and sixty or more were inducted into the O.S.L. The Rector, Dr. J. H. Smith, was kind enough to write in his Parish leaflet "Many distinguished preachers have visited our Church during these past sixteen years but none of them has made a more profound impression than Dr. Price. We are indeed privileged to have a man of such spiritual stature and authority in this particular field come to us. The tremendous response on the part of so many indicates how anxious people are to know more about the Church's healing ministry."

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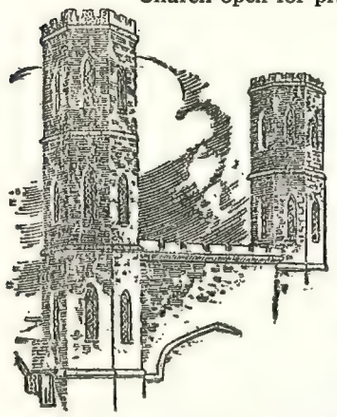
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The Prelude: "Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We, too, would now make this same declaration of an unbroken succession of Divine Deliverance and with Samuel give our testimony to the enduring faithfulness and mercy of our Lord. "He who hath helped thee hitherto will help thee all thy journey through." Dear Lord, whatever hath befallen us by way of trial and sorrow, we have never lost confidence in Thee, even though in our weakness we would have had it some other way. Give us ever the assurance that all things work together for good unto those who love Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 370 ..... *Graefenburg*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9, Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 86, Page 447

*Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book, Page 10; Hymnal, Page 625

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, Page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Come, Holy Ghost" ..... *Thiman*
(Text: Hymn No. 217)

The Sermon: "HOW THE CHURCH BEGAN" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 378 ..... *Meredon*

Recessional Hymn 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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GOD SPEAKING

How shall a man get to God, and learn His will? Some will answer—"From the Church—God speaking through His Body-on-earth." Others will say, "From the Inner Light—God speaking directly to His child." This surely is a large matter; and one that has to be settled by each one of us.

The Christian way to search for truth is to look to Jesus Christ, and to seek His leading. As a child, Jesus did learn from the Church of His day. But as a grown Man He denounced that Church as blind guides of the blind. When the mature Jesus needed light for some vital decision, He went apart into a quiet place, and opened His mind and heart to His Father. And always, when He came back, He came in God's wisdom and strength. He bade us to follow His example.

This was the issue between Joan of Arc and her judges. With burning sincerity, she told them that her "voices" were her messages from God. And they, as angry as the scribes and pharisees of old, shouted, "She acts as if she herself were the Church . . . it is always God and herself." But an Earl, with shrewd insight, sees to the heart of the matter when he says, "It goes deep, my Lord. It is a protest of the individual soul against the interference of priest or peer, between the private man and his God." A fuss-budget Chaplain pops out with, "I know as a matter of plain common sense that the woman is a rebel; and that is enough for me. Let her perish. Let her burn."

Now this large matter is not a fancy debate to be settled by scholars. This concerns every man born into the world; and the quality of his life will depend on how he settles it for himself. If he be lazy-minded in his love for God, he may leave the matter to Churchmen, and give a lazy "Yes" to their decision. But if he loves Jesus Christ deeply and honestly, he will look to the Church to see if it has taken Jesus seriously in this matter, and speaks with His authority. But no true friend of Jesus can stop with any other man's answer. Having gained the best possible human guidance, he must follow Jesus' example—go apart quietly to listen for the Voice of God, speaking directly to His child.

Joan's judges sternly ask her, "If the Church Militant tells you that your revelations and visions are sent by the devil to send you to your damnation, will you not believe that the Church is wiser than you?" And Joan—quietly and confidently replies, "I believe that God is wiser than I; and it is His commands that I will do . . . I shall mind God alone, whose command I always follow." God grant that you and I may so hear God speaking in our hearts; and so obey Him with willing joy!

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The Rector will conduct a Healing Mission at Trinity Church, Elmira, N.Y., on Sunday evening, May 17th, through May 19th.

Mr. Charles K. Hay, Principal of the John Bartram High School, has been promoted to Associate District Superintendent. Congratulations to our Vestryman!

"Talk Back," a series of films sponsored by the National Council of Churches, is being aired Sundays at 9:30 P.M. on Channel 6. Following each 12 minute film, there is a discussion on subjects it delves into. Gunnar Back is the moderator.

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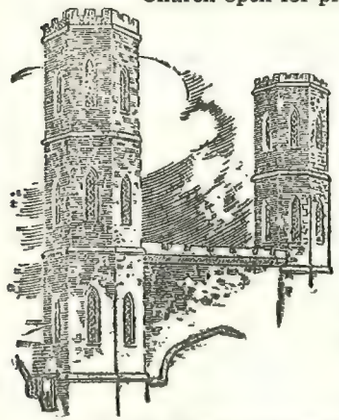
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The Prelude: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are indeed unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the presence of the Lord in all the trials of life as well as in its joys. Our Savior, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy presence wherever we may be and when we are alone. In grief or defeat help us to see Thee clearly and from the vision to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9, Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 116, Page 486

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book, Page 10; Hymnal, Page 625

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, Page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

Anthem: Credo: (The Nicene Creed) ..... *Gretchaninoff*

The Sermon: "JACOB AT JABBOK" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 271 ..... *Moscow*

Recessional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Edna O'Rear, sister; Miss Evelyn O'Rear, niece; and mother, Mrs. Clara Lewis—in loving memory of Arnot Lewis. And by Miss Nadia Watson in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Watson.

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The Rector will conduct a Mission at Epiphany Church, Baltimore, May 24th-26th, inclusive. He will speak at the Faith At Work Conference in the Poconos on Saturday, May 30th.

The Rector dedicated a beautiful red pulpit drop and Lectern Markers, and stole, on May 17th, presented by Miss Hazel Bainbridge, in memory of the Rector's mother, Myrtle A. Price.

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Men used to be terribly scared of God. They tried to keep just as far from Him as possible. Adam and Eve were hiding from Him, in the thicket, and they cringed when they heard Him asking, "Adam, where art thou?" Great leaders like David knew that God is the mighty Source of all good gifts, and were able to lift the people into high moments of loving gratitude to God. But, most of the time, people were very timid about God. They *still* are!

This is Trinity Sunday—that wonderful Festival which reminds men that they can know God in their own experience. What we mean by the "Trinity" is simply that there are three great open ways over which men have come to know God and love Him. First, we can know Him as Father, as the Creator of all things. We can approach Him through the glory of a flaming sunset, or through the miracle of a tiny seed we plant in our garden, knowing that it contains the pattern of a fresh green lettuce-head. Second, we can know Him—His character, what kind of Person He is—through His Son Jesus. For the amazing Jesus came and lived out God right before the eyes of men, so they could have no further doubt about His nature. Third, we can know God through the Holy Spirit—God's whisper in our hearts, of loving encouragement and forgiveness and guidance. These have been the three best-traveled ways into the knowledge and love of God, down over the centuries. They still are.

Many of you have already *done* what we are talking about. You have come to know and love God as the Creator who has filled the world with beauty; as the God-in human-flesh, Jesus making God so wonderfully to be loved; as the Spirit, God within you speaking to your listening ear. Your faces shine with the radiance of His Spirit at work within you. But so many, many people still keep God at a "safe" distance, like the men of old. As D. S. Cairns has said, "Man generally is under a kind of hypnotic spell about God, which is always contracting and chilling their thoughts of Him. The story of the growth of the disciples is the story of the breaking of that evil spell."

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VESTRY REORGANIZES FOR THE COMING YEAR

The annual reorganization meeting of the Vestry was held May 12th, with the following results:

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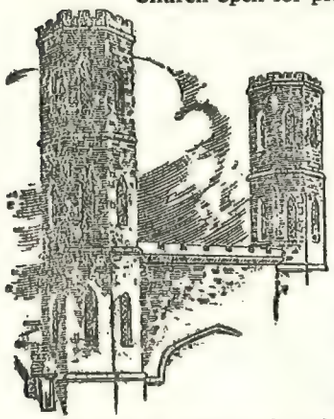
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Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
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Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, Page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal
Anthem: "Ye Who Now Sorrow" ..... *Brahms*
Ye now are sorrowful; howbeit, ye shall again behold Me, and your heart shall be joyful; and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon Me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were Mine, but at the last I have found comfort. Yea, I will comfort you.
Sermon: "CHRISTIANITY AND PATRIOTISM" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-y-botel*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge To The Flag
America, 4th Verse; Hymn No. 141
Prayers and Taps
Postludium Anthem: "In Paradise" ..... *Faure*
Benediction, Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 143 ..... *National Hymn*

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THOU SHALT LOVE

William James, the philosopher, has written with wisdom and also a twinkle in his eye: "Every Jack sees in his own particular Jill charms and perfections to the enchantment of which we stolid onlookers are stone-cold. And which has the superior view of the absolute truth, he or we? . . . Is he in excess, being in the matter of a maniac? or are we in defect? . . . Surely to Jack are the profounder truths revealed."

Now I would concede that when Jack claims that Jill is perfect, he is becoming a trifle optimistic; but I would still agree with the philosopher that Jack is nearer to the real truth than the rest of us. For Jack looks with confident expectation growing out of discovery about Jill which he has already made. It's like one mid-April afternoon. It was one of those heavenly sun-warmed days, after weeks of snow and cold. May-flowers are not easy to find, unless you are familiar with their oval, soft-green leaves, barely edging out from underneath last year's dead leaves. And there I found them, with their delicate pink flowers tucked under those nearly invisible leaves. Jill's charms and talents often are like May-flowers—hidden under a lot of superficial debris, which is all most people see! You just have to know that those graces and abilities are there, and look for them with eager expectation. The uncaring passer-by never dreams either of Jill's charms or the May-flowers. He it is that misses the real truth. For under the plain, unexciting surface of many Jills, God has tucked treasures of understanding and tenderness and common sense that only the expectant, caring eye will find.

It is also true that Jack's love for Jill helps to release and develop Jill's charms. For Jack knows that she is capable of achievements and character no one else expects in her. And just because he *sees* this possibility in her, he helps to make it come true. Because he loves her, Jill will become more of a person, closer to what God meant her to be. Jack's belief in her is securely rooted in the truth.

William James finishes his thoughts about Jack and Jill as follows: "If you say that this is absurd, and that we cannot be in love with everyone at once, I merely point out to you that, as a matter of fact, certain persons do exist with an enormous capacity for friendship and for taking delight in other people's lives; and that such persons know more of truth than if their hearts were not so big."

Why were you and I so surprised and overjoyed when the philosopher teaches us a great spiritual fact like this! It is what Jesus taught 18 centuries before William James was born. Jesus revealed that, in order to live richly and truthfully, "Thou shalt love. . . ."

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"Christ's Faithful Soldiers and Servants."

Dec. 14—Cheryl Marie Richardson
Feb. 1—Charles Vincent Cavanaugh
Mar. 8—Mollie M. Hirsh
Apr. 5—Jeffry Thomas Achuff

MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together."

Dec. 6—John S. Wunderlee
Elizabeth N. W. Jones
Dec. 30—Joseph Cirucci
Doris Weber
April 18—Jack Denzel Payton
Theresa Ethel King

BURIALS

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

Dec. 31—Frances F. Loverin
Jan. 2—Jane S. McEldowney
Feb. 9—Elizabeth C. Mohn
Mar. 21—Mary McEwen
Mar. 24—Frank H. Young
Apr. 4—Harold B. Atherholt
Apr. 8—Bella H. Marx
Apr. 8—Carmen F. Elia
Apr. 18—Grace Goodfellow Waters
May 12—Myrtle A. Price
May 18—Edward Shippen Morris

The Annual Burd School Day will be held at 4226 Baltimore Ave., on Sunday, May 31st at 2 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend this important occasion of Commencement Day.

The Rector will celebrate his thirtieth anniversary as a graduate of the Cambridge Theological School on Wednesday, June 3rd.

Miss Marie Pintavalle, of this year's Confirmation Class, was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Curtis School of Music. Congratulations!

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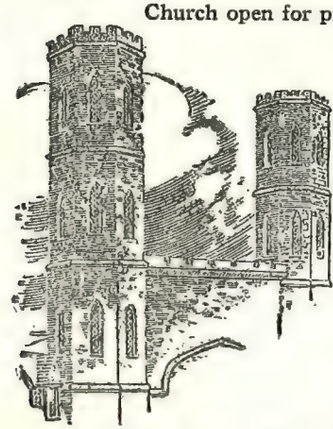
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Benedictus ..... *Reger*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—To pray for the coming of God's Kingdom is to dedicate yourself to the task of bringing it about. The first duty is to bring your own personal life into conformity with the principles of the Kingdom, then to use your God-given talents in His service. Lord, help us to make our prayers genuine and not a mere repetition of words. Amen.
Processional Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*
Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Bread of the World" ..... *Candlyn*
(Text: Hymn No. 196)
The Sermon: "THE CONQUEST OF DEATH" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 434 ..... *St. Oswald*
Sursum Corda, Hymnal 734
Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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Mrs. T. J. C. (Greensboro, N. C.)

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I'm a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.
It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a Church with noble spirit—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my Church to be.

PLAY THE ROLE

Richard Todd, the English actor, opening his mail one day, found a letter asking if he would be available to play the leading role in "A Man Called Peter." He replied that he would not consider the role until he saw the script. They sent it; and he turned the role down, after some thoughtful hesitation.

That sounds like so many hesitating Christians perhaps like you, once upon a time; or even now. A disciple, as Jesus points out in John 14, is one who lets God live in him, as Jesus did. For the Nazarene came to earth to show men what God is really like, in all His compassion. By giving over His will to His Father, Jesus let God live in Him day by day. Here was God in a down-to-earth Person. So, now, we know what God is like, simply by looking at Jesus. And He said that we could do this, and must! He gave us a terrific role to play, didn't He! But Jesus assures us that we *can* play this wonderful part if we say "Yes" to God. Will we take it?

Most people turn down the part, at first—as Richard Todd did. Most nice Church people never seriously consider it at all. "What, *me*?" "Live like Jesus? not I!" Yet Jesus promises that we can do it.

But, with that first refusal, Richard Todd was not through with "A Man Called Peter." The studio persisted. One day a flat package arrived from Beverly Hills—a tape recording of a Peter Marshall Sermon on the Crucifixion. A few days later, over the transatlantic telephone, Mr. Todd's excited voice told the produced, "I've played it over and over. Each time I'm more stirred. What an inspired word-painter that man was . . ." "You'll do it, then?" the produced asked. After a long pause, the actor replied. "I still can't commit myself. There's one more test I would like to make." And he did an amazing thing. Without any explanation, he rounded up some forty people at the studio—technicians, make-up people, some of the camera crew; even a hard-bitten blond off the street, with her boy friend. And, from a hastily constructed pulpit, Richard Todd preached that Sermon to the motley "congregation." When he finished, Catherine Marshall says, the hard-boiled blond was in tears, and so were several others. He cabled the studio that he would take the part.

You see, Richard Todd did not make his decision until he had really listened to the voice of Peter Marshall pouring out God's love; *and* until he had let Peter Marshall speak through him. Isn't that what we need to do, to decide whether we will play the great role God offers to us? We can think about this some more next Sunday. In the meantime, will you be thinking, and praying, about it? Whether you are willing to play the role?

EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S EVENING GROUP

The June meeting of the Evening Group of St. Stephen's Women will be held on June 8th at 7 P.M., 2nd floor, Parish House. There will be a business meeting and speaker, Mr. David L. German, on "Church Work And The Episcopal Women."

The work of the Episcopal Women was introduced and the Group organized by Mrs. Alfred W. Price at the first meeting, May 11th. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Ann Snow; Vice President, Miss Marion Sain; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Helen Downes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sarah Winn; Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Stowe.

All women are welcome.

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AT ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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July 12th—Faith in God's Power To Heal

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July 26th—The Prayer That Always Works

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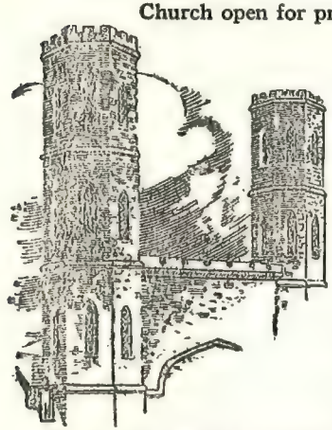
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The Prelude: Pastorale ..... *Guilmant*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Friendship is one of the most satisfying experiences of life. That is what our relationship to God should be. He would not have us approach Him as cringing slaves who fear an over-Lord, but joyously, confidently, as a man speaks to a friend, tried and true. He wishes to share with His purposes for men. As we look forward to meeting a friend, so may our approach and friendship be with Thee, Thou Friend and Savior of our race. May our friendship ripen through the days and years to come, into a love that will do whatsoever Thou dost command us. Amen.

Processional Hymn 157 ..... *Christe Sanctorum*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 72, Page 426

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book Page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Christ's Flock" ..... *Shaw*
(This anthem was dedicated to the Church of St. Francis, Ngong, Kenya — so called from the way the birds flew in thru' the open windows — was consecrated in October 1952. Built by African and Asian craftsmen from funds subscribed by Europeans, it has a mixed racial congregation; services are conducted in English & Swahili.)

Text:—In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, from Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the Author of all unity, from whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glit'ring glorious King. Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. O praises bring from every living heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia!

The Sermon: "HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 291 ..... *Merdon*

Recessional Hymn 433 ..... Song 22

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LISTEN TO GOD

It's not easy to decide to let God have His way with your life. *We* want to make the decision as each choice arises. Sooner or later we find out that there is only one important decision to be made in this life—will we say, "Yes" to God, or "NO"? Will we let Him have *His* way with us? We hesitate a long time, as Richard Todd did over accepting the role of Peter Marshall.

We can learn much by the way Todd tackled the question. First he listened to the voice of Peter Marshall in the tape recordings of his Sermons—listened humbly, honestly. That voice was so full of the love of God that the actor found himself drinking it in. Then he let Peter Marshall speak *through* him, in that Crucifixion Sermon to the motley congregation of stage people. When he found that the voice spoke through him with power, that settled the matter. Somehow he was meant to play this wonderful, impossible part.

When people suddenly face the challenge of letting God speak through them, they can settle it only as the actor did. First they need to listen to God's voice in Jesus, listen with honesty and courage. They may read Him in a red-letter New Testament —quietly, prayerfully, slowly, until one day they begin really to hear Him. Then God begins to become alive to them through Jesus, so alive and so infinitely loving that they can no longer resist Him. To be certain, they have to make the second test. They need to let God speak through their lips to another person, speak His love to someone in trouble or great need. And always, without fail, if they are whole-hearted, they find that God speaks through them with a power that was never in them before. *Then* they accept the part!

How can we sustain such a daring adventure? Richard again gives us a clue. Once he began to train himself to be Peter Marshall in the moving picture, he had to fill himself with Peter Marshall constantly. "Each man is unique", he said to Catherine Marshall. "I'm not Peter Marshall. But I can saturate myself with the quality of the man's voice, with the inner essence, until something of the man's spirit shines thru' . . . I listen to Peter Marshall's voice for a while just before falling asleep. That way, perhaps, an impression will be made on my subconscious mind that will come out later." And when the time for shooting the picture came, Todd ordered a tape recorder brought to his dressing room. Often he would listen to one of the sermons between "takes."

It *worked,* and Peter Marshall lived through the actor, and transformed the lives of many. The same method will work with *you.* Listen to God's strong love speaking to you each night, just before you sleep. Listen in your working day, "between 'takes' ". Saturate your inmost spirit with the tender, compelling love of Jesus, and your voice will take on His quality of strength-giving love. Once you take on the part, you may often slip back, of course; but you will never be able to give it up. Life on the old, self-willed level is too dull and frustrating. Life on God's level is forever young, forever an adventure in life-saving and victory!

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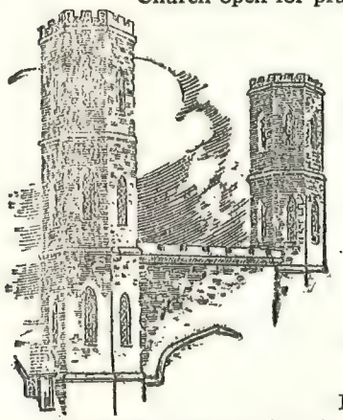
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To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the Service begins"—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Fantasia" ..... *Pachelbel*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—So much of religion is a mild assumption or a pious wish, and for that reason it never becomes a transforming power in our lives. When we know for a certainty that Jesus lives, and that He will make us live, then things begin to happen; and our lives begin to mount upward. Father, cleanse us of fear, timidity and uncertainty; and give us the great conviction that "the best is yet to be, the last, for which the first was made." Make us to know that a glorious life is within reach of us all through Thy Son Jesus. Amen.
Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 105, 1 to 20, Page 470
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book Page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal
Jubilate, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal
The Anthem: "God Is Love" ..... *Matthews*
God is love, and everyone that loveth is begotten of God and knoweth God. Love never faileth. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear.
The Sermon: "PROGRESS: PRO AND CON" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 524 ..... *Mannheim*
Recessional Hymn 597 ..... *Ewing*

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—Mrs. P. K. (Hamilton, Ontario).

CHRISTIAN LIFE Magazine, June issue has a featured article on St. Stephen's Ministry of Healing. It is one of the best written on our work of Spiritual Therapy.

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No Longer Strangers, but Members of the Household."
The Rev. and Mrs. Andrew W. Mayer.

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

We are endeavoring to raise some $40,000.00 by pledges and gifts during the next three years; to repaint the interior of the Church, to air condition the Church, and to improve the lighting. To date over $30,000.00 has been pledged by 135 persons. We do want everyone to have a share in this our 135th Anniversary Project.

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation gifts and pledges from: Mrs. Ida May Sullivan, in memory of her husband.

FELLOWSHIP

Once a person has honestly begun to let God live in him, how can he *sustain* that wonderful way of living? The prime necessity, of course, is to saturate our lives with the companionship of the living Jesus. That comes first. But you also need human help if you are to endure.

For God did not intend you to "go it alone" as a channel of His love. Read over those shining verses in Luke 24. The Risen Jesus did not appear to a lonely hermit. Rather, He first appeared to two disciples, walking together on the road to the village of Emmaus. They hastened back to Jerusalem with the gorgeous news, and "found the eleven disciples and their companions, gathered together." Even while they were announcing the great good news, the Risen Jesus appeared to that fellowship whose hopes were centered in Him. That is where He is most apt to appear! He has made it clear that He comes in full power only to such fellowships.

How do *you* find such a fellowship? Sometimes in a choice Prayer-Group in your own Church—people whose lives center in Him, and who love to meet together often. More often, however, you will need first to find your own fellowship with one other eager disciple—and you two will meet together, and share your victories and defeats, your discoveries of His grace, with each other, and with Him.

Your fellowship must be with someone who is honestly orienting his life about God, just as you are trying to do. Then you two can be close to each other because you are both close to God. If you happen to be a shut-in, or live in a back country road, you will need to turn to letter-writing to sustain your venture—exchanging letters with your fellow-disciple, between visits.

As Thomas Kelly has pointed out, such a fellowship of disciples "over-leaps the boundaries of Church membership entirely . . . The final grounds of holy fellowship are in God. Persons in the fellowship are related to one another through Him, as all mountains go down to the same earth."

The gayest, most truly Christian group I know is a working fellowship of people that I once visited. Their whole lives were individually so committed to Him that they are bound together by His cementing love. As one body they work at the irrigation of God's love thru' the deserts of today's materialistic, competing world. Their common venture is constantly sustained and renewed by the Almighty because, together, they are forever yielding "to the loving urgency of that Life which knocks at their hearts."

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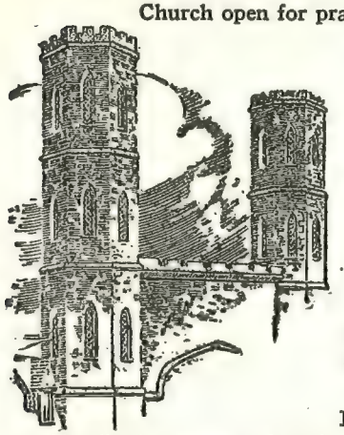
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Processional Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
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The Anthem: "Sing To The Lord" .....*Tye*
Sing to the Lord in joyful strain, let earth His praise resound, ye who amidst the ocean dwell, and fill the isles around. Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song, Let all combined with one accord, the cheerful notes prolong.
The Sermon .....THE REV. JUDSON LEEMAN
Offertory Hymn 564 .....*Lyons*
Recessional Hymn 567 .....*Dulce Carmen*

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THE WALL OF PREJUDICE

"The eight-hour day in the dye-factory was over, and I turned my steps toward the little restaurant where I had been eating a hearty and delicious supper each night. But tonight it would be less hearty. Pay-day was three days off, and my cash-in-pocket had dwindled. No thick and juicy steak tonight, cooked to a turn by one of the two Jewish brothers, who were artists at short-order cookery. "Two shredded wheat biscuits," I ordered. One of the brothers asked how come no steak tonight; found out why; and bade me charge it until pay-day. When I wondered how did he know whether I would ever pay, he replied crisply, "Buddy, it's my business to know who will pay, and who won't—how do you want your steak?" "Medium," I said with a grin. I like Jews!

I'd grown up since childhood without prejudices. For, among my father's friends, were a Russian nobleman, a Roman Catholic Cardinal, an Episcopal Bishop who had tamed head-hunters, a distinguished Jewish artist, a Portuguese sea-captain, a negro college-president, a Ukranian mine-superintendent, and a Mexican chauffeur. Dad loved all sorts of people. He and mother brought us up knowing that Jesus had broken down the dividing-wall of prejudice.

Once in a while some smarty-pants starts spluttering, "I just don't like jews. Jews are . . . ." When they stop their spluttering I just tell this story. It's hard to argue with a story. It happened. Often a man who listens would never dream of taking a generous gamble like that. The story makes him blush a bit.

Jesus knew that His people considered themselves God's last word, and the rest of the world, "outsiders." So He never argued about it. But one day He told a story about a man who got badly beaten up by thugs on the road to Jericho—and He made a jewish Rabbi and one of his assistants the two villains of the story, and a Samaritan (a rank outsider!) the hero. I think His eyes flashed with piercing humor as He told that tale. It got under the skins of the scribes and pharisees.

Dad used to say that we Anglo-Saxons have one besetting sin—the arrogance of thinking ourselves better than other races; and that there is no sound basis for such an idea. I shall always be grateful to him for that. One finds friends anywhere, everywhere. For Jesus Christ smashed down the wall of prejudice. If you follow Him, there can be no barrier between you and anyone else in the world!"

(W. H. AITKEN, in "To Know God Better")

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The King's Daughters in memory of Mrs. Vanderslice
12th—Mr. David Magee in memory of his wife
19th—The Mary McEwen Fund in loving memory of Mary McEwen and son, Walter McEwen
26th—Mr. James K. Lewis in memory of his family

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2nd—Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lyster in memory of Mrs. George W. Lyster
9th—Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her mother
16th—The Rev. Alfred W. Price in memory of his father and mother
Mr. Samuel Ellinger in memory of Miss Catherine H. Lewis
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30th—Mrs. Fannie Sackett in memory of Miss Matilda Maulsby
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We have received, singly over a period of weeks, these Bulletin subscriptions, and we wish to thank the subscribers: Gladys Given, Ross J. Griffith, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Miss Elsie Mae Harvey, Mrs. William W. Moore, Mrs. Mamie M. Thomas.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing at St. George's Church, Barbados, British West Indies, June 28th to July 3rd. He will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening, July 5th.

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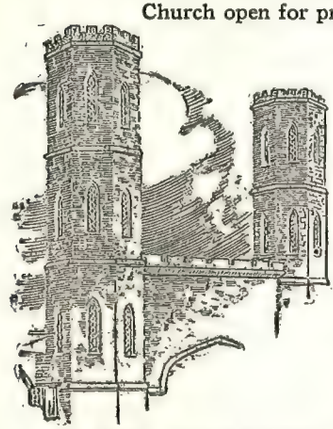
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The Prelude: Ave Verum ..... *Titcomb*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow to that of the day? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." We confess, heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy Wisdom and Goodness. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
Processional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*
Kyrie, Hymnal No. 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
Anthem: O Lamb of God ..... *Oldroyd*
The Sermon: AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN! ... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*
Sursum Corda, Hymnal No. 734
Sanctus, Hymnal 736 ..... *Lutkin*
Communion Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*
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OUR GIFTS TO GOD

In the story of the feeding of the five thousand, we do not know the boy's name or his age, or where he lived or how he came to be among the crowd that had gathered to hear Jesus. What he had and what Jesus did with it has come down to us through the ages and is enshrined in God's Book. He was just a boy who gave what he had; Jesus took it and did such wonderful things with it that the people cried out that He was the Messiah they were so eagerly expecting. It all came from the gift of a boy who had nothing but the five loaves of bread and two little fishes. We do not know what he had intended to do with them. Perhaps he had planned to sell them to the hungry people, or maybe the fame of Jesus had led him to linger on his way home with food he had bought for the family. We know only that meager and ordinary things were taken that day and used in a wonderful way.

How little we know of how God uses our gifts. They may seem very little things; they are usually ordinary things. They may be material things like bread and fishes. They may be gifts from the heart, a word of hope and comfort or the grasp of a hand, silently listening to the outpourings of a broken heart, an unexpected letter. A minister, returning from a Summer holiday, met at his door the man who emptied his ash barrels. He extended his hand in greeting. The workman hesitated to take it, saying, "My hands are not clean, sir." "I know," replied the minister, "but your heart is clean." Years later, when the minister had died, that man called on his widow to tell her how, through the years, those words of her husband, and the way they were said, had been his inspiration to keep his heart clean.

How shall we measure the value of our gifts to God? By their size? The size of the canvas does not indicate the value of the painting, or the length of years the value of a life.

We are tempted to undervalue the good things we try to do and to refrain from action because we seem to have so little to give. We forget that Christian service is measured by quality, not by quantity. Life would be utterly unfair if the value of our gifts depended on the amount of our possessions, or the extent of our opportunities. Whatever our gifts, large or small, it is possible to put into them the best we have and then leave it to God to use them as He will.

As we turn our thoughts away from the Summer vacation to the work we are committed to, we can open and prepare our hearts by putting our possessions and our talents into God's hands to use. In this way we can ready ourselves to have the Holy Spirit dwell within each one of us. Wherever people put themselves and all they have into the wise direction of the Loving God, there is the heart-dwelling where God can feel at home!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

We are looking forward to the International Conference of the Order of St. Luke the Physician to be held in St. Stephen's Church September 13th-16th, inclusive. Everyone is invited, and we expect a deep religious experience on the part of everyone who attends.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS
"Christ's Faithful Soldier and Servant"
June 7th—David Walter Achuff

NEW COMMUNICANTS
"No Longer Strangers, But Members of the Household"
Mr. Leonard L. Eyster

BURIALS
"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord"

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MATTER OF DIET

Your Rector agrees that a sinner is really a potential saint, who is spiritually undernourished. If you are in this category, Christ, the Physician, has a perfect diet sheet to offer for such a complaint.

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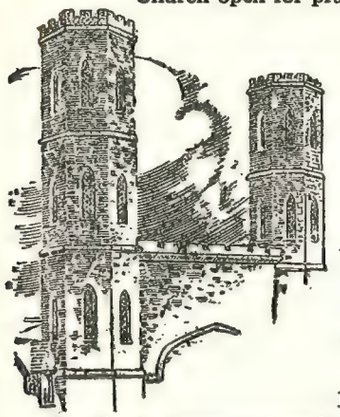
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Processional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 103, Page 466
Te Deum Laudamus; Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Fierce Was The Wild Billow" .....*Noble*
The Sermon: "RETURNING AND REST" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 422 .....*Erie*
Recessional Hymn 576 .....*Ora Labora*

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PRAYERS FOR HOME USE

Sentence Prayer (To memorize)—God, Thou art Love. I build my faith on that! Amen. (Robert Browning)

O God, make us children of quietness, and heirs of peace. Amen. (St. Clement)
Keep me, O God, in a secret tent, from the strife of tongues. Amen. (Psalm 31)

O Lord, help us to be masters of ourselves, that we may be the servants of others. Amen. (Alec Patterson)

O Heavenly Father, send into our hearts, and into the hearts of all men everywhere, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (John Oxenham)

The Lord watch between thee and me, while we are absent one from another. Amen. (Genesis 31:49)

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That I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do. Amen.
(Edwin Hatch)

We will lay us down in peace, in sleep, for Thou, O Lord, makest us to dwell in safety. Amen. (Psalm.....)

Now the God of hope fills us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Romans 15:13)

Save us, Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and when we sleep we may rest in peace. Amen. (Compline)

Forgiveness.—Grant, we beseech Thee merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Gelasian Sacramentary)

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Absent Loved Ones.—O Lord of love, who art not far from any of Thy children, watch with Thy care those who are far from us. Be Thou about their paths; be Thou within their hearts; make it their joy to do Thy will; let not distance break the bonds of love that bind them to us and to Thee, but draw us closer in Thy love; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Bishop Boyd-Carpenter)

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(H. F. Tomlinson)

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From a Washington, D.C. lady comes the following letter: "Do you still have the little booklet, 'Healing, The Gift of God'? If so, please send me a dollar's worth. I give them to sick persons. They help much more than flowers."

Nikita Khrushchev

Many people have asked the Rector about our attitude as Christians toward the visit of Nikita Khrushchev, to our country. My suggestion is that every Christian pause for a few minutes each day and give all your love to God in a little prayer of trust and gratitude, and then ask God to send a flood of His vast heavenly Love through you straight out toward all the forces of evil in this world both in this country and in Russia.

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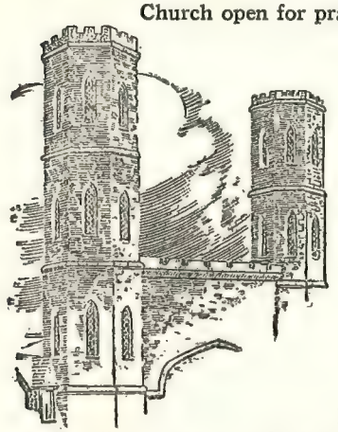
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Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Domini Laudes*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 121, Page 502

Te Deum Laudamus; Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Awake, My Heart" ..... *Marshall*

Awake, my heart and render to God thy sure Defender, thy Maker, thy Preserver, a song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day with Thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be Thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.

The Sermon: "THE STORY OF ADAM AND EVE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 238 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

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PRAYERS—Cont'd from last week's Bulletin

Grace Before Food.—Father, we thank Thee for home, and for love, and for this food together. Amen.

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(Francis Paget)

Day Returns.—O God, as the day returns for us with the petty round of irritating duties, help us to perform them with laughter and kind patience. Let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day; bring us to our resting beds weary and content and un-dishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. Amen. (Robert Louis Stephenson)

Day's End.—Now may the blessings of the Lord rest upon all His people in every land, of every tongue. Lord meet in mercy all who seek Him. Lord comfort all that suffer and mourn. May the Lord hasten His coming, and give us and all His people peace, both now and evermore. Amen. (War Time Prayers)

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ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958, we set out to air condition the Church and two of our office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House, and to improve the Church lighting, and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our friends and members to underwrite the expense during a three-year period.

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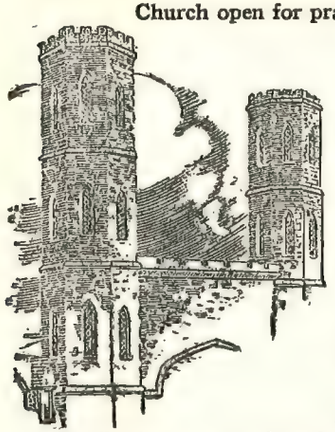
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Processional 264 ..... *Webb*

Kyrie, Hymnal 708

Anthem: O Lord Most Holy ..... *Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty; O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father grant us Thy truth and grace; guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And, in temptation's hour, save, thru' Thy mighty power; Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

The Sermon: THE DINNER PARTY IN CAPERNAUM ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*

Sanctus, 711, Hymnal ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*

Recessional Hymn 542 ..... *Duke Street*

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GOD'S RHYTHM

Jesus was never in a hurry. He began each waking day with His Father, and so picked up God's rhythm, the strong rhythm of seasons which move surely toward the harvest. You find no scurry-about where Jesus was. He knew where He was going, just as Summer moves steadily towards Autumn. He is always moving in the direction which pleases His Father—toward the harvest. And you sense Jesus' assurance that the Father will give Him the guidance and the strength necessary for the next step. This is one of the amazing secrets which the followers of Jesus learn. They begin each day with their Father, and pick up His rhythm, as Jesus did. They learn to have confidence that God will show the way through every event. They simply place each day in God's hands, for Him to order; and they know that His infinite power and love will flow into them as long as they keep on His way.

Evelyn Underhill writes: "If you have ever been down in the engine room of a great liner, you will have noticed the long, slow, smooth motion, the unhurried pace of the engine, and felt the sense of quiet, irresistable power with which the ship is driven on her course . . . there is no hurry, no fuss . . . and then, perhaps, you have been on deck when the ship is discarging cargo, and the air has been filled with the tug-tug-tug of the little donkey-engine, all bustle and fuss, with an air of tremendous importance lifting out a bit of luggage or a barrel . . . Do not use the donkey-engine for your prayers; or, if you really must, do realize that the donkey-engine does not move the propellers." The ship's engine has the rhythm of God, moving with unhurried power toward the goal.

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Just pick up God's rhythm each morning, and go joyfully and strongly into the day. God's whole universe will back you up!

The Rector will give the opening prayer at the First Eastern Regional Institute of the American Association of Hospital Accountants, at the Ben Franklin Hotel, on October 5th.

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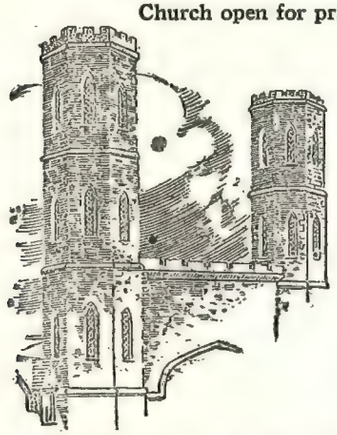
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Processional Hymn 484 .....*Truto*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 57, Page 409

Benedictus Es Domini .....*H. A. Matthews*

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The Sermon: "ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 527 .....*Taylor Hall*

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—Florence Franke (Buffalo, N. Y.)

MAN'S INTERRUPTIONS

Jesus was never in a hurry. Even on that urgent trip to Jairus' house, He had time to pause and give healing and comfort to a woman who had long been sick. Jesus was forever being "interrupted"—stopping for eager Matthew up in the sycamore tree, pausing to answer the question of some eager seeker.

Robert Frost in "Time To Talk" pictures that capacity for pausing:

"When a friend calls to me from the road,
And slows his horse down to a meeting walk,
I don't stand still and look around

And shout from where I am, 'what is it?'
No, not as there is time for talk.
I thrust my hoe in the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod; I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit."

You see, the farmer did not think of his friend's appearance as an interruption at all, but as a welcome enrichment of the day; a refreshing chance for friendly talk, exchange of views, enjoyment of each other. That shrewd farmer may have discovered that there is always time in the day to do everything that God wants done. I often remember a wise friend, to whom I had insisted that I had more to do in a day than I could possibly manage. He simply observed that I must be doing a lot of things that God did not want done. That brought me up short!

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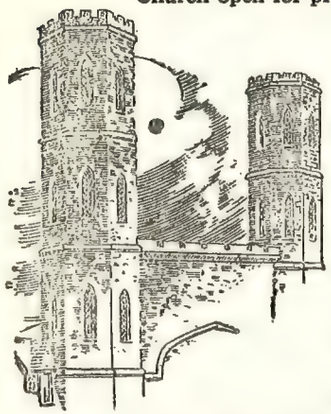
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The Prelude: Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls .....*Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—No person becomes great until he has learned to deny himself. Selfishness is the mark of a petty soul; the way to greatness lies through sacrifice. When a person takes up his cross with a will, he learns how to walk in the Jesus Way of living fruitfully in this world. Bring to our minds, Lord, Thy willingness to forego honor and security and pleasure, and even life itself, for our sakes. Then help us to count the world well lost as we gain in our likeness to Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn: "Lord of All Life, To Thee We Sing" .....*St. Peter*

The Venite, Prayer book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 91, Page 454

First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14

DR. RANDALL MACCARROLL

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-18

DR. NICHOLAS PADIS

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

Hymn after 3rd Collece—516 .....*Stoerl*

The Anthem: O God Of Peace ..... *Robert E. Allen*

O God of Peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of Thy Spirit lift us, we pray Thee, to Thy presence. Where we may be still and know that Thou art God.

The Sermon: "EFFECT OF YOUR RELIGION UPON YOUR HEALTH"

THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn: "The Gospel Life is Flowing" .....*Old Tune*

Recessional Hymn 426 .....*Aughton*

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WELCOME TO DOCTORS AND NURSES

Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and nurses and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors and nurses in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body, that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of fellow has a germ than what kind of germ has a fellah."—Shattuck

"'Tis not the body, but the man is ill."—Dr. Weir Mitchell

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Emmanuel Church, Boston, Sunday evening, October 18th through Tuesday, the 20th.

Our thanks to these contributors to the work of the Benevolent Society: Mrs. James F. Armstrong, Mrs. S. H. Burke, A. W. Edsall, Samuel Ellinger, Mrs. E. L. Getz, George T. Gibb, Alice L. Gold, Eva Hansen, Agnes E. Holt, Anna W. Hauger, Mrs. Margaret Kehrli, Ida M. Landenberger, Mary Lank, M. W. Leach, Harry Lyster, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Christine M. Mosler, Mrs. Myers, Victoria L. Otto, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, Mrs. G. B. Strech, Katherine Thompson, Lois Thomson, Mrs. Lena Truex, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Drain, Margaret M. Hanna, Mrs. John Ludlow, Mr. & Mrs. Mayer, Mary Orme;

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Also our sincere thanks to this Bulletin subscriber: Hannah Ulrich.

STATEMENTS BY LEADING AMERICAN DOCTORS

(In Emily Gardiner Neal's Book "GOD CAN HEAL YOU NOW")

Dr. Howard Craven, Washington, D.C.—"If we are to be honest, we have to face the truth that a large number of remarkable healings appear to be taking place without medical or surgical intervention. Many of these cannot be categorized as purely psychosomatic. Experience seems to justify the belief that spiritual healing completes the chain that welds the patient into an integrated, whole, happy, well, unit."

Dr. Albert Reissner, Brooklyn Psychoanalyst.—"More and more of us are becoming convinced of two things: First, that man is a trinity composed of body, mind and spirit; and, second, that the underlying cause of most disease is spiritual. We have observed that unless a healing of the spirit takes place, the cure of the body or mind is not apt to be either complete or permanent."

Dr. William Reed of Bay City, Michigan.—"Today there is a new awareness that in the close co-operation between the Church and medicine lies a new, great kind of care of illness that brings Christ into His proper place in the thinking and activities of both groups. We are learning through spiritual healing that Christ has a message for physicians which must be listened to."

Dr. Evarts Loomis of Southern California.—"I have noticed repeatedly in my practice that the extent of a physical healing seems to depend on the change in the spiritual life of the patient which goes with prayer and meditation. On several occasions when a patient was not making satisfactory progress, I have prayed with him either verbally or silently, whether he be Catholic or Protestant, in office, or hospital room. Almost invariably improvement has followed."

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, who conducted an investigation on spiritual healing several years ago, reported: "Christian Healing has passed beyond the stage of experiment, and its value cannot be questioned. Spiritual Healing no longer is the hope of the few, but the belief and practice of a large and rapidly increasing number of persons."

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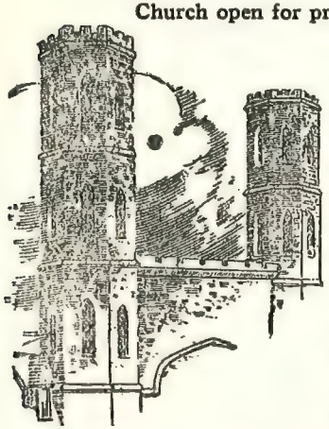
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Processional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*

The Venite, Prayer book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 119:V, VI, Page 492

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "Behold Now, Praise the Lord" ..... *Francis W. Snow*

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary; praise the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Sion. Behold now, praise the Lord.

The Sermon: "REMEMBERING THE REFORMATION" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

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Each of us has opportunities to venture into the unknown. Deep within us struggle two desires, the first, the old human liking for familiar paths; the other, a child's eagerness for exploration. Both desires have their rightful places in God's plan, for there must be those who stay home and tend shop while others launch forth; and God also expects every adventurer to walk part of his time in the familiar paths.

One thing is sure—the Way of Jesus always leads to adventure; sooner or later. It may be adventure of the spirit within the narrowness of the sick bed; or in the small country town where you are born. Or it may take you clean away from familiar faces and places, to tackle a new life. Adventure you will have if you follow Jesus!

After all, why did they crucify Him? Simply because He challenged the old and cherished ways. For centuries people had been trained to observe certain special, strict rules of cooking and eating and fellowship. Now Jesus declared that these ancient rules were outgrown, and He bade men to follow Him, into rich, undiscovered areas of public kindness and trust.

People may say that you are "cracked" if you courageously practice the gentle compassion of Jesus and love unlovely people, or trust God through thick and thin. When they show their scorn of your "Kingdom-ways", just remember that you are in the very best company! They called Columbus "crazy", and they called your Master and Savior a crazy devil. Howard Thurmen has clearly pictured that the adventurer is the really practical man:

"It is madness to sail a sea that has
Never been sailed before,
To look for a land, the existence
Of which is a question.

If Columbus had reflected thus,
He would never have weighed anchor,
But with this madness he discovered
A new world."

1517 — REFORMATION DAY — 1959

On October 31st, 1517, a young Augustinian Monk named Martin Luther, posted on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, ninety-five theses or arguments against the sale of indulgencies by the Church of his day. This incident touched off a long train of events which produced the historic movement known as the Reformation. The Anniversary of this event is observed among Protestant Churches as a time of emphasis upon the fundamental Christian conviction. October 25th will be observed throughout the world as "Reformation Sunday."

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Dear Dr. Price:—I wrote you from Jamestown, R. I., requesting prayers to Almighty God by your 105 dedicated persons in your Prayer Fellowship, for my husband's badly infected eye. The doctor said that he had Iritis, and might lose the sight of his eye and that it might be necessary to administer an artificial fever to burn out the infection. Several days after I wrote you, his eye began to heal—and it was not necessary to give him a high fever. At present his eye is completely well! I cannot express in words how grateful to Almighty God and how thankful I am for your Mission of Healing.—Mrs. C. R. P. (Philadelphia).

You are invited to attend the Bohlen Lectures, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings at 8 P.M., October 27th - 29th, to be given by the Most Reverend and Right Honorable The Archbishop of York, Arthur Michael Ramsey, D.D., who will lecture on "The Bible Today" at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square.

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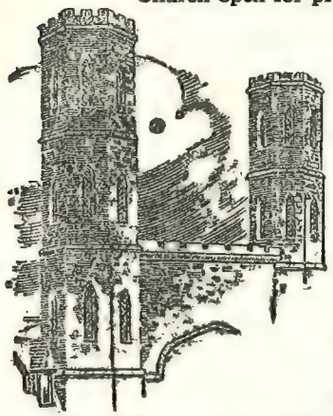
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY
23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR.

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: O What Their Joy ..... *Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"I believe in God, and the life everlasting" is a most marvelous statement of faith. The two parts of it are inseparable; one is meaningless without the other. To doubt God's willingness or power to give us eternal life is to limit Him so that He is no longer God. We cannot fight the good fight of faith except we first "lay hold on eternal life." Eternal Father, we are Thine, now and in eternity; and those whom we have "loved and lost awhile" are both Thine and ours, if we are Thine. Strengthen us in a healthy hope of everlasting life through our confidence in Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*

Kyrie, Hymnal No. 708 ..... *Willan*

Anthem: There Shall Be No Night There ..... *Wood*

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street thereof and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall be no more curse, nor pain, nor death. But the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein, and His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His face. There shall be no night there; and they need no lamp, nor light of the sun; for the Lord God shall give them light and they shall reign forever and ever.

The Sermon: "OUR BELOVED ALIVE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 549 ..... *All Saints New*

Sursum Corda, Hymnal No. 734

Sanctus ..... *Faure*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal No. 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. James M. Collins in memory of Mr. W. Irving Knowles; and by The Girls' Friendly Society in memory of Miss Maria Wilkins.

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MOTHERS' MEETING ANNUAL BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

Mrs. Elizabeth Hallowell wishes to announce that on Thursday, November 5th this annual affair will be held this year; starting at 11:30 A.M. Come one, come all, and help this worthy part of St. Stephen's work.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening at 7:30 P.M. He will speak to the clergy of Pottstown on Monday, at 11 A.M. He will address the Married Couples Club of All Saints' Church, Wynnewood, on Friday night.

WHAT IS A SAINT?

This Sunday is All Saints' Day. But what *is* a "saint"?

To a modern Church member, a saint is someone pictured in a stained glass window, probably a heroic life, a shining figure in Christian history. But St. Paul thinks of *all* members of the Christian community as saints—every Christian a saint! He considers them all as called to holiness by the love of God.

The revised version translates the first verse of Ephesians, ". . . to the saints who are all so faithful." In other words, some saints were faithful to their calling, and some were not—just as in our own day. *But all were saints,* for in accepting membership in God's Church, they had responded to His love, and had committed themselves to the great calling of living under His command, in His way of loving-kindness, of holiness. Some really worked at being saints; and some did not—just as in 1959! But all were called saints, for they had accepted His way.

On All Saints' Day you and I look back gratefully to especial older people in our childhood; and their memories shine like stars in the night sky. Some shine brighter than others—those who let God's love shine purely through their lives. They are the first-magnitude stars in our skies. One remembers a father and mother who loved God so much that we were all in Church together every Sunday, worshipping Him with joy. One remembers meeting God's love, through the week, in their kindness and patience. One remembers the minister in those childhood days, who loved humble people just a little more than he did the mighty; and so he gave us a glimpse of Jesus. Or a school-teacher, with compassion; or a friendly gardener, who always had time for a small boy; or a store keeper, or a postman, or a maiden aunt. They were people who made a child feel like a person they respected and loved—just as Jesus did. Back of these choice of saints was the caring God who lighted their lives.

Katharine Marshall, in writing her husband's biography, came to a point where she was stuck. She just wasn't telling the living story of Peter Marshall. After deep thought and praying, she "saw immediately what was wrong . . . the hero of the biography had to be God—not Peter Marshall . . . what Peter Marshall alone had done was not important; what God had done through him—a man with faults like the rest of us—*was* important. Jesus Christ would have to tower as the central Figure of the book I saw that the life of no human being has lasting significance apart from his relationship with God."

On All Saints' Day we shall especially thank God for those saints who were so close to God, that, through them, He became real to us.

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Dear Dr. Price:—You may be wondering about my condition since my phone call to you. On Sept. 21st I had a blood test and the sugar content was 250. The doctor said, "You are definitely diabetic." The normal content is 80-110. After your Prayer Fellowship started praying for me, and with my own spiritual efforts, this is what happened—16 days after, when I had my 2nd blood test, it was 104. So, I am normal. I shall always be thankful to our dear Lord, who led my feet to St. Stephen's in February, 1955, and shall ever hold, with deep affection, your kindly hand, that unlocked for me the City of God's healing power, and led me in.—Rev. J. D. (Michigan).

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1959

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day.

Frances F. Loverin
Jane S. McEldowney
Elizabeth C. Mohn
Mary McEwen
Frank H. Young
Harold B. Atherholt
Bella H. Marx
Carmen F. Elia
Grace Goodfellow Waters
Myrtle A. Price
Edward Shippen Morris
Florabel Cunningham
Charlotte H. Guenther
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Mazie Seighman
Lottie E. Blomquist
Irene Beitz
William Irving Knowles
Elsie Adams
Nell Webb

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

Each Fall the women of the Church are asked to empty their Blue U.T.O. Boxes, and send the contents, either by check or in cash in the Blue Envelope on the alms basin. It will be helpful if it were placed there this Sunday.

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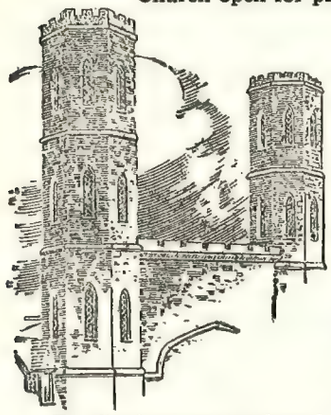
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The Prelude: A Solemn Melody .....*Davies*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Perfect peace does not mean freedom from all conflicts. Where there is life there is conflict. God's Word, however, envisages a condition where man's heart is at rest while engaged in a conflict for the right. Peace within is found wherever the soul trusts God and does not stray from Him. O God, Thy peace is the peace that passeth understanding. We thank Thee for the gift of peace of which Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." Our heart desires this peace. Help us, therefore, to trust Thee for this gift. Amen.
Processional Hymn 289 .....*St. Anne*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant 608, Hymnal
Psalm 40, Page 390
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 11; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Let Saints On Earth In Concert Sing" .....*Titcomb*
Let Saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done;
(Full Text may be found in Hymn No. 397)
The Sermon: "SUCH AS I HAVE I GIVE THEE" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 145 .....*Geneva*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge To The Flag
America; 4th verse: Hymn No. 141
Prayers; Taps
Postludium Anthem: "In Paradise" .....*Faure*
Recessional Hymn 143 .....*National Hymn*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by The M.O.P.H., Unit No. 4 and Chapter No. 4; by the Phila. Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers; and by Mrs. Harry Lyster in memory of her mother, Josephine Baker Scofield.

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—Mrs. H. C. (Marietta, Ohio).

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1959 we set out to air condition the Church and two of the office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House, and to improve the lighting, and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during a three-year period.

We gratefully acknowledge a contribution towards this fund by Mrs. Kate Wurster.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."—St. John 13:17.

Many of us wonder honestly, and ask objectively,—"Why should I give money for the support of St. Stephen's?" The statement below, if read carefully, will help to provide an answer for each of us in his or her own conscience!

When we do find the answer we are sure to realize that it is related to our own personal interest and participation in the Church's work. The future of St. Stephen's will be a most happy one when all of us have worked out the answer individually as well as collectively.

WORSHIP

Let us see today if we fully understand and appreciate the significance to others, as well as to ourselves individually, of the services of worship which our support is making possible at St. Stephen's.

"The Chief End of Man", wrote St. Augustine, "is to worship God and enjoy Him forever." There is no activity at St. Stephen's that is more important than worship. Here, at your Parish, prayers and offerings are raised to God 365 days every year. There are few Parishes in the entire Church that maintain as varied and intensive a schedule of worship services as does St. Stephen's. A few statistics may be interesting!

In one year, 1958, we had:

190 Holy Communion Services
424 Non-Communion Services; i.e. Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Noonday Preaching Services, Healing Services, etc.
48 Private Communion Services in homes and hospitals.

These figures make us realize the tremendous importance that St. Stephen's places on worship. All of us realize how important these services are to us individually. All of us bring the burdens, joys, questions, and gratitudes of our lives before God in these moments. Yet, we at St. Stephen's are more than a Parish Church—We are at a crossroads of the world. We are proud and grateful for the great spiritual tradition of America which St. Stephen's so uniquely symbolizes for the constant and increasing flow of our own people as well as those from abroad. Literally thousands have been part of our life here through these services—people known and loved by our Lord though anonymous to you. Fifty-five thousand people attended our worship services in 1958.

Behind the statistics is something of profound importance—the definition of worship! Worship is a compound word composed of

WORTH + SHIP = WORSHIP

That to which we *really* give worth in our daily lives is what we worship. To what are you devoted?

What occupies your silent thoughts and meditations?
What would you work and sacrifice for?
What do you willingly spend your money on and gladly give your money to?
Answer these questions and you will show yourself what you really worship!

It is the Church's joy to point out energies, devotions and resources to the will of God. This we seek to do in worship at St. Stephen's. How important is our worship to you? Is it worth your support?

We wish to express our thanks to these helpers of the Benevolent Society's work: J. Lewis Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. James Ashbrook, Mrs. Gertrude Berger, Miss Rita Catalano, Mrs. Jean Dillon, Mrs. John C. Funck, Clara Gettlemoyer, M. E. Gilbert, Martha Guillermet, L. Hamilton, Mrs. Rex Herder, Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Leithead, F. Mangold, Mr. & Mrs. B. Miles, Nellie V. Miller, Mrs. Mabel B. Moore, Mrs. Josephine Moorehead, George Newell, Mrs. Helen Reynolds, Clara Schmid, Mary Louise Seltzer, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, C. Thurston, Sr., Mrs. Mildred S. Toombs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Walker, Edna Wenrich, Kate Wurster, Mrs. Maude Hatfield.

Also, our thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Janette Haupel, Mrs. Gertrude Howard, Mrs. Edna M. MacPhee, Mrs. Ella Rice, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, J. Frank Turley.

EVENING BRANCH of the Episcopal Churchwomen will have their meeting in the Parish House on Monday, Nov. 9th, at 7 P.M. Important business and speaker.

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The Prelude: Aria ..... *Handel*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow to that of today? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." We confess, Heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right Spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy wisdom and goodness. For Jesus' Sake. Amen.

Processional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant 608, Hymnal

Psalm 75, page 431

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10, Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Glory Now To Thee Be Given" ..... *J. S. Bach*

Glory now to Thee be given, on earth as in the highest heaven. With lute and harp in sweetest tone. All of pearl each dazzling portal, where we shall join the song immortal, of saints and angels 'round the throne. Beyond all earthly ken those wondrous joys remain, that God prepares, our hearts rejoice; ever in dulci jubilo!"

The Sermon: "GIVING TO GOD" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

Recessional Hymn 597 ..... *Ewing*

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—L. LeB. W. (Arlington, Mass.)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Sunday evening through Tuesday, Nov. 15th-17th, inclusive.

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 15th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by pledges, the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1960. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the annual rededication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

YOUR PLEDGE IS A RELIGIOUS ACT

Our Lord talked about money because it is important. Nothing reveals the state of your mind more clearly and more accurately than your attitude toward your possessions.

Your money is, in a very real way, yourself. Let me put it this way—If you earn $10.00 a day—a $10 bill is a day of your life, much more than just symbolically. It represents a day of your skill, intelligence, energy, a day of YOU . . . Put it in a slot machine—the day is wasted. Lay it on the Altar—it is your offer of a day of yourself to God.

The leaders of our Church at a recent General Convention held in Florida have urged every Episcopalian to consider the Biblical practice of tithing. You may ask "What is Tithing?"

Tithing is an open-hearted act of living gratitude. It is the result of a Christian decision to say: "Thank You, Lord" each day in a faithful way for the countless blessings which come from Him—including the precious gift of life itself.

The ancient Biblical Tithe was a straight ten percent of all that a person received.

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NEXT SUNDAY EVENING at 8 O'Clock, A SPECIAL MUSICAL SERVICE

St. Stephen's Choir, augmented, together with an instrumental ensemble of 11 members of the Philadelphia Orchestra, will render one of the finest and deeply moving Cantatas of J. S. Bach. The Choir alone will sing a beautiful Advent Anthem called "He Comes To Us." The music that these two compositions represent is designed to prepare all of us for the coming of Christ at Christmastide. Bach's Advent Cantata "Sleepers Wake!" is based upon Hymn No. 3 in our Hymnal, a mystic poem by Philip Nicolai. It, in turn, is based upon several passages in the Bible, namely, Matt. XXV, 1-13; Rev. XIX, 6-9; I Cor. II, 9; Ezek. III, 6-7; Isaiah LII, 8 . . .

We hope you will take advantage of this unusual opportunity to participate in a beautiful, religious experience. Bach's greatness rests, basically, in his love for and devotion to the Church, and his tremendous output of music for the Church must be considered one of our most priceless treasures. It is unfortunate that the institution for which he lived and worked so nobly (The Church) knows and understands him the least. Won't you help us to correct this grievous misunderstanding by attending the service next Sunday evening. You will help yourself to a better understanding of the music, and of the Advent and Christmas Seasons if you will read and think about the above mentioned hymn and passages of Scripture.

And, keep in mind another Special Musical Service for Advent—on DECEMBER 13th, at 8 P.M. Mr. Henzel has arranged another fine musical treat for us.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING holds its Fall In-Gathering Wednesday, November 18th, 8 P.M. at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square. The Rt. Rev. J. B. Bentley of the National Council is the speaker. Purchase tickets for the dinner just preceding through the Church House; reservations at $1.50 must be made. Mrs. Wilson Leithead will present the offering of this Parish.

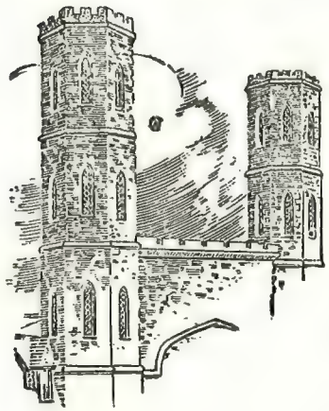
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Sunday, November 22, 1959

SPECIAL SERVICE OF MUSIC FOR ADVENT

8:00 P. M.

The Prelude: Choral Prelude—"Sleepers Wake" ..... *J. S. Bach*

Processional Hymn 544 ..... *St. Cecilia*

Opening Sentences

Lord's Prayer

Anthem: "He Comes To Us" ..... *Jane M. Marshall*

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came, to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow thou me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings, which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

Apostles' Creed and Prayers

Offertory Hymn 391 ..... *St. Flavian*

Cantata No. 140 ..... *J. S. Bach*

Stanza I (*Choral Fantasia*)

Sleepers wake! for night is flying
The watchmen on thy walls are crying;
Awake! Thou city of Jerusalem!
Hear ye now ere comes the morning,
The midnight call of solemn warning:
Where are ye, O wise virgins, where?
Behold the Bridegroom comes
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Yourselves prepare, Your Lord draws near,
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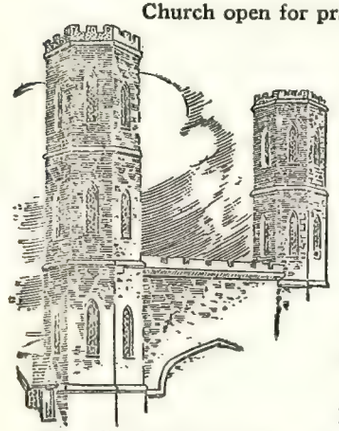
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—To pray for the coming of God's kingdom is to dedicate your self to the task of bringing it about. The first duty is to bring your own personal life into conformity with the principles of the Kingdom, then to use your God-given talents in His service. Lord, help us to make our prayers genuine and not a mere repetition of words. Amen.

Processional Hymn 462 ..... *Munich*
Kyrie, Hymnal No. 709 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Father, Once More Within Thy Holy Place" ..... *Matthews*

Father, once more within Thy holy place we bring the sins which, kneeling, we confess, not worthy yet to look upon Thy face, yet loath to rise until Thy hand doth bless. Father, once more within Thy house of hope, we turn to find a glad release; in Thy forgiveness there is strength to cope with all that robs the spirit of Thy peace. Father, once more within Thy house of prayer we kneel before Thee at the open way; and leaving both our hopes and burdens there, we wait till Thou shalt teach us how to pray. Father, once more within Thy house of praise, we bring our gifts to Thee, from whom they came; we lift our hearts, and our hasannas raise to welcome Him who cometh in Thy name.

The Sermon: THE BIBLE AS HISTORY ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 398 ..... *Quam Dilecta*
Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
Glory in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Greenland*

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SPECIAL ADVENT MUSICAL SERVICE — DECEMBER 8th
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Our organist, Mr. John H. Henzel, will present the John Bartram High School Concert Choir in a rendition of "St. Nicolas" by Benjamin Britten. Accompanist at the organ will be Richard M. Marcus.

THIS ONE THING

You can go out today and joyously say to a friend, "I'm so happy,—I have only one thing left to do before Christmas!" How?

Hosts of nice people are right now in a most awful dither. Christmas cards to send; presents to get; a major house-cleaning before the super-tidy aunt and uncle arrive. And a Christmas dinner, plus . . . It sounds pretty heavy; and it is, if you look at it that way.

But you and I have decided to put God at the center of our Christmas. After all, we *should* be more concerned about Him than about the aunt and uncle who keep their home so lily-neat, and expect us to also. Supposing you say to Jesus, "Will you please go over my Christmas-card list with me?" You will find yourself crossing off half the names, and sending only to those who are lonely or suffering or forgotten, and those with whom you have shared God's love, and a few beloved relatives. And that list of presents you are going to give in Jesus' name—you will cross off a few people who are already rich in things. And, at Jesus' prompting, you will add a lonely shut-in (you know just what magazine he wants), and a bereaved family having rough sledding (a box of clothes); and for one who looks to you for God's strength, just the right book of victorious faith.

And that Christmas dinner. God may whisper to you the names of a couple of people who deeply need your invitation—a stranger in a foreign land; an old, old lady whose loved ones are dead; a very shy soul who is unattractive to most people but loved by God. Once you look forward to their coming, you'll find yourself preparing Christmas Dinner with eager joy. And all through that dinner, these people will be touched by the warmth of God's love through you.

Perhaps your Christmas is going to be spent in a bed or a wheel chair. When you ask God how you can please Him by your Christmas, He will show you something that no one else can do for Him—perhaps a letter forgiving someone for an old hurt, or just a gay and friendly note overflowing with true loving kindness.

Think of little old you, saying as St. Paul did, "This one thing I do!" And finding the same wondrous release from sinful clutter and fussiness in your Christmas. The world is confused and upset with many anxieties. It can be saved only by the saving love of God, through those who let that love be made flesh and blood in them, always reminding themselves, "this one thing I do!"

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958 we set out to air condition the Church and two of the office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House, and to improve the lighting, and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three years.

We gratefully acknowledge a contribution toward this fund from Mrs. Susan H. Rinkers.

The Rector presented Mrs. Clara M. Whiteley for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on November 23rd.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

The Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. The Rector would appreciate hearing from adults who would like, or think they would like, to be confirmed. Attendance at the classes does not obligate one to be confirmed.

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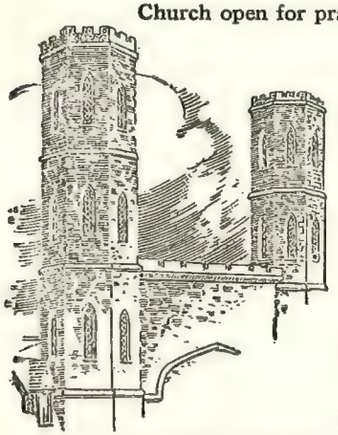
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Church open for prayer and meditation every week-day



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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 93-4

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins"—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "O Thou of God The Father" .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Various tests are applied as to who is a true Christian. Some insist upon pure doctrine, some upon simple honesty. St. Paul goes further; the Spirit of Christ must dwell in the true Christian. Christ is the Master. The disciple must seek to be like Him. We thank Thee, O God, for Thy Son Jesus who came in the flesh as a servant. Teach us to humble ourselves. Make us ready to love and sacrifice in His name. May we walk humbly with Him, led by His Spirit. Amen.
Processional Hymn 391 .....*St. Flavian*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 68:1-20, Page 419
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal
Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal
The Anthem: "O Thou That Tellest . . ." .....*Handel*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the mountain! O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy Light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Sermon: "GOD, FREEDOM, AND IMMORTALITY" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 440 .....*Watchman*
Recessional Hymn 219 .....*Hamburg*

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SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC TONIGHT

Saint Nicolas was a Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He is known as a Patron Saint of children, seamen and travelers. Benjamin Britten, a contemporary English composer, has written a fascinating piece of music based upon the life of St. Nicolas. It will be presented in St. Stephen's Church this evening at 8 o'clock by the Concert Choir of the John Bartram High School. We sometimes need to be reminded of the spiritual and/or religious background of many of our modern institutions (Santa Claus, for instance). The young people who sing the music deserve the encouragement of a large congregation. There are approximately 110 boys and girls in the group, and their presentation is guaranteed to fill your minds and hearts and ears with much that is eminently worth your while. The Tenor Soloist is Victor Sjostrom, and accompanists are Richard M. Marcus and Joseph Parsells.

We are deeply grateful to these people who have contributed towards our "Christmas Dinners" project for this year: Florence Appel, Hazel L. Bainbridge, Mrs. Lillian Barlow, Wm. Stevens Bean, Jr., Mrs. E. S. Carll, Miss Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Lena E. Eissler, Mrs. Paul Erdman, Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Mrs. M. La Brislin, Adele M. Lewis, Mrs. John Ludlow, Anna M. C. Lundh, David Magee, Francis L. Marion, Mrs. Mary Parker, the Pursells, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth H. Tinsley, Helen Volz, Mrs. Louise Braun, Mrs. Ida Breuninger, Mrs. Kathryn Brown, Samuel Ellinger, Mrs. C. A. Gerlach, A. L. Gold, Mrs. Katherine Granger, Miss Eva Hansen, Dorothy E. Kohn, Josephine A. Lindenmayer, Harry Lyster, Eda MacPhee, Mrs. Gladys K. Moore, Mrs. Catherine Nelson, John Price, Helen M. Reynolds, William L. Scherzer, V. A. Schlenker, Edwin Schurr, C. G. Slatcher, Mrs. Paul T. Stackhouse, Nicholas L. Todd, Edra L. Wenrich.

GOOD NEWS

Christmas isn't going to be a weary struggle for you this year. With all the resources of Almighty God at hand, you "can do all things" that need to be done.

See how it works. The early Church had a tough problem. The Romans celebrated the pagan feast of the sun-god on December 25th, a hard-drinking, unlovely feast. What could Christians *do* about it? Since no one knows the exact date of Jesus' birth, they made an inspired decision—they chose December the 25th for the Day. They put Jesus Christ at the heart of that day which had been so shameful; and, year by year, people turned from the sun-god to worship the Savior. The Christians stopped wearily struggling against this drunken celebration, and gave the Day into God's strong hands. He took care of it. He always does when we center on Him!

So St. Paul could declare, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." He had been inwardly exhausted by a turmoil of civil war within him—whether to hate Christ or love Him. Then he had put his brilliant mind and heart under Christ's direction, and the risen Christ worked miracles through him; made him able to do anything that neded to be done. In place of his own will, he had put the will of God. And his life became an army with banners.

And someone who reads the Bible reminds us, "But St. Paul also said, 'For the good that I would, that I do not; and the evil that I would not, that I do'." Yes, he did. The very human Paul had his moments of weakness, even after his conversion, when he slipped back into depending on his own strength. But he learned to recognize, right away, what had happened, just as a mechanic can tell why the engine of your car is running badly. St. Paul would then ask God's forgiveness, receive it; and march on again, in a strength greater than his own.

This is the good news of Christmas—that God came to earth to give us real freedom. If we are ready to go His way, we are free from slavery to evil and despair and fear. We are free from the weariness of a Christmas that leaves Christ out. For we have learned that we *can* do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Even in a night-marish world of today, we can approach Christmas with confident joy. For in our hearts is the gayety of those who, in place of their own blundering wills, have put the wise and wonderful will of God.

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Dear Dr. Price:—One month has gone by since I received healing at your Altar and I am happy to report that I have been able to cut down my insulin injections by 10 units. I am hopeful that your continued prayers and my constant thanksgiving for God's healing power will completely cure my diabetes. I am grateful for the enrichment of life that has come through your ministry.—Rev. W. R. V. (Wakefield, Mass.)

Our thanks, also, to these contributors to the work of the Benevolent Society: Helen Challenger, Robert Keller.

and for Bulletin Subscriptions: Mr. & Mrs. John A. Shimp, Mrs. John C. Braun.

CONFIRMATION

There are two ways to become a member of this parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, you become a member of this parish by asking the Rector of the parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church. The second way is by Confirmation. Classes of instruction are now under way in the Rector's study 10 A.M. Sundays. The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, January 24th, 1960 by the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC

Try not to miss the fine program of music Mr. Henzel is presenting this evening at 8 o'clock. "St. Nicolas", by Benjamin Britten, will be given by the John Bartram High School Concert Choir. Richard M. Marcus, Accompanist. John H. Henzel, Conductor.

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

Yes, I want to pledge to the Church as a Thank Offering for God's goodness to me and mine. I undertake to give for the

Support of my Parish — Work of the Church in Diocese, Nation, World

$.....Per week $.....Per week

Signed .....

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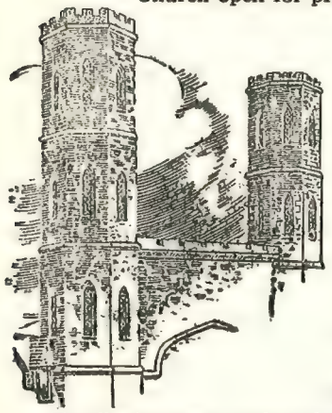
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The Prelude: Greensleeves ..... *Purvis*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We are "Sons of God", for God in Christ has redeemed us. As we enlist in and for Christ's cause, we are His and therefore must live up to this profession. This sonship, in which we claim God as our Father, is a free gift of grace. As children of God we have confidence in, and dependence on Him. We thank Thee, Father, that we can, as Thy children, call Thee Father. Because we are sons we have in us all kinds of possibilities. Christ, our Brother, stands beside us as our Ideal. We need power to become "more like the Master." Grant us this strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 103, Page 466

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: O Thou the Central Orb ..... *Wood*

O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come quickly, and let Thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about Thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls ere-while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE GREATNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST" .... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 153 ..... *Ratisbone*

Recessional Hymn 5 ..... *St. Thomas*

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve—10:30 P. M.—Holy Communion & Sermon by the Rector
Christmas Day— 9:30 A. M.—Holy Communion
11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion & Sermon by the Rector

Flowers for Christmas Day are provided by special funds: The East Window is decorated in memory of the Magee Family; the Atmore Window in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

The Rector presented Mrs. Theresa Magdalene McGrath for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel, December 14th, 1959.

THE GOOD NEWS

The glory of Christmas is the joy of people who have been freed from ancient fears.

The Old Testament is shot through with those ancient fears which circled every man's heart like buzzards. Above all, there was a cowering fear of God! Men liked to think of Him as dwelling safely far away above the heights of Mount Sinai. They were willing to have Moses go there, to learn God's commandments for men. But these frightened men and women say to Moses, "*You* speak to us and we will hear; but let not God speak to us, lest we die." Men's skies were darkened by hovering fears—and God was the worst fear of all!

So it was natural for Mary to be afraid when the angel of God came to her with the terrifying news that with her body she would give a body to God on earth. But Gabriel reassures her, "Fear not," telling her that this was a sign that God loved her especially, and looked on her with favor. When the Shepherds looked up into the night sky to see the shining angel of the Lord, they shook with fear. But the angel quickly said, "Fear not . . ." And declared that he brought good news, of a Savior sent from God, who would free them from their fears.

Once more in the world men's hearts are today failing them for fear—and new night-mares, like the atomic bomb, are added to the old ones. Men do not know which way to turn, lest their world blow up tomorrow.

Once more the Good News sings across the night—"Fear not!" And God reminds men that, in Him, they can find a security stronger than the most dreadful threats. For God came softly and tenderly among men, as a Babe. Sigrid Undset points out that anti-Christ is always pictured as a full-grown man, who dares not stoop to make himself little and weak. But Jesus came as a Baby; and "who can be afraid of a tiny baby? . . ." He has chosen to come to us so weak and so naked in order that we may each one do something for Him. Then Jesus grew through boyhood into manhood—with a flaming anger that frightened proud and hurtful Very Important People; and a tenderness which drew boys and girls and all the humble "little people" close to Him. Sinners came and looked into His eyes, and the found forgiveness and new strength. And a transformed Paul could look at the whole pack of fears and shout, "If God be for us, who can be against us!"

Good News—God is loving. Good News—God is the Giver. "He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit—and all that we quarrel about and have misused. And to save us from our old foolishness and from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave Himself!

We wish to thank these contributors to "Christmas Dinners": Mrs. W. C. Bentler, Harry H. Bush, Samuel H. Chestnut, M. I. Daley, J. Phyllis Davis, Mrs. Lillian Delaney, Mrs. Mildred C. Faris, Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Fishburn, Mrs. Laura Fuir, Charles Glockner, M. Guillermet, L. Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Jim B. Herder, Mrs. R. Horsley, Frances T. Kalich, Dorothy E. Kohl, Mildred W. Leach, Elsie & Howard Matthews, Mrs. R. G. May, Mary Jane McKay, Mabel Meek, Mrs. Mabel B. Moore, Harry Parkinson, Nettie Pettit, Alice Plageman, I. D. Ponton, Mrs. E. Ramhorst, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, Miss W. P. Sachs, Fred Schmid, Jr., Helen Schmid, Frank Shields, Mrs. Charles F. Smith, Frank H. Steckle, Edith R. Stout, Mrs. Ellen A. Vail, Beatrice L. Van Sciver, M. E. Varallo, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Walker, Mrs. Charles H. Willits, Sarah S. Winn, Evelyn R. Work.

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—S. E. G. (Boston, Mass.)

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958 we set out to air condition the Church and two of the office rooms; to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House; and to improve the lighting and tile the floors of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three years.

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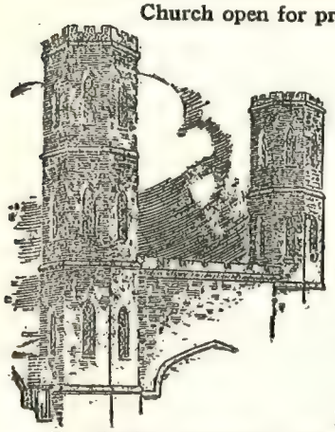
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The Prelude: "A Child Is Born" ..... *Titcomb*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." (John 17:17). We should rejoice in knowing that Christ prays for His people. These words are His prayer, uttered on our behalf. In this prayer He seeks God's favor for us that we may be endowed with divine Light and Wisdom to do God's will. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the intercessory prayer of Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to pray with Him this prayer which gave Him strength and power to do Thy will. Teach us to say with Him: "God, I sanctify myself." Amen.

Processional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalms 121 and 122, Page 502

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "The Three Kings" ..... *Willan*

Who knocks tonight so late, the weary porter said. Three kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head. The serving man bowed down; the inn was full, he knew. Said he, in all this town is no fit place for you! A light the manger lit; there lay the mother meek. Said they, this place is fit: here is the rest we seek! Come in; they loosed their latchet string, so stood they all unshod. Come in, ye kings, and kiss the feet of God.

The Sermon: "THE STORY OF STEPHEN" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 321 ..... *Margaret*

Recessional Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*

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WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

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There are two ways to become a member of this parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, you become a member of this parish by asking the Rector of the parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church. The second way is by Confirmation. Classes of instruction are now under way in the Rector's study 10 A.M. Sundays. The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, January 24th, 1960 by the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, D.D., Bishop of Pennsylvania.

EXPECTATIONS

All men wake up in the morning expecting something. Some expect only the old, tiresome grind; some, a day boiling with worry; some expect a mixture of drudgery and joy; while still others look for a difficult but glorious march toward golden hopes. These last can look into the blackest storms with hope, because they look to the Father. As the old Psalmist put it, "My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my expectation is from Him. He only is my Rock and my Salvation. He is my Defense. I shall not be moved."

As we grow older, there are days when we do face black clouds, and the storms pound against our souls. Yet, even there, our expectation can be from God. In 1892 young Robert Byers lay helpless in a tiny room in Adelaide, Australia. A college student of great promise as a musician, he had suddenly been stricken with paralysis. Worse than that, little by little his sight and hearing became affected, and in 14 years he was totally blind and almost deaf. All he could do was to lie motionless on his bed, and think; and talk in slow sentences with his friends who came to see him. One might think that he might stop expecting anything from life except despair. But as he faced the black night of his storm, he believed that God still had opportunity for him. One day he confided in a visitor, "I've got lots of friends, but there are other blind people (particularly children) who haven't. I'm going to see if I can't interest my friends in helping them." So he wrote to his friends, asking each to give some annual birthday gift for a needy blind child. In five years, Robert Byers, still lying motionless, blind and almost deaf, was receiving annual birthday gifts from 15 hundred friends and friends of friends; and was helping no less than eighty blind boys and girls in twenty-one different lands. And, when he died in 1926, his friends carried on that work. His expectation was from God—see what wonderful good came out of it.

January 6th will be the Feast of Epiphany, on which we remember how Jesus Christ came as the Light of the world, to shine in our dark skies with His infinite love. Dare to claim your right as a Christian—the right of expecting something glorious from God, no matter how dark and threatening your skies may be. "My soul, wait thou upon God, for my expectation is from Him."

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Robert D. Morley, our flag bearer, has enlisted in the U. S. Army and is now stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Canons of the Church require that the financial reports of all Parish Organizations should be included in the Annual Report which each parish is requested to make to the Bishop. This report is made for the Calendar year. We would appreciate it if all our organizations would plan now to have such a financial report ready for the Rector not later than January 10th.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"Christ's Faithful Soldier and Servant."

November 8th—Kathy Lynn King

Marriages

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together."

November 21st—James K. Lewis and Hannah E. Yeakle

Burials

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

Aug. 27th—C. Irene Beitz
Sept. 2nd—Lottie E. Blomquist
Sept. 29th—William I. Knowles
Oct. 7th—Nell Webb
Dec. 7th—Charlotte A. Lyster
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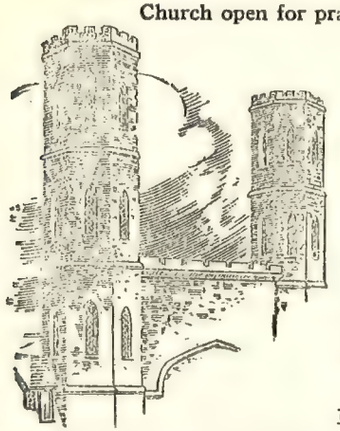
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A thankful heart not only looks backward, but also forward with confidence. The metal mirror may dimly reflect the image or even distort it, but the perfect knowledge shall come when we see face to face. Our past and present experiences shall then appear in a new light. Heavenly Father, from Whom, for Whom and to Whom are all things, help us to realize anew that without Thee we can do nothing. Cleanse our hearts from all sin and impurity. Let us look forward hopefully to the fulfillment of Thy promises concerning those things that are to be. Amen.

Processional Hymn 22 ..... *From Heaven High*
Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: Darest Thou Now, O Soul? ..... *Williams*

Darest thou now, O soul, walk out with me toward the unknown region where neither ground is for the feet nor any path to follow? No map there nor touch of human hand nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips, nor eyes are in that land. I know it not, nor dost thou, O soul, all is blank before us, all waits undreamed of in that region, in that inaccessible land. Till when the ties loosen. All but the ties eternal, Time and space, nor darkness, nor gravitation nor any bounds bounding us. Then we burst forth, we float in time and space O soul, prepared for them, equal, equipped at last. O joy! O fruit of all! Them to fulfill, O soul.

The Sermon: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 36 ..... *Greensleeves*
Sanctus, Hymnal 736 ..... *Lutkin*
Communion Hymn 213 ..... *St. Agnes*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 323 ..... *St. Bees*

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A Committee of twenty will serve as a Board of Managers for the Children's Center of the Episcopal Church. The Burd School will be represented by Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Mr. David L. German, Mr. Elmer S. Carll, Mr. Wilson Leithead and Mr. Charles K. Hay.

OUR WORLD IN MINIATURE

by Henry Smith Leiper

If in our imagination we might compress the total population of the world, now more than two-and-a-half-billion persons, into a community of one thousand persons living in a single town, the following is a picture of the contrasts we would then vividly see:

Sixty persons would represent the present U. S. population; the rest of the world would be represented by 940 persons. The 60 Americans would be receiving half of the total income of the entire community; the 940 other persons would share the remaining half.

Of the Americans in the town, 36 would be members of Christian Churches, and 24 would not. In the town as a whole, about 330 people would be classified as Christians, and 670 would not be so classified. Less than 100 in the whole community would be Protestant Christians, and more than 230 would be Roman Catholics. At least 80 people in the town would be believing Communists, and 370 others would be under Communist domination.

Classified as to skin color, 303 people would be white, and 697 would be classified as "non-white." The 60 Americans would have an average life expectancy of 70 years; all the other 940 would average under 40 years.

The 60 Americans would have 15 times as many possessions per person as all the rest of the people. On the average, they would produce 16% of the town's total food supply, but would consume all but 1.5% of what they raise and keep most of it for their own future use in expensive storage equipment. Since most of the 940 non-Americans in the community would always be hungry and would never quite know when they would get enough to eat, the situation created by this disparity in food supply and the existence of vast food reserves becomes readily apparent, particularly in view of the fact that Americans already eat 72% above the maximum food requirements. Because of the cost of storing their surplus food, they could actually save money by giving away any excess food; but many would regard that as the dangerous "giveaway" program of soft-headed "do-gooders."

Of the community's total supply of electric power, the 60 Americans would have 12 times as much as all the rest; 22 times as much coal; 21 times as much oil and gasoline; 50 times as much steel; and 50 times as much in general equipment of all kinds. Of the 60 Americans, the lowest income groups would be better off than the average in much of the rest of the town.

With the exception of perhaps 200 persons representing Western Europe and a few favored classes in other areas, such as South America, South Africa, and Australia, and a few wealthy Japanese, literally most of the non-American people in this imaginary compressed community would be ignorant, poor, hungry, and sick. Half of them would be unable to read or write.

Moreover, half of the people in this community would never have heard of Jesus Christ, or what He taught, or for what He lived and died. On the other hand, more than half would be hearing about Karl Marx, Nicolai Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev, and other Communist leaders.

In view of these facts, it is interesting to contemplate that the average Christian American family would be indirectly (through taxes) spending at least $850 each year for military defense and less than 4 dollars a year to share their Christian faith with the rest of the people in the community.

Out of his average income of $2,500 per year, the gift of each American person for all purposes other than private and personal gifts would average less than $55 per year. This might raise a question as to how seriously he regards the Christian faith or the meaning of Christmas with the emphasis on "peace on earth and good will among men."

(*Presbyterian Life,* Oct., 1959)

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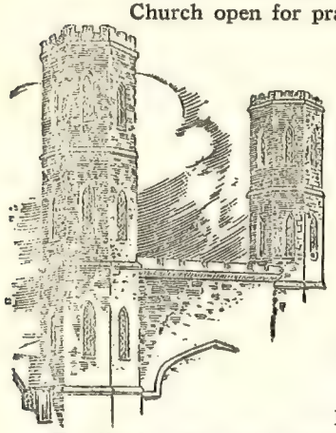
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Processional Hymn 153 ..... *Ratisbon*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 51, page 403

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 613 & 617

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Through The Dark The Dreamers Came ..... *Daniels*

Through the dark the dreamers came, Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame of a Star; Via, De profundis via. But the way did not seem shadowy or long, it was brightened by a dream and a song, Gloria in excelsis, Gloria. It was worth the journeying to the weary end for they found their dream a King, a Friend. Maxima, Gloria Dei, Maxima!

The Sermon: "A SCIENTIFIC JOURNEY" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 465 ..... *Bethany*

Recessional Hymn 52 ..... *Dix*

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—M. McGee (Beaver Falls, Pa.)

The Rector will speak to the women of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Pa. on January 12th.

HEAVEN OR HELL

We are still in the midst of a long strike interrupted by an interim for further negotiations, in the steel industry. They call it a "two billion-dollar strike" because it is costing working people and management and industries outside, railroads, hardware, etc. in lost wages and dividends. Strikes are very costly. War—between nations, or in your home—is certainly a most wasteful way of trying to settle any problem. Jesus had the divine common sense of the matter when He bade His followers to have a lively concern for each other's needs and hopes—to "love thy neighbor as thyself."

As old Benjamin Franklin pointed out, "We must hang together, or we shall hang separately." Life is like that. Working-people depend upon capital, and capital depends upon working-people—and they can both prosper only if they will work intelligently shoulder to shoulder as partners. Jesus wasn't giving lovely advice—He was pointing out an eternal, hard-headed necessity when He commanded us, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

There is an unforgettable legend I like to share with you again and again—of a good man who died and went to heaven. On his arrival, he asked if he might go down for a brief visit to hell, just to look it over. Permission was granted, and a guide went with him. On their arrival, the guide took him to hell's dining room, and the good man was amazed to find a great banquet-table, loaded with food fit for a king. Then the people came in, ghastly thin like skeletons, shrieking in an agony of hunger as they saw the tempting food. Each had a long fork strapped to his right arm, and each plunged his fork into the roast beef and struggled to put it into his mouth; but it was impossible, and their dismayed groans shook the floor of hell. They were dismissed from the table, and went away, sobbing. The good man had had enough of hell; so he asked to be taken back to heaven. The guide had him there swiftly, and took him immediately to heaven's dining-hall. There the good man saw the identical banquet-table, loaded with the same rich food. And the citizens of heaven, as they strode into the hall, had exactly the same forks and knives strapped to their arms. But they were healthy, well fed, vigorous people, and were joking happily together. The good man was mystified, but his guide said, "Just wait and see." When the heavenly host was seated, suddenly each turned and faced his neighbor, speared a bit of food with the fork, and fed it to his neighbor. And the guide said, "You see, here we feed each other!"

Hell is simply that place where people think only of themselves. Heaven is any place where each thinks of his neighbor and cares for him. God grant that it may be said of your home, your town, your world, "we feed each other."

ANNIVERSARY IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958 we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House, and to improve the lighting, and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the three year period coming.

We gratefully acknowledge contributions to this fund from Mrs. Adelaide P. Shepherd and Mrs. Lillian K. Walker.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

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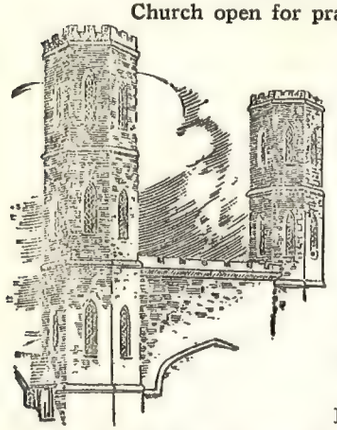
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The Prelude: "Two Antiphons" ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Amid constant change and shifting standards, we have one abiding hope; that we shall eventually become sons and daughters of God. It is this invincible hope which has brought mankind this far in its march upward and onward; it will eventually lead us to God. Hope drives us on when reason bids us stop. Dear God and Father of us all, make us to know that when we stop hoping we stop living. Teach us to realize that despair and doubt are suicidal. Give us a sense of expectancy that brooks no defeat. Amen.

Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Sine Nomine*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 86, page 447

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 613 & 617

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Lord, We Implore Thee" ..... *Franck*

Lord, we implore Thee, guard us and guide us, our doubts and fears remove now, and forevermore, guard and guide us; this we humbly pray Thee. Lord in Thy mercy turn our hearts unto Thee, and let us ever be full of deep humility. Lord, God Almighty, guard us and guide us, we pray Thee, and grant our supplication. Amen.

The Sermon: ..... The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer

Offertory Hymn 360 ..... *Bishopthorpe*

Recessional Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*

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MR. HARRY J. HAUGER

The sudden death on Monday, January 11th of Harry J. Hauger, Vestryman, has brought sadness to St. Stephen's Church members, and takes from the parish leadership a man whose service and Christian character has contributed much to its life.

First elected to the Vestry, May 3rd, 1926, he has served as chairman of the Property Committee, Chief Usher, and acting Parish Treasurer. In the latter capacity he willingly gave a vast amount of time to his exacting task. Harry Hauger was almost indefatigable in his labors for the Church he loved. He lived and worked as though the Apostle's words, "You are not your own," were personally addressed to him. He passed from the field of earthly labor determined to serve the Lord to the end. All who knew him well recognize the loss which the Church has sustained. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Anna.

The Burial Service was held in the Church at 1:30 P.M. on January 15th.

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Hart will visit our parish on Sunday, January 24th at 11 A.M. to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. At the eleventh hour it is not too late to make your decision to be confirmed. Speak to the Rector!

LOVING YOUR ENEMIES

A very wise man once said, "The only way to get rid of your enemies is to change them into friends." Love begets love. Hate begets hate. Jesus commanded us, "Love your enemies."

This hard command was not given us by Jesus because it is "nice" to love enemies. Rather, because it is the only practical way to overcome their hostility. Gandhi proved that in India. He won freedom for his people through "love-force" alone. He transformed the former English rulers from enemies into surprised friends who loved and respected the Indian people and their leaders. We modern Church people too often forget that the way of Jesus is the only practical way, in the long run.

One night, down in Montgomery, Alabama, when the negro-bus-boycott was going forward with startling success, Martin Luther King got word that his house had been bombed. He hurried home, and, to his joy, found that his family were unharmed. But, outside, was an angry crowd, getting dangerously out of hand. Mr. King whispered a swift prayer, and went out on the front porch to those stormy-hearted people. He tells this story:

"In less than a moment there was complete silence. Quietly I told them that I was all right, and that my wife and baby were all right . . . 'If you have weapons, take them home . . . We cannot solve this problem through retaliatory violence. Remember the words of Jesus, 'He who lives by the sword will perish by the sword' . . . We must love our white brothers, no matter what they do to us. We must make them know that we love them. Jesus still cries out in words that echo across the centuries, 'Love your enemies; bless them that curse you; pray for them that despitefully use you.' That is what we must live by. We must meet hate with love. Remember, "I ended, if I am stopped, this movement will not stop. Because God is with the movement. Go home with this glowing faith and this radiant reassurance."

There was no violence in Montgomery that night, after that speech. Jesus, through Martin Luther King, had stilled the stormy anger of that crowd just as He stilled the waves on the stormy lake of Galilee.

The amazing result of loving your enemies is that you have peace in your heart. Even under oppression and suffering, your heart is filled with the Peace of God. In the early days of the bus-boycott, when the negro workers had been walking long distances to work for several weeks, an elderly negro woman was asked whether she was tired. She replied, "My feet are tired, but my soul is at rest."

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The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Church of the Holy Cross, Miami, Florida, Sunday evening, January 17th, through Wednesday the 20th, and in Christ Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 21st and 22nd.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The oldest of our Parish Organizations has been the first to submit its financial report for the year 1959. During the year the Benevolent Society completed and returned 5577 pieces of sewing to the Episcopal and Jefferson Hospitals. $457.04 was disbursed, which included carfare for the sewers. Mrs. Anna W. Hauger is President of the Benevolent Society. The hospitals are profuse in their thanks for the quality and quantity of work done for them by this energetic group.

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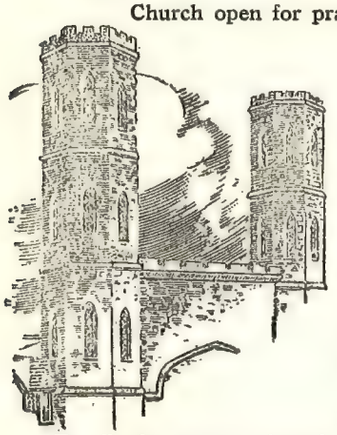
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Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*

Creed and Prayers

Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1, 2 ..... *Nova Vita*

The Order of Confirmation, Page 296 in the Prayer Book

Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3, 4 ..... *Nova Vita*

*Anthem: "Christ's Flock" ..... *Shaw*

In Christ's own flock let love be surely placed, from Christ's own flock let concord hate expel: Of Christ's own flock let love be so embraced, as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell. Christ is the Author of all unity, from whence proceedeth all felicity. O sing unto this glittering, glorious King. Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Sermon: THE RT. REV. OLIVER J. HART, D.D.

Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

Prayers and Benediction

Recessional Hymn 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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* For the Church of St. Francis, Ngong, Kenya. Originally a small Church of mud and wattle, the Church of St. Francis, Ngong, Kenya (So-called from the way the birds flew in thru' the open windows) was consecrated in October 1952. Built by African and Asian craftsmen from funds subscribed by Europeans, it has a mixed racial congregation; services are conducted in English and Swahili.

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PRAYER FELLOWSHIP REPORT

We have finished another year in our ministry of healing in St. Stephen's Church. Devoting at least a half hour each day to pray for a long list of people may not seem a great thing for an intercessor to do, but it is quite often just the link needed for God's power to reach the one in need. We remember, with deep gratitude, that it is just the daily acts of prayer of each of our 105 intercessors, which has made the work of the Prayer Healing Fellowship as a whole possible. They have shared with us at St. Stephen's the great burden of the need of those who write to us for prayer.

The number of our regular Prayer Fellowship intercessors has reached 105, and we now have a daily chain of prayers around the clock. We have each of the 24 hours taken three times over by our 105 members. Each intercessor is disciplined to give a fixed hour each day for his prayer activity. Each needy individual is lifted up in prayer to God 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks. The patient is requested to keep us informed of progress. Chronic cases may be renewed for longer periods of prayer.

During the past year 18,573 persons requested our prayers. This means that 18,573 people were remembered 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks by our prayer helpers.

We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing cooperation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Has all the prayer, faith and devotion of intercessors and friends been worth while? No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector, an average of 80 per week, are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported at the monthly meeting of the Prayer Fellowship, and in the weekly report to the members, all progress and cures are reported. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . for, where two or three are gathered, in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of Prayer can never be over-estimated.

CONFIRMATION

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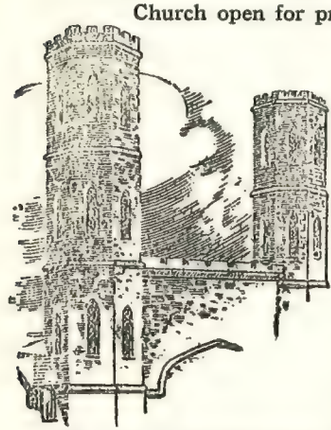
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The Prelude: "Lied" ..... *Vierne*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our never ending task of being Christian is to fill ourselves in unending measure of such qualities of the spirit as strength in the inner man, faith in His dear Son, knowledge that comprehends the dimensions of Love; and Love itself, that passeth all understanding. Dear Lord, we are overwhelmed when, as we behold the smallness of ourselves, we realize that we were meant to contain Thy fullness. Unto that end may we strive to be immersed in Thy Truth and Goodness, but not until we have emptied ourselves so that Thou canst replenish our hearts with every grace of Thyself completely. Amen.

Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Monini*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 146, Page 522

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 615 & 617

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: "The Voice of Joy and Health" ..... *Jannaconi*

The voice of joy and health . . . is in the dwellings of the righteous, The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Hallelujah!

The Sermon: "Ahithophel" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 555 ..... *Heath*

Recessional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*

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Dear Dr. Price:—I wish to express to you and the Prayer Fellowship my gratitude for your prayers offered on my behalf. Two years ago I was stricken with a nervous disorder, diagnosed as shingles, with complications. I was in the hospital for a while and under treatment but I did not improve. Some of your literature and messages fell into my hands and I began to study them carefully. Then I wrote to you, and you assured me of your interest and prayers. The thought comforted me, and all at once I suddenly realized that I am completely myself again, and gratitude surges within my heart. I am glad that I belong to a Church that is promoting Spiritual Healing.

—L. T. (El Paso, Texas)

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NO FEAR IN LOVE

Today I want you to meet a friend of mine. She is 5 years old, and was born with cerebral palsy. The future looked dark for Helen. She could not walk, nor swallow her food easily, or even sit in a chair without arms on it. It seemed unlikely that she would ever talk clearly. Is there any wonder that her mother was confused, disheartened?

But she reached after God, this courageous girl with Scotish ancestors. She joined a class in Church preparing for mature membership. She began to understand, and experience, the Love of God in all its warmth and wonder. She read Dale Evans' priceless little book, "Angel Unaware." She began to see that Helen's condition might be an opportunity for God's Love to be manifested, in healing, in witnessing. Helen began to make surprising progress. Last Summer she and her family went to one of those glorious "Camps Farthest Out," founded by Glen Clark. There, for a week, the whole family felt the power of Love, and the power of Prayer. They became surer than ever that, with God, anything is possible. One day the two camp leaders laid their hands on Helen's head, and prayed for God's health-giving power. They gave Helen a little prayer to say again and again to the God who is always near every one of His children.

Since those Summer days, Helen's progress has been amazing. She has actually taken several steps without holding onto any hand. She talks clearly now, and freely (ask her mother!) all day long. She feeds herself and chews her food—and her appetite is enormous. Her capacity for loving other people grows steadily. At a Church supper, or in a crowded store, she greets complete strangers as if they were life-long friends, with a glowing smile that is contagious. She used to be fearful of falling, but, today, fear no longer darkens her path.

If a child can find release from fear, so can you! There is no fear in love. All you need to do is to discipline yourself to a habit of turning away from your troubles, and toward God and the joys and troubles of others. That is all that Jesus asks of you!—To learn to love God, and your neighbor, and yourself. Learning love is the way to victory over all fear.

For it was the God—who—is—love that gave victory to Helen. Through loving people, she learned to trust her Father, to *know* that He is always near, sustaining, caring. One day last Autumn, she got herself up into a straight chair that had no arms. Sitting there, happy and confident, she said to her father and mother, "I cannot fall. God is sitting beside me." There is no fear in love!

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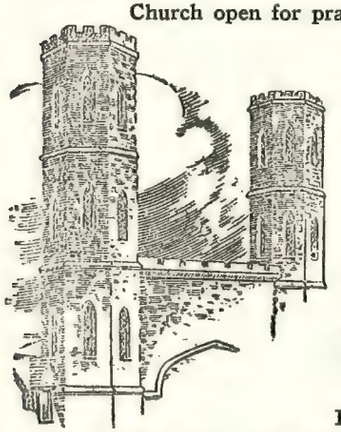
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Processional Hymn 318 .....*Hosanna*

Kyrie, Hymnal #708

The Anthem: "Let All The World . . . " .....*Thiman*

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, His praises there may grow . . . The Church with Psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

The Sermon: "THE MOTIVE POWER THAT NEVER FAILS" ..The Rector

Offertory Hymn 556 .....*St. Andrew of Crete*

Sursum Corda, Hymnal #734

Sanctus, Hymnal #736

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Recessional Hymn 310 .....*London New*

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IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958 we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three year period coming.

We acknowledge a contribution to this fund in memory of Miss Selina Wilder; and a contribution from Thelma M. Weeks.

WHAT GOD WANTS

During the weeks ahead, we are going to think of ourselves as part of God's plan, as candles to be kindled by Him. Now, in that light, what do we mean when we say that a certain action is "right"? This is a tremendous question. It has to be answered by every individual, by every community. For it is the basis on which we think and act.

Jesus settled this question for all Christians, in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew, full well, what He wanted to do: to go on a while with the men he loved, strengthening them and training them for the building of the Kingdom. So He turned to His Father, hopefully, and His Father said, "No—go straight to the Cross." Unwilling to believe that He had heard His Father aright, Jesus asked again, adding, "Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine, be done." It was only after the third "No" from His Father that Jesus could accept the Cross. In His heart, the "right" decision was the one God wanted.

The test of "rightness", therefore, is whether a decision fits into God's plan, whether it is what He wants done. What you or I want is not especially important. After all, we do not know what will work out best over the centuries. God does know. To be right, therefore, we have to come back to God, as Jesus did, asking His desire for us.

Often it is difficult for us, in praying, to distinguish between what God wants, and what we want. In that case, we go honestly to Jesus' words in Scripture, we shall find God's will. Of course, if we try to "use" the Scripture to back up something we already want to do, we shall not find God's will! The only sure way to read the Bible is, as we read, to whisper constantly, "Not my will, but Thine . . . "

How about the rightness or wrongness of segregation—about which so many people are concerned today? Jesus' answer is simple, but very difficult; simple to see, and very difficult to carry out. It is for each one of us, and each community, to look into the eyes of the Father of all men, and say, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." Not the way of life that my ancestors and I like; not the kind of neighborhood I choose; not the kind of schools, or the kind of transportation, that I prefer—"not my will, but Thine, be done!" In every State of the Union, people are facing those seven fateful words. If we want to call ourselves Christians, our purpose is "Thy will be done . . . " And we cannot escape our solemn duty to ask Him what is *His* plan for my community. Not my will, but Thine! There is little question in any one's mind as to the kind of community that will please God. We know how Jesus felt about Samaritans.

It is better to face this great question now, and settle it, than to leave it unanswered until we face God to give account of our lives. I pray God that when that awesome moment comes, you and I can say to the God who loves all men as His children—"We ended segregation, for it was not our will, but Thine, that we carried out."

NOON-DAY SERVICES

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—L. E. S.

We congratulate Mr. Lynn S. Martin, a valued member of St. Stephen's who has become an Assistant Instructor in the Department of English of the University of Pennsylvania. Lynn has received his Master's Degree and is now working for his Doctorate.

We wish to acknowledge with our thanks these contributions toward the work of the Benevolent Society: Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Coleman, Raymond Winter, Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Nelson.

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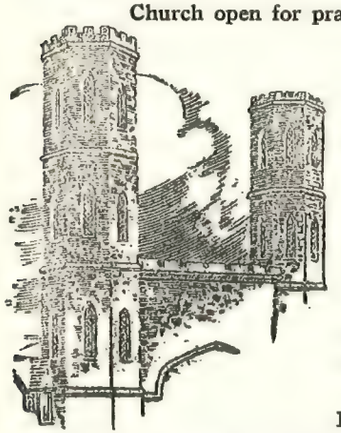
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The Prelude: Nave ..... *Mulet*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are indeed, unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith, that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the presence of the Lord in all the trials of life, as well as in its joys. Our Savior, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy presence wherever we may be, and when we are alone. In grief of defeat, help us to see Thee clearly, and from the vision to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

The Venite, Prayer Book, Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 72, Page 426

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book, Page 10; Chants 613, 617

Jubilate, Prayer Book, Page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Lord, Who Is My Guide But Thee ..... *Schutz*

Lord, who is my guide but Thee? Lord, who is my light but Thee? And there is none beside Thee that I desire. My soul and body, how did they fail! But God is my strength, forever comfort of my heart; and my portion, consolation and my portion.

The Sermon: "MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 560 ..... *Pentecost*

Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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MEDIATED LOVE

Dr. Weatherhead sums up the thought of John's Epistle plainly: "Love, even the Love of God, is only mediated through persons." Look back in your life, and you will quickly see the proof of this statement. You learn what love is from people who loved you. It may have been a child saying joyously, "I love you! I love you!"; or a beloved physician, saying, "Your wife is going to live"; or a minister of the Gospel, calling on you before a major operation, passing on to you such a deep and sincere faith in God's Love that your fear was driven out. "Love *is* only mediated through persons." "In this the Love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His Son . . ."

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Jesus bids us to do what He did—mediate Love, just as He did. Every day someone in great need touches our lives. We do not know that they are in despair, at their wits' end. But, for a moment, their lives contact ours, needing to find God's Love in us.

Dr. Parker tells this haunting story of the discouraged young man who started for the river to commit suicide. His landlady, suspecting his intent, and conscious of several weeks rent owing her, tried to dissuade him. "I tell you," he said. "If I meet just one person between here and the river who gives me a smile, or a word of hope, or a look of cheer, I'll come back. Life will seem worth living." He never came back, and the landlady didn't know what the outcome was. *But what if he had passed us that day?*

ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD EVENT

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PRAYER WORKSHOP

Dorcas Kurtz will conduct a lecture and workshop on "Highway To Spiritual And Physical Vitality" in the Community House at 2:00 to 3:30 P.M. on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 5th—and to be repeated on the same dates at 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. The fee for the Course is $8.00. The subjects are as follows: 1.—The Well Marked Road; 2.—Horizons to New Hope; 3.—Power to Produce Things Hoped For; 4.—Double Measures of Health and Happiness; 5.—Living on the Plateau of Answered Prayer.

Reservations should be made in advance, stating preference for afternoon or evening sessions.

LOUISE EGGLESTON

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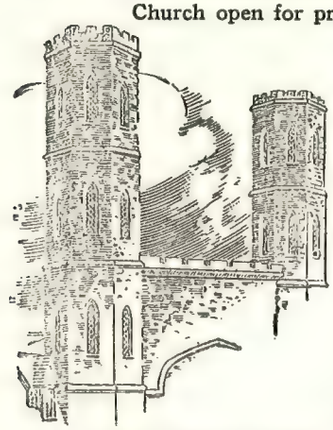
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Processional Hymn 558 ..... *University College*

The Venite, Paryer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 105:1-20, Page 470

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes ..... *Sowerby*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy Keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE TRUE VINE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 564 ..... *Lyons*

Recessional Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*

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GOD'S PLANS

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In praying we must trust God for the right answer. So often we have complained, "My prayer was not answered." But it *was*. God may have said "No"; for the God who made the universe, and made us, is wiser than we. Love often has to say "No".

John Redhead recalls a day when his two-year-old son was watching him shave. As soon as he laid down the razor, the quick little hand would shoot out to take hold of the shiny "toy" he wanted to play with. His father, for love's sake, had to take it away from him; and the youngster cried and sulked. He did not like his father's "No", which really was "wait until you are older."

This simple illustration, though true, cannot explain all the mystery of men's suffering. But, after a while the boy learns to trust his father, even when he cannot understand, because his father is wonderfully wise and kind. So, even when the answer is "No" or "Wait", we *can* quietly trust God.

I John has the clue—"And this is the confidence which we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." John had learned that God, because He is Love, can only give us what is best for us at that time. Looking back, we can now see how wise His "No" was, many a time; and how wonderful His "Yes!" Once you have begun to know it is God's goodness, and to trust it, you can take anything without despair.

The story is told of a young doctor and his wife who went to China as missionaries. God blessed them in their work there and gave them two children to make glad their home. But typhoid came, and the young doctor was taken. Two days after his death, the young wife wrote to friends in America, "As you know, these two years have been ones of perfect joy . . . and I praise God with all my heart for His gift to us of such Love . . . I cannot begin to understand; but I know *our love* for our little ones, and that God's love is infinitely greater. I can only trust that Love." And then she went on to witness for all grief-stricken people, that God grants our prayers when we ask for strength to meet whatever may come, when we ask what He is saying to us through this test. Thus, under His plan for us, our victorious suffering ministers to those who are storm-tossed. It is not easy to fall in with God's plans—but it *is* glorious!

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Our thanks, too, for Benevolent Society Work from Mrs. Edna Shaw, Mrs. Bertha Chappell.

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Head of the Department of Religion at Chautauqua, in a recent letter to the Rector said, "You will be interested to know that our questions to the patrons of Chautauqua last year showed that your lectures topped all the others in popular appeal."

ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL FLOWERS FUND, 1959 REPORT

Balance on hand January 1st, 1959	$485.34
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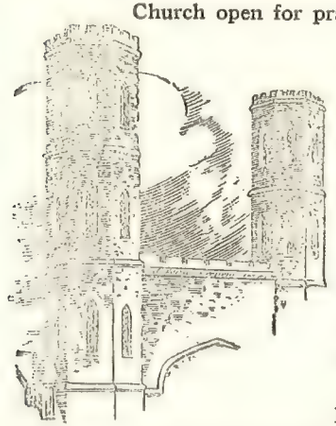
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The Prelude: A Fantasy ..... *Darke*

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Processional Hymn 311 ..... *St. Thomas*

The Venite, Paryer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 132, Page 508

Benedictus Es Domine ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Lord, Who is My Guide But Thee? ..... *Schutz*

Lord, who is my guide but Thee? Who is my light, but Thee? And there is none beside Thee that I desire; My soul and body, how did they fail! But God is my strength, forever comfort of my heart, and my portion; my consolation and my portion.

Sermon: "CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 488 ..... *Gardiner*

Recessional Hymn 360 ..... *Albano*

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—M. E. R. (Drexel Hill, Pa.)

HIS VOICE

If we are going to trust God and respond to His plan for us, we need to be like yonng Samuel, saying, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." We have to be ever alert for His voice.

Dr. Frank Laubach, the great Christian teacher of literacy for millions of people, tackled this job. In his diary he wrote, "God, I want to give You every minute of this year. I shall try to keep You in mind every moment of my waking hours. I shall try to let my hand write what You direct. I shall try to let You be the Speaker and direct every word. I shall try to let You direct my acts. I shall try to learn Your language as it was taught by Jesus and all others through whom You speak—in beauty and singing birds and cool breezes, in radiant Christ-like faces, in sacrifices and in tears. It will cost, not only much, but *everything that conflicts with this resolve.*"

After a rough night on a train traveling across India, he wrote, "God, after a sleepless night, I open my eyes, laughing, for we are together! Sleep is not necessary. Disturbances like that man coughing below me all night are good for character if I do not let them keep me from You. If every annoyance can be made to remind me to turn and grip Your hand and ask You, 'What are you saying through this vexation?' then I can turn life's rough spots into Your vocabulary." It may be through each vexation; what He can make out of it that is glorious.

Later, Dr. Laubach says, "God, experience proves that a minute with Thee *always* brings fruit, often wonderful fruit; experience proves that a minute apart from Thee is wasted or full of thoughts of malice or vice. *Abide* in me as the branch abides in the vine. It *abides all the time,* every moment. Before me is an electric plug. The moment I disconnect the cord, the light goes out. What I got the last minute does not help. I may still be a little warm, but I am no longer a-light. 'Apart from Me ye can do nothing'—say nothing, be nothing, help nothing. So I must *keep plugged in* every second. Hard, but essential. Think Thy thoughts, God, here all day—Thine, *not* mine."

If you have ever met Dr. Laubach, you know what happens in the person who keeps plugged in. In his quiet voice and steady love, God speaks with power and compassion. God can do the same miracle in any person who abides in Him. It is a strenuous adventure to tackle, but richly rewarding!

One day, on board ship, he writes, "Wherewith Jesus wander, what would He do if He were on this ship? Would He remain on the first class deck? . . . Now, Father, here are my feet, to walk where Jesus would go, where Jesus would go in me. Here are my lips, here my heart, my love, to be made beautifully Christ-like by Thine own self . . ." You, reader, can start practicing this abiding, plugged-in life, now. That is the way God planned for you and me to live!

The Rector will conduct a healing Mission in the Church of the Ascension, Mount Vernon, N.Y. Sunday night, February 28th-March 1st, inclusive. He will be the speaker at the World Day of Prayer Service in the Feasterville Community Church, Friday, March 4th at 8 P.M.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A.M. Bishop Armstrong will preach at 12:30 P.M., and the Rector will celebrate the Holy Communion at 5:30 P.M. Dr. John R. Hart, of the Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge will preach on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 12:30 P.M.

Healing Services during Lent will be conducted on Thursdays at 1 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. Holy Communion will be celebrated every Friday at 1 P.M.

THE CHALLENGE OF LENT

The Lenten Season into which we are now entering is the most opportune time of year for the enrichment of our spiritual lives. It presents an opportunity for us to contemplate our responsibilities and obligations as followers of the Christ who trod the road of suffering, thru' clouds of misunderstanding and sorrow, and emerged victorious over sin and death.

Are you satisfied with yourself? Are you all you know you ought to be? Are you sometimes lonely, longing for the Divine Companion? Are you burdened with problems that need solution? Do you hunger and thirst after righteousness?

Then this Lenten period is your opportunity to enter into a deepening experience of fellowship with God through meditation, prayer, devotional reading, and helpful ministry to others. In "keeping Lent" you may discover for yourself the sources of joyful, peaceful and fruitful living. And the Lenten Season will culminate for you in a gloriously inspiring Easter.

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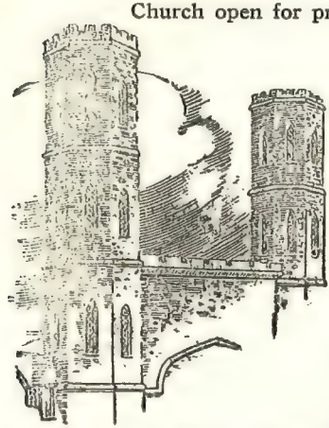
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The Prelude: O God, Be Merciful To Me ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: No person becomes great until he has learned to deny himself. Selfishness is the mark of a petty soul; the way to greatness lies through sacrifice. When a person takes up his cross with a will, he learns how to walk in the Jesus Way of living fruitfully in this world. Bring to our minds, Lord, Thy willingness to forego honor and security and pleasure, and even life itself, for our sakes. Then help us to count the world well lost, as we gain in our likeness to Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*

Kyrie, Hymnal No. 708

The Anthem: Be Still, My Soul ..... *Whitlock*

Be still, my soul, for God is near; the Great High Priest is with thee now; the Lord of life Himself is here, before whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart His lowly throne thy Savior God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die. I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call to blend my pleading prayer with Thine, to Thee I give myself, my all and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

The Sermon: THE NEARNESS OF GOD ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 464 ..... *St. Catherine*

Sursum Corda, Hymnal No. 734

Sanctus, Hymnal No. 736 ..... *Lutkin*

Communion Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

In place of Gloria, Hymn 211 ..... *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Recessional Hymn 339 ..... *St. Christopher*

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rt. Rev. William Crittenden, D.D., Bishop of Erie, who will be our Lenten Noon-Day preacher March 7th-11th, and to the Rev. David E. Seaboldt, Rector, St. George's Church, Richmond, Phila., who will be our Saturday preacher.

The Rector will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday at 7:30 P.M.

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IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958 we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and parish house, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three year period coming.

We wish to express our grateful thanks to the anonymous donor whose check was received during the past week.

ALL SAINTS' HOSPITAL

Our Thanksgiving offering was divided up between the Episcopal Hospital on Lehigh Avenue and All Saints' Episcopal Hospital, Chestnut Hill. The following letter is from All Saints' Hospital: "Please accept our most sincere thanks for your contribution to All Saints' Hospital. It is gratifying to know of your interest in our Hospital. Be assured the money will be put to good use and that your interest in us is an inspiration to continue in our efforts."

We want to express our thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Philip A. Arnold, Mrs. F. Baratelli, Miss Gertrude Bergen, Mrs. Diane Buckalew, Mrs. John S. Collins, Miss Betty Elder, Mrs. A. Reid Johnson, Dorothy E. Kohl, Miss Josephine Lindenmayer, Mrs. Mary O. Shanko, Mrs. George R. Parsons, Mrs. Cazimera Petroski, R. A. Rimmel, Charlotte E. Robinson, Charles Romanovsky, Mrs. John Spear, Louis P. Stumpf.

And, our thanks to Mrs. Florence Baratelli for her contribution toward the work of the Benevolent Society.

THE VESTRY

Mr. Hugo Hanson and Mr. David L. German, Jr. were elected to the Vestry to fill vacancies occasioned by the promotion to the higher life of Edward S. Morris and Harry J. Hauger.

The twelve members of the Vestry are as follows:

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COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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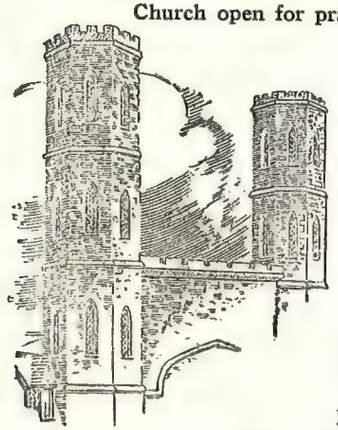
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Processional Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 68, Page 419

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 613 & 617

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 11, Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: Blessed, He ..... *Franck*

Blessed He, who, from earth's dreams awaking, turns his heart from worldly pride; who ev'ry other joy forsaking, of wealth the golden fetters breaking, treasures of heaven spreads around on every side. Then when the awful trumpet soundeth, let him rejoice! Blessed is He in whom God's grace and love aboundeth, Angels for him heaven's gates fling open wide.

The Sermon: "THE HYMN OF LOVE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 410 ..... *Burford*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her husband, Dr. George Sinnamon; and by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his brother, Landis Gordon Walker.

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—W. S. (Berkeley, California)

A WAY OF LIFE

The nightmare of bubonic plague had descended on the little town of Oran. Every day people died by scores. The town was sealed off from the world—no one could leave; no one could enter. This tragic and beautiful tale (by Albert Camus) reveals the inside of people's souls; how differently they behaved in battling this terrifying plague. At first the doctor and the priest were far apart. The doctor had no belief in God, while the priest preached that everybody must blindly trust God or be forever damned. He preached a stern sermon, telling the frightened people that the plague was God's punishment for sinning people. But the months went by, and he began to see the tireless skill and devotion of the "disbelieving" doctor, and the courageous labor of many "out-siders." He began to understand that they were all serving Love—only calling it by different names. The doctor observed—"We're all working side by side for something that unites us—beyond blasphemy and prayers." Those gallant battlers against death began to feel their "togetherness." In the closing days, Father Paneloux preached again, and "he spoke in a gentler, more thoughtful tone than on the previous occasion, and several times was noticed to be stumbling over his words. A yet more noteworthy change was that instead of saying "you," he now said "we."

In the Acts of The Apostles we notice the word "we" used over and over again. "*We* made a direct voyage to Samothrace"; "*we* remained in the city some days"; "as *we* were going to the place of prayer . . ." Those passages are believed to be from the diary of Dr. Luke, a physician so surrendered to the way of Jesus that he did not write about what "*I*" did, but about "us," and what God did through "us."

When Jesus taught His disciples how to pray, the model prayer He gave them never uses "I" or "me" or "mine" or "My." It was always "we" and "us" and "our." Jesus taught that God had made just one family of men, bound together in the bundle of life. In other words, in the long run God would give victory only to those who are "family-minded."

Living in a small town or village, it is easy to understand this truth. One town has several outstanding citizens who give their whole lives for "us," for the community —and that place becomes a neighborly one. In another town, the leaders are self-seekers, and their town becomes embittered, a divided community where few move in. You can see mankind just beginning to learn this truth. They have banded together in the United Nations because they have begun to see that only "together," only by planning and working "for *us*" can there be peace.

Jesus has given us a "we"—and "us" way of life. It is the only way that forever has joy in it. It is the only way backed by the universe.

COMBINED MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S

The Morning and Evening Branches of the Women of St. Stephen's will meet after Church this Sunday, on the 2nd floor of the Community House, for their 2nd combined Social Session. Refreshments will be served and Mrs. Price will briefly explain the work of our Episcopal Church in Liberia. All the women of St. Stephen's are invited to attend.

We acknowledge an additional contribution towards the Improvement Fund from the Woman's Aid of the Congregation of the Hard of Hearing.

The Rector will speak to the Baptist Student Fellowship of the U. of P. at 6 P.M. Sunday. He will preach at the Arch Street Methodist Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 12:30 P.M., and at the Church of Our Savior, Jenkintown, on Thursday at 8 P.M.

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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: Benedictus .....*Rowley*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—In a specific sense sonship with God depends upon accepting Christ. The indwelling Spirit enables us to come into the possession of a power that brings triumphs over the temptations of life. With God we are always able. We can do all things through Him. Forgive us, O Master, whenever we have resisted Thy gracious invitations to us. When Thou dost approach us in the moments of this day, grant us receptive hearts. Thou art anxious to come into our hearts to become a living reality, a vital power. Amen.

Processional Hymn 536 .....*Old 124th*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 103, Page 466

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants 613 & 617

Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: Grieve Not the Holy Spirit of God .....*Noble*

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Amen.

The Sermon: THE HYMN OF LOVE, No. 2, The Indispensable Motive,
THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 410 .....*Burford*

Recessional Hymn 533 .....*Bethlehem*

Mrs. Ruth Flower, A.A.G.O., is serving as organist this morning; as Mr. Henzel is in Atlantic City playing for the All Philadelphia Senior High School Choir.

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Dear Dr. Price:—Rejoice, rejoice with us and offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for healing our daughter, Marylee. The doctors gave her every test including the putting of a tube in her heart and found it to be normal, praise God! My wife and I don't know how to thank you and your Prayer Fellowship for the part you played. We first learned of her condition at Christmas and you can understand how we have felt ever since. It is now over and the ending could not be more perfect.

—Clyde MacLean (Nova Scotia)

THE WRITTEN MESSAGE

A Belgian writer once said that life is like the messenger on the way to your door. In his hand is a letter, addressed to you. There is nothing you can do to change the message. It is written. But there is much you can do about the way you receive that message. In like manner there is nothing you can do to avoid some event in your life tomorrow: some deep hurt, an unexpected success, a crippling illness. But there is much you can do about your attitude. In fact, your attitude decides the "color" of the event, victory or defeat, resentment or gratitude. You can be bitter about the hurt, or you can, like the oyster, make a pearl out of this painful intrusion. You can get a swelled head over the success, or you can humbly thank God, for giving you the brains to succeed. You can whine over the illness, or let God transform it into a shining victory.

Many people get off on the wrong foot by asking the wrong question of God. They cry out, "*Why*, God, did this happen to me?" That is a small, self-sympathizing question; and God does not answer it. But other people ask the right question, "Father, what do You want me to make out of this difficulty, this joy?" My friend Leona asked that glorious question when her life became an hour-by-hour battle with agonizing pain—and just because she asked the right question, she got God's answer and he made her stronger than pain, a victorious child of God, a bracing memory for scores of friends.

In the story of "Anchorhold" you find a holy woman to whom hosts of people flocked for help. She was overflowing with joy and gratitude to God for using her life so richly. Then, one day, a new by-pass was made, which carried the traffic away from her cell by the Church, and left her isolated. No one stopped to see her anymore. She was soon forgotten; and she changed from the teacher of the mysteries of the spiritual life to *the woman with the glue-pot* to whom the children of the village brought their broken toys. She was so supple in God's hands that she could lay down the career to which He first called her, and take the lowest place. And she made of it a glorious and joyful place!

You will find that, at the beginning of His ministry, Jesus hoped that men would accept Him as their Rescuer from evil and sin and slavery. Then, in the Garden of Gethsemane, God gave Him a very different answer, a Cross He did not want, wrenched away from teaching the disciples He loved, to die an immediate and shameful death. He met that death with the courage that came from trusting His Father, and transformed a criminal cross into the sign of God's undying love. Even He could not change the time and place of His death; but, with God's grace, He could change the dying so that still, today, men see in it the greatness of God!

IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary in 1958 we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and parish house, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three year period coming.

We wish to express our grateful thanks to Mr. Raymond Winter for his contribution toward this project.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. John Ellis Large, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York, who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher, March 21st-25th, inclusive; and to the Rev. James T. Berger, Vicar, Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxboro, who will preach on Saturday, March 26th.

The Rector will preach at St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine streets, on Sunday at 5 P.M. Choral Evensong will be sung by the famous St. Peter's Choir.

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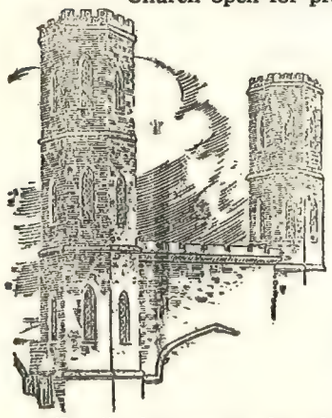
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The Prelude: O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me?" It is not always easy to see God in Christ. Even long acquaintanceship and familiarity with the Gospel may blur our vision. We need a new revelation, a fresh approach every day, to behold the brightness of His glory. Lord, give us the grace of recognition, may we see Thee in every experience of our lives; no matter if the sun shines brightly on our path, or if the clouds of sorrow hang over it. May we never doubt Thy presence as a Living Savior. Amen.

Processional Hymn 335 .....*Caswall*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalms 124, 125, Page 504

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book Page 10; Chants No. 613, 617, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: God's Peace Is Peace Eternal .....*Grieg*

God's peace is peace eternal, here discords all our joys displace, we wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, before the Judge we all must bow. God merciful and kind will shield us, and from the evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the poorest soul release, who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

The Sermon: THE HYMN OF LOVE—III, FAITHFULNESS, CHARITY, AND SELF-SACRIFICE .....The Rector

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ADVENTURE OF PRAYER

The early Christians were so filled with enthusiasm that sometimes they prayed "in tongues"—in excited sounds that no one else could understand. St. Paul cautioned them against this. He urged them to prayer that was full of thought as well as feeling. He urged people to "Pray with the mind also," so that their God-given brains might be fruitful in prayer. I like to refresh you with Margaret Cropper's clear picture of thought-ful praying:

Prayer is being with God.

You can't choose at all about it, except just in choosing to be with Him.

Perhaps He will take you up on the mountain with Him.

Perhaps He will take you into the night with Him, or into the mist where you will not be able to see Him.

Perhaps you will be with Him in pain, or in exaltation, or in happiness, or in tiredness.

He just says: "Come to Me," and you will say, "I will," or "I will not."

You make no stipulations, that is not your part; you know that He wants you, and you know what kind of wanting that is.

You know that if you say you will not come He does not leave off wanting you, so you imagine what that means.

You know that if you come to Him He will ask you to help Him about the Kingdom, that He will in the end give you that work for it that no one else could do.

You know that He will bring you into the fellowship of His friends, and that you will be allowed to bring Him into the fellowship of your friends.

But, of course, you will also go with Him before His enemies; and the things that they say about Him will be said about you.

And you will also go among the people who don't care, whom He is trying to arouse to a sense of His love.

Quite often He and you will be left desolate with the doors locked before you and the people on the other side scornful and amused.

You will find that He will ask you to do things which you can only do if you forget about yourself and the sort of person you thought you were, or He may ask you to face death or complete shame as He does Himself.

And all the time you will fail Him so often that by and by you will have no self-confidence left, only a growing confidence in Him instead, because He does not fail you.

And prayer must be fearfully difficult because it isn't easy to be with God, although it is simple.

It means that some things must go, like pride, unkindness and self-indulgence, and self-importance.

But all the same it is a choice which the best part of you wants, so that the most glorious souls in all the ages do choose the Adventure of Prayer.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher March 28th through April 1st. And to the Rev. Robert M. Wainwright, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Gwynedd, Pa., who will preach on Saturday, April 2nd.

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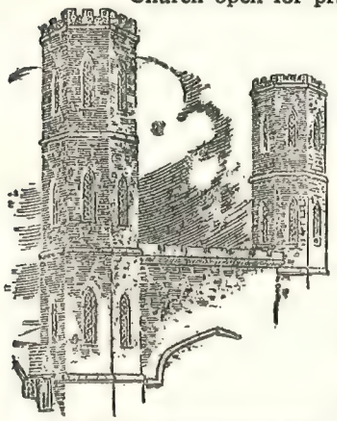
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Prelude: Lord God, Now Open Wide Thy Heaven ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Upon being asked to perform some service, our first question often is, "What shall it profit me?" The Apostle Paul reminds us that Godliness inevitably brings profit. In this world it assures peace, happiness and contentment; in the world to come, the greatest of all profits, life eternal. Dear Lord, help us to overcome the temptations of this day and to walk in the Master's footsteps, ever keeping in mind our ultimate goal: eternity. Amen.

Processional Hymn 406 ..... *Stephanos*

Kyrie, Hymnal No. 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: When Jesus Wept ..... *Billings-Dickinson*
When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

The Sermon: "THE HYMN OF LOVE—IV, THE DEFINITION"..THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 336 ..... *Rathbun*

Sanctus, Hymnal No. 736 ..... *Lutkin*

Communion Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*

In Place of Gloria; Hymn 211 ..... *Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring*

Recessional Hymn 332 ..... *Spanish Chant*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by the Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of Dr. Carl E. Grammer, former Rector of St. Stephen's; by Mrs. Atherholt and Barbara Anne in memory of husband and father, Harold Atherholt; and by Mrs. Maude Hinds in memory of her son.

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THE LAST DAYS

The day came when Jesus took His disciples away to a quiet place, and told them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be delivered to the Chief Priests and Scribes, and they will condemn Him to death."

Prepare for Holy Week by reading the account of that strange and wonderful march on Jerusalem, as Love attacked Hate, and Hate, for a moment, seemed to win. Start with your Bible reading, Matthew 20:17-19. Then see how patient Jesus was with the ambitious mother of James and John. Hear Him tell the Twelve that God's measure of human greatness is glad service to others. Notice Him pausing on His urgent mission, to restore the eyesight of two groping blind men. See Him ride into Jerusalem as the Man of Peace, rejecting all armed might, trusting only the power to love men out of their sins. Catch your breath as He comes into God's house, and His ears catch the harsh voices of greedy money-changers, and Love flames up in terrifying anger as He blasts those who spoil His Father's House. See Him telling His proud enemies that their chances of heaven were poor compared to common prostitutes who were still capable of penitence for their mistakes. And then listen to Him, one day, as He thought of the Holy City, and He breaks out with passion, "Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem! You murdered the prophets and stoned the messengers that are sent to you. How often have I longed to gather your children around Me like a bird gathering her brood under her wings—and you would not have it!" And later, when swords were suggested, He brushed them aside. They were not strong enough to capture the heart of man. Only Love could do this—so He went forward in the strength of Love alone.

You and I cannot resist a God like that. A God, with the thunderbolts in His hands, comes among us as a tiny Babe, heals and feeds men, tells them the redeeming story of the Father that loves them even as they are. Then He lets Hate and force do all they can against Him. Love is stronger, in the end.

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"Ah, fondest, blindest, weakest,
I am He whom thou seekest!
Thou dravest Love from thee, who dravest Me."

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IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and parish house, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three year period coming.

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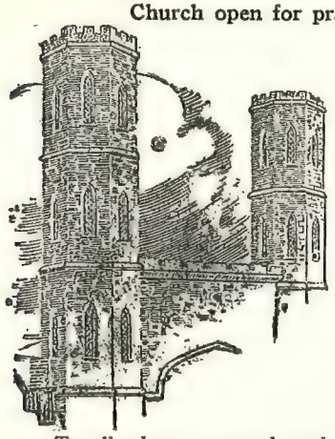
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The Prelude: Hosanna! .....*Weinberger*

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Processional Hymn 62 .....*St. Theodulph*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 50, page 401

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 613, 617, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: Lift Up Your Heads .....*Handel*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle . . . The Lord of hosts; He is the King of Glory.

The Sermon: THE HYMN OF LOVE, V—Love Never Fails .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 75 .....*Passion Chorale*

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So Jesus rode up around the painful road to Jerusalem. The crowd jeered, not guessing that Love was on the march to meet Hate. He had tried living lovingly, and men's eyes were still blind. Perhaps now, by His dying lovingly, they might open their eyes and see the greatness of the Love of God.

Try to imagine the pain He endured that week. He knew that His mother and His brothers and sisters would be coming down for the Passover, as they always did—and they thought He was completely crazy. Here were His disciples to whom He had explained so patiently His way of compassion—and they were cheering wildly with the crowd, as if He were a warrior-king, come to break the Roman rule. Going into the House of God, He found men turning it into a thieves-kitchen of cheating business.

When one of His closest friends sold His life to His enemies for a purse full of silver, He suffered. Then the remaining Eleven took to their heels and left Him alone. When the bravest of them crept back, to keep as close to Him as he dared, and a little servant-girl pointed him out as a friend of Jesus, Peter cursed and shouted that he had never known the Man. Jesus must have ached with loneliness.

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This He suffered for them. This He suffers, at your hands and mine. You know in what ways you give Him pain, as you resist Him and His way of Love. If you dare to stop, and look up to Him on the Cross where we have put Him, you will find that you will not want to resist Him anymore. You will want to surrender yourself to so great a Love!

We wish to express our appreciation to these contributors to the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches: Ethel H. Bollinger, Mrs. Emma Davis, Mrs. Colin Gardner, George T. Gibb, Sidney Hicks, Lynn S. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. F. Schmid, Jr., Alive Stowe, The Woman's Day Group, St. Stephen's Church.

Our "Thank you" also to these Bulletin subscribers: Miss Barbara Bolton, Mary T. Barker, Mrs. David C. Gracey, Eva Hansen, Mrs. Charles R. Harvey, Mrs. A. P. Valentine, Dorothy Williamson.

NOTICE:—The meeting of the Evening Branch of the Women of St. Stephen's will be held on Monday, April 17th; Program; Speaker.

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L. J. (Inchon, Korea).

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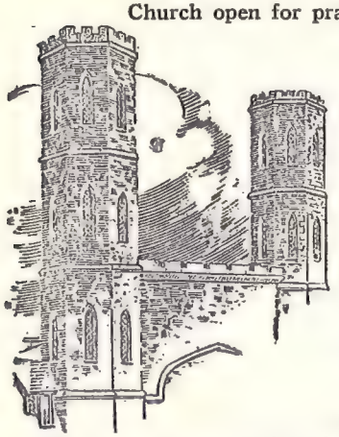
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The Prelude: Two Easter Chorales ..... *Dupre*
Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Lord is the Almighty Victor because He conquered sin and death by His Death and Resurrection. Because of His Victories He promises us victory over sin and death. As He overcame, we can also overcome, and enjoy His fellowship eternally. Dear Lord, so often we grovel in the dust, defeated by our doubts, fears, anxieties and cares. Raise us up to a life of victorious faith in Thee, by Thy great power. May we, also, overcome, and be with Thee forever in glory. Amen.

Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
Christ Our Passover, Prayer Book Page 163; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Kyrie 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
Anthem: Thou Hallowed Chosen Morn of Praise ..... *Sowerby*

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise, that best and greatest shinest; Fair Easter, Queen of all the days, of seasons, divinest! Christ rose from death; and we adore forever and forever more. Rise, Sion, rise! And looking forth, behold thy children 'round thee! From East and West, from South and North Thy scattered sons have found Thee; And in thy bosom Christ adore forever and forever more. O ye who bear Christ's holy name, give God all praise and glory; all ye who own His power, proclaim aloud the wondrous story! The Love, the Wisdom, still adore forever and forever more.

The Sermon: "RISEN WITH CHRIST" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*
Sanctus ..... *Faure*
Communion Hymn 210 ..... *Schmuecke Dich*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 90 ..... *Neander*

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—E. M. (Switzerland)

PARTAKERS OF HIS RESURRECTION

Shortly before the death of William Howard Taft, Henry Sloane Coffin was strolling with him in Washington. Dr. Coffin relates this story: "I ventured to ask him what he thought of the prospects of the League of Nations, then feeble and seemingly collapsing. He stopped abruptly, squared 'round to face me, and said: 'You ought to know that in this world the best things get crucified, but *they rise again.*'

Jesus repeatedly told His friends, weeks before Calvary, that He would be put to death and that He would rise again. This, He felt in His heart, and His Father assured Him, was His destiny—to show the open way through crucifixion to victory, through death to life, through darkness into light. They had trusted most of the other promises that Jesus made to them, but they had a hard time trusting this one. And when He actually died before their eyes, and His body was borne away to the tomb, all hope vanished—His promise had not come true. And then, two days later—as all men do eventually—they found that He *never* makes empty promises. You can count on Him, always and forever.

There are two great reasons why Easter Day is so radiant in its joy. One is that men find, by practical tests, that *they can trust Jesus Christ.* Every promise of His if they have believed and lived by comes true—they find that it really is happier to give than to receive, that the pure in heart do see God. They discover that only when they half-believe and half-practice His Word does defeat come instead of victory. Even in this turbulent and quarrelsome world, we find that the Master of men is the only One whose Word is surer than the rising of the sun. When they find Him saying, "In My Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you", they are at peace. They are confident that their loved ones are in the hands of the Almighty Love.

But Easter Day is glorious also because *we ourselves have a taste of resurrection.* Once I was dead at heart, the sparkle gone out of life, the horizon heavily clouded; and then, in a moment of surrender, I trusted Christ to drive out my stubborn self-love; I was willing to let that self-concern die—and out of that death rose to new and glorious and radiant living. "Die and become . . ." wrote Goethe. We become "partakers" of His "Resurrection." That is just what Jesus meant us to be, sharers in His rising out of death into life.

It is as we grow older, perhaps, that Easter becomes the mightiest Day of the whole year. For we have just begun to grasp that Spring rises out of the death of Winter when the touch of the sun warms the earth to life; and that life rises out of the apparent death of beloved people and glorious causes, when the touch of Christ warms the dead bones into life more glorious than ever. Professor Henry James was once asked, "Why do you believe in personal immortality?" And he answered, "Because I'm just getting fit to live." He was 62 when he wrote that; and he *knew* that a good God would make of his physical death a doorway into the abundance of life!

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THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Parish which legally falls on Monday, April 18th is postponed until Sunday, May 8th. The time is 12:30 P.M. and the place is the Community House.

IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and parish house, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three years coming.

We wish to express our grateful thanks to these contributors to this Fund: Mr. & Mrs. James Ashbrook; Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Fay.

Mr. James O. Lyman, Vestryman, has resigned as Scoutmaster of St. Stephen's Troop No. 2. Mr. Lyman has served as Scoutmaster for the past 14 years with great distinction. The Troop has received yearly recognition as one of the outstanding Troops of the metropolitan area of Philadelphia. We are grateful for all that he has done for us.

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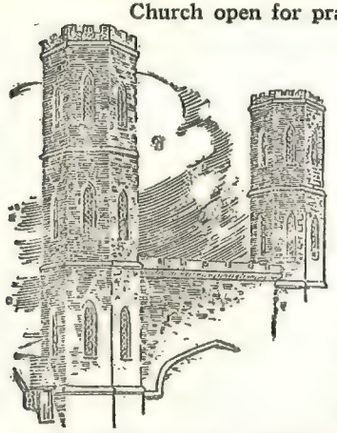
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The Prelude: "Abide With Us" ..... *Weinberger*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—God speaks to us not only in Holy Writ but also through the wonderful book of nature. In this He reveals His power and His beauty. It is true that change and decay at times seem to mar this beauty; but even out of change and decay there comes new beauty to glorify the Creator. The beauty of God expresses itself in His handiwork. O Lord, our God, who hast made Thy name excellent in all the earth and who hast set Thy glory above the heavens; open our eyes to behold the expression of Thy glory in the beauty of nature. Amen.

Processional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 116, Page 486

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15, Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Praise To The Holiest ..... *Shaw*

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praised. In all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways. O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came. Praise to the Holiest, praise be to the Holiest.

The Sermon: THE EASTER VICTORY ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 98 ..... *Puer Nobis*

Recessional Hymn 96 ..... *Ellacombe*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Betty Elder in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Elder; and by Mrs. Samuel J. Hanna in memory of her husband.

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—N. P. (Buffalo, N. Y.)

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CONQUERING LOVE

In those days that followed the first Easter, Jesus' friends were filled with amazement and praise. He had been stronger than Hate. He had even conquered death! Now they remembered that He had *promised* to rise from the dead. Now they knew they could depend on His promises, and confidently obey His commandments.

Shortly before He died, He had given them a special commandment, that "you love one another as I have loved you." They had wondered whether they could possibly love as God does. But now they began to trust Him completely, and they tried to obey the new commandment. They found that, if they kept them in their hearts, then the power of God's Love *was* in them, working and redeeming and healing.

Some of you twentieth-century disciples will wonder whether you can care for others with so tremendous a love; whether the every day person can do this. Then listen to the true story of two plain people, like you and me. It took place out in a mid-West city a few years ago.

Max Ellerbusch runs an instrument-making firm which has a fine reputation. It is exacting precision work, so he trains his own workmen. One day the telephone rang and he and his wife heard the dreadful news that their five-year-old son, Craig, had been killed by a hit-and-run driver, a high school boy named Kiser. A few days later Mr. and Mrs. Ellerbusch attended his trial for manslaughter. Suddenly Mr. Ellerbusch stood up in the court room. Quietly he explained that he and his wife were not interested in the prosecution of this boy. They had put a big "investment" of hope in their small boy, and they would now like to see this high school boy have the chance to finish that investment. Would the Court put the boy on probation, in their care? He could come and live with them, and be their son. He would be trained to do skilled work in the instrument business. Mr. Ellerbusch waited for the Court's decision. The judge looked down at the boy, and said, "The people who have the greatest complaint of all are willing to help. These people can forgive you, but they can't forget the little one. It's up to you to bring them some consolation. It depends on how much guts you have." Young Kiser swallowed hard, cleared his throat, and managed to say, "Mr. and Mrs. Ellerbusch are the kindest people I ever met in my life." He is living with them now, being transformed by the Love of God shining through those two plain people who are obeying Jesus' special commandment.

It may be that there is someone who greatly needs the love of God, shining through you. Just *let Him!*

The Rector presented Miss Anna B. Jones and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Bellmeyer for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on April 11th.

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will open Monday, May 2nd, at 4 P.M. in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square.

At 8 P.M. a Mass Meeting will be held in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. The address will be made by Bishop Hart.

Tuesday, May 3rd Convention will open at 9 A.M. and will last until late in the afternoon.

St. Stephen's Delegates are the Messrs. Raspin, German and Carll; and the Alternates are Messrs. Hay and Heins.

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HORSE SENSE OR HARNESS-RACING GAMBLING?

Let's face it. This is a moral issue. Gambling, from a Christian point of view, is morally wrong; being contrary to basic religious principles. History bears out the fact that dishonesty and fraud are very much a part of the gambling business. But it must be clearly understood that legalized gambling is not only a matter of private morals; it is also a matter of public welfare. Gambling in its very nature affects more than the gambler. It pauperizes families, corrupts governments, destroys legitimate business and adversely affects the entire community.

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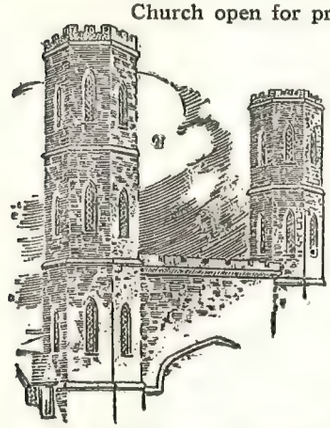
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The stream of life flows softly on. Our days are quickly spent. Happy childhood days and the carefree days of youth speedily fade into life's Noon. Then comes the mellow afternoon, when the golden sun melts into lovely eventide. Should God's mercy spare us for the eventide of life, there will be light for the trusting child of God. Loving Father, who carest for Thy children throughout their entire journey of life, grant that light may be ours at eventide. We can peacefully depart from these scenes if our eyes behold Thy salvation. Amen.

Processional Hymn 345 .....*Dominus Regit Me*

Kyrie, Hymnal, No. 708 .....*Willan*

The Anthem: "Isaiah, Mighty Seer" .....*Willan*

Isaiah, mighty seer, in days of old the Lord of all in spirit did behold high on a lofty throne, in splendor dight with flowing train in panoply of might. Above the throne were stately seraphim; six wings had they, these messengers of Him. With twain they veiled their faces, as was meet, with twain in reverent awe they hid their feet, and with the other twain aloft they soared, One to the other called and praised the Lord: "Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth! Behold His glory filleth all the earth!" The beams and lintels trembled at the cry, and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

The Sermon: AN IMPOSSIBLE NECESSITY .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 485 .....*Abends*

Sanctus, Hymnal No. 736 .....*Lutkin*

Communion Hymn 213 .....*St. Agnes*

Gloria in Excelsis 739 .....*Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 361 .....*St. James*

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IS YOUR FLAG UP?

"Living just behind an R.F.D. box", says a friend of mine, "is a very illuminating experience. It teaches us, day by day, 'give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over . . .' You learn that those who deeply care about others, and write to them out of warm and loving hearts, seldom find their boxes empty after the R.F.D. man has gone by.

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That R.F.D. flag is a sign that tells what kind of people live in the house behind. If, day after day, the flag is up, it advertises out-going hearts concerned for the world outside that household. It is a sign that these people are not imprisoned in their self-centeredness, but their spirits are free to range across the miles, and care about distant friends and loved ones. Often that up-standing flag indicates people who are letting Jesus Christ send a word of cheer, or encouragement, or forgiveness, through them.

There are some boxes where the flag is seldom up. Somehow those people have become imprisoned in loneliness and despair. The smallest territory in the world is a human life bounded by itself. One feels compassion for them. They miss that glowing moment of going out to gather in the day's harvest of friendship and love!

One reason people love Jesus was that His "flag" was always up! Always His love was reaching for those hungry for comfort and help; and feeding them. Even in His dying, His unconquerable Love reached out in tenderness to His mother, to a common thief, to His brutal enemies. His flag was up until He breathed His last breath.

Jesus' two great commandments mean that we are to keep alive to God, alive to the need of our neighbor, even if we do nothing else. It is a very simple way, once your feet are on it—and a very rewarding way. It is the way God meant us to live.

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IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and parish house, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three years coming.

We wish to express our grateful thanks for two anonymous gifts to this fund. Also Mrs. Marie Berger; and Mrs. Edward S. Morris in memory of her husband.

The Rector will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening. He will attend the 60th Anniversary of St. Philips' Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., his former parish, on May 2nd, and preach in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, on Wednesday, May 4th at 12 Noon.

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

The U. T. O. is a gift of Episcopal women to their Church beyond their regular pledged contributions, and is used to prosper the Church's Mission in ways that are above and beyond those made possible through the General Church Budget. It is used for needed Church building and reconstruction, the support of women Church workers throughout the Episcopal Church, and missionary work in the United States and abroad.

The Spring In-Gathering will be made by St. Stephen's women on Sunday, May 1st. The Diocesan Service will be held at Valley Forge Academy on Tuesday, May 17th.

Beautiful colored Christmas Cards of St. Stephen's Sanctuary, taken last Christmas, are now available and may be secured from the Afternoon and Evening Branches of the Women of St. Stephen's. The cost is $3.00 per box.

The WJMJ Broadcasting Station is currently presenting a series of programs on the subject, Love, by the brilliant Anglican author and speaker, Dr. C. S. Lewis. The programs are presented every Sunday at 6:30 P.M. Dial 1540.

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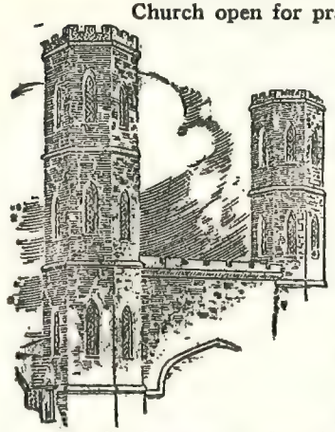
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To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: "Sheep May Safely Graze" .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are, indeed, unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the Presence of the Lord in all the trials of life as well as in its joys. Our Savior, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy Presence wherever we may be, and when we are alone. In grief or defeat help us to see Thee clarly, and from the vision, to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 90 .....*Neander*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 75, Page 431

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 .....*Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "O COME, EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH" .....*Mendelssohn*
From "Elijah"

The Sermon: "WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 158 .....*Puer Nobis*

Recessional Hymn 589 .....*O Quanta Qualia*

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WINDOW OVER THE SINK

A few years ago, a bad fire almost totally destroyed the farmhouse of a widow in Vermont. The neighbors were very sorry for her, and the men of the country side near her home offered to build a house again for her, without any charge. But they thought that it would be a good thing if they asked her if there were any changes in the rebuilt house which she desired. She told them: "Thanks. I would like a window over the sink."

For years she had washed the dishes facing the blank wall. Now, at last, she would be able to look up from her work, out to the lovely Green Mountains of Vermont, to God's blue sky and His great white clouds. That's exactly what our Christian faith does for us. It puts a window over the sink. It puts outlook and up-look over our place of business, no matter what it may be. It gives us a vision while we work.

The people that Jesus loved and taught had lived like that widow—up against a blank wall. They were up against the rule of stern, hard-boiled Rome—a pretty hopeless prospect. Then they had found sudden hope in Jesus and His Kingdom, only to see Him die on the Cross, and bring them back to facing a hopeless wall. Suddenly they discovered that He had overcome death, to go on with the building of His Kingdom, with their help. He had bidden them to wait, and, in God's good time, the Holy Spirit would come into their hearts, and they would be filled with the power of God. On Whit-Sunday that happened—into their minds and hearts came God's own Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus, to live there, and work miracles, and transform people. With God in their hearts, they were no longer helpless. Anything was possible! There was a "window over the sink" for all the years ahead.

Perhaps you have a blank wall in front of you—the wall of long sickness, of old age, of loneliness, of failure, of self-pity, or fear, or "bad luck." You have worked and lived, up against that wall, for years. And suddenly Jesus comes by, and stops, and "With God all things are possible." Suddenly you believe Him. You see Him, in your imagination, doing miracles in the old days, through fishermen, tax-collectors, farmers, carpenters, house wives. And you *know,* deep-down, that He can do wonderful things through you.

So He cuts your window over the sink; and the blank wall is gone. All things are possible in *your* life, too; and you find yourself saying, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The Rector will conduct a healing Mission in St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, Sunday night, May 15th, through Tuesday.

VESTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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In all this controversy in which the Church is still involved, one thing which surprised me is the vociferous minority who believe that concern for humanity and social justice is politics and not Christianity. Something must be seriously wrong in the teaching of the Church schools and the communication of faith in homes and Church sermons if the people can grow to maturity and still hold such gravely heretical views. Anyone who has such a temporal and irreligious view of the Church's function and responsibility has not begun to understand the element of eternity in our most holy faith and sails uncomfortably close to blasphemy.—The Most Rev. Joost de Blank, Anglican Archbishop of Capetown, at the Biennial Synod of the Capetown See in December, 1958.

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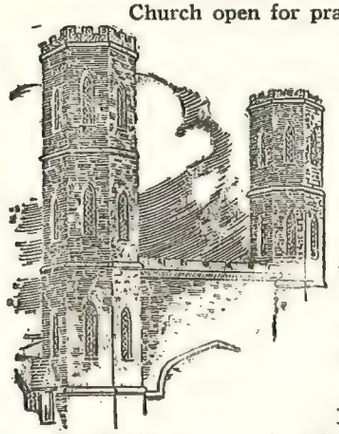
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Processional Hymn 276 .....*Nun Danket*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 107, 1-9, Page 476

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The Anthem: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" .....*Whitlock*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory! What God's Almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth: within the Kingdom of His might all is just, and all is right; to God all power and glory. Then all my joyful way along I sing aloud Thy praises, that men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises: be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body bear your part! To God all praise and glory!

The Sermon: "THE ASCENSION" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 101 .....*Kingsfold*

Recessional Hymn 355, Omit stanzas 4 & 5 .....*Coronation*

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SOMEONE TO LOVE

God does more than cut a window in your blank wall of hopelessness. He puts a *view* out there, beautiful and exciting. You see wonders going on, out your window—whether it be the transforming of the landscape from Winter's sleep to Spring's overflowing life, or the transforming of people from sleep-walkers to miracle-workers, how does He put this eternal Spring scene outside your window?

His greatest way is through His Word, the Bible. There you read of the mighty acts of God. You read it every day—as regularly as you work and eat and sleep. You read it with zest—as you eat your favorite dishes. Perhaps you are young enough in spirit to buy a wonderful new translation of the New Testament (like J. B. Phillips), and the old story becomes alive and real. You look out through the window of its pages, and see something that changes your whole life to new hope and new power.

For instance, you are reading the Gospel according to John. And you come to the moment when Jesus hangs on the Cross, nailed there by the soldiers, up against such a wall of hopelessness that He can cry out, "My God, My God, why did you forsake Me?" But now He looks out through His window over the sink, remembers His Father's faithfulness, and His power to work saving wonders through the power of love. He sees two of the loneliest people you can imagine, Mary and John. His mother, who has never quite understood her strange and wonderful Son, who even thought Him out of His mind, but kept on loving Him—now sees Him dying in apparent disgrace and failure. He sees John, that lovable, thoughtful young man who was Jesus' most intimate human friend; John, with all his hopes of the Kingdom in ruins, his best Friend dying a criminal's death. What could He do for those two heartbroken, lonely people?

"Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved standing by her side, and said to her, "Look, there is your son!" And then He said to the disciple, "And there is your mother!" And from that time the disciple took Mary into his own home." Do you see the wonder of what Jesus did? He gave each of the lonely people *someone to love.* He did not solve the problem in the world's way, by providing for each someone to take care of them. He met the deeper need of every child of God—*someone for me to take care of, and love, and comfort.*

If you are lonely—and discouraged about it—believe that God can do for you what He did for Mary and John. Look out your faith-window over the sink, and see that scene, with God meeting Mary and John's need. Then let God tell you, in your prayers, who needs you, needs some practical act of love on your part. As He looks down from His Cross, He will speak to you, as He did to the lonely ones of old, "Look, there is your friend, who needs you!"

VESTRY

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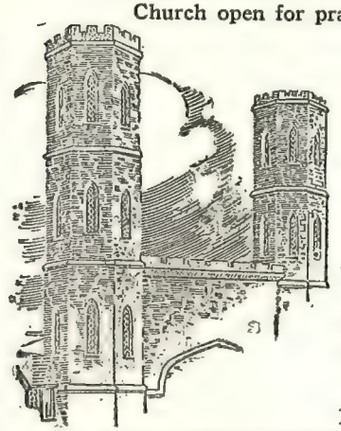
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The Prelude: "In Paradise" ..... *Mullet*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—To pray for the coming of God's Kingdom is to dedicate yourself to the task of bringing it about. The first duty is to bring your own personal life into conformity with the principles of the Kingdom, then to use your God-given talents in His service. Lord, help us to make our prayers genuine and not a mere repetition of words. Amen.

Processional Hymn 352 ..... *Diademata*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9, Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 139:1-16, Page 514

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" ..... *Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. O blest are they that dwell in Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore.

The Sermon: "THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN"

THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 145 ..... *Geneva*

Massing of the Colors

Pledge to the Flag

America, 4th Verse; Hymn No. 141

Prayers and Taps

Postludium Anthem: "In Paradise" ..... *Faure*

Benediction, Sevenfold Amen

Recessional Hymn 148 ..... *Duke Street*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by: Chapter 4 and Unit 4, Military Order of the Purple Heart; The officers and members of Lt. Maxwell McKeen Brown Chapter, 63, M.O.P.H. in memory of Lt. Maxwell McKeen Brown; The Phila. Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers; The Auxiliary of Thomas Roberts Reath Marine Post 186;

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TREASURES OF THE NIGHT

For many people the night-time is full of restlessness and fear. The hours seem to drag by on leaden feet. Every small anxiety grows up to night-mare heights. Every remembrance of failure and sin seems to crowd into it. Every ache and pain seems to grow to unbearable agony. So many people face the night as a blank, dark wall. You, too?

But, one day, you may be reading your Bible with special resolution. The night, behind you, has been rather long and painful. Reading Isaiah 45, verse 3, you find God saying to the prophet, "I will give you the treasures of the night"; and you wonder, *are* there *treasures* of *the night*? Later, you may be reading Psalm 63, and you find, ". . . when I think of Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the watches of the night; for Thou hast been my help, and, in the shadow of Thy wings, I sing for joy." Or you may be in that glorious book of the Spring-time of the Christian faith, the Book of Acts. Reading Phillips' translation, you come upon the story of Paul and Silas, thrown into jail, and locked in an inner cell, their feet securely fastened in the stocks:

"But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God while the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earth quake, big enough to shake the foundations of the prison. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone's chains were unfastened." You read that exciting story until you find, at the end, that the jailor and all his family are converted. When God found Paul and Silas singing songs of praise at midnight, He could use those night hours to give freedom, not only to the praisers-of-God, but to the jailor and the other prisoners, who had listened. What a glorious "window over the sink" that Bible passage gives to every sleepless person!

For the night hours have their special opportunities. As Stanley Jones has put it, "I have learned to turn the wakeful period of the night into a listening post. I ask the Father if He has anything to say to me." And he goes on to tell how God invites the sleepless ones to give their burdens to Him, their problems for Him to solve in His way, their self-pity for Him to consume—and then, out of their thankfulness, to sing "songs at midnight", as Paul and Silas did.

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At the U. T. O. presentation service at the Valley Forge Military School Chapel on May 17th Mrs. Ruth Leithead, our Parish U. T. O. Custodian, presented $282.98 from 65 contributors.

The Rector will speak at the 5 P.M. service at St. Philip's Church, 215 W. 133rd Street, New York on May 29th. This is the largest Parish in the Episcopal Church, with 3,572 Communicants.

St. Stephen's is having a face lifting! Instead of being a brown stone Church we find after sand-blasting that the stone is white! This has been part of a program of extensive repairs to the exterior of the Church which has been taking place this past month.

A new silk American Flag with fifty stars presented to the Church by Mr. Arthur C. Comby and Mr. Albert Sheehan will be dedicated on Sunday at the eleven o'clock service.

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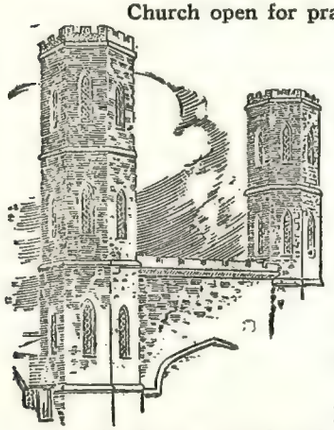
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Processional Hymn 370 ..... *Graefenburg*
Kyrie, 714 ..... *Oldroyd*
The Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost (Text: Hymn No. 217) ..... *Thiman*
Sermon: "POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 108 ..... *Grace Church*
Sanctus, 736 ..... *Lutkin*
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
Gloria in Excelsis, 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
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—Mrs. W. C. K. (Runnemede, N. J.)

The Rector will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, at 7:30 P.M. Sunday evening.

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THE MISERIES

Paul was on his way to Rome. His enemies had hauled him into court, hating this tower of strength who had turned from killing Christians to lifting up Christ as the Savior. They bring him before the Roman court, for they want a death-sentence. As in the case of Jesus, the Jews had to ask the Roman over-Lord to sentence people to death. Paul declares that he has committed no offence against the Jewish law, or against the Temple, or against Caesar, and appeals to the Emperor, to be tried in Rome. As a Roman citizen Paul had that right. The trip to Rome had been long and hard. Paul had gone through storm and ship-wreck, and had undergone the heavy burdens of loneliness, with no kindred spirit for a companion. The Phillips translation says:

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The older translation has it—"He thanked God and took courage."

The old Negro plantation expression for deep discouragement is, "I'se got de miseries." We all know the "miseries"—how we sink into self-sympathizing, resentful protest, sad shrugging of the shoulders, or just "enjoying trouble." One drifts into it so easily. But it isn't as easy to get out of it—to see through the blank wall of "miseries", until one learns the secret.

Paul reveals it. He had been discouraged and exhausted. Into his black gloom came a ray of light, a few welcoming Christian brothers, so Paul immediately "thanked God, and took courage." The way out of gloom is to thank God immediately. And any human being who has done some living, and can remember the years behind, can at least find real reasons to thank God by looking back. Most of us can find plenty of reasons for praising Him, just in the last day or two. God's goodness is so amazing. This becomes "A window over the sink" for many. As soon as they begin to feel the "miseries" coming on, they stop, and begin to remember real reasons for thanking God. In a very short time their spirits begin to rise, as St. Paul's did. They find so many reasons to thank Him for His boundless Love.

A wonderful way to end a day—in those last moments before you sleep—is to see how many reasons for thanking God you can find in the past day. Just name them over, as they come to you, and say, "Thank you, God," for each one. What is more, You will find yourself waking in the morning with His praise on your lips—a wonderful way to start the day!

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It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.
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Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I'm a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, If I bring them.
It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a Church with noble spirit—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my Church to be.

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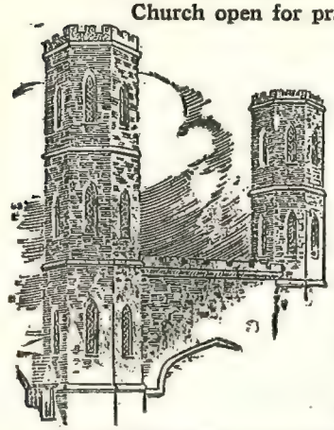
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The Prelude: Chorale in B Minor .....*Franck*

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Processional Hymn 266 .....*Nicaea*

Psalm 62, page 413

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 .....*Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Praise" .....*Rowley*

To the Master of music and loveliness: Praise, power, dominion for ever. To the Lord of the Word of Creation be praise, power, dominion for ever. To the Master of movement, color and light: Praise, power, dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise. To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of love: to the Artist of life, to the Greatest and Least: Praise. For He is the greatest upon His high throne, And He was the Least as the Child of a maiden: Praise, then, to Jesus whose mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee: Give us Thyself both in time and eternity. Offering all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty, Praise, power, dominion forever!

The Sermon: "THE MEANING OF THE TRINITY" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 271 .....*Moscow*

Recessional Hymn 267 .....*Regent Square*

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We wish to express our thanks to Mrs. Scott P. Shaw for her recent contribution to this project.

JESUS' TONE OF VOICE

In one of Rudyard Kipling's best stories, "The Village that Voted the Earth was Flat", four distinguished men are out driving in the country and they are stopped by a local constable for speeding. Just as he tells them they will have to pay a fine, the squire of the village drives up, and pours out a series of sarcastic and insulting remarks. As the four men start back to the city, sizzling with indignation, one of them remarks, "It wasn't what he said—it was his Tone Of Voice!"

That is true. Actually, I can with a smile in my voice suggest to a friend that he go to regions more tropical than this one, and he will laugh with me. I can address the identical words, in anger, to a man, and he may knock me down! It is not what we say—it *is* our Tone of Voice.

In his Gospel, Mark says of Jesus, "For He taught them as one who had authority, and not as the Scribes." The Scribes spoke out of a parrot-religion, words learned by rote out of a book, with their proud, cool minds. There was no warmth for God or man in their voices. But Jesus spoke deep out of His heart, out of His glowing love for His Father, His powerful compassion for stumbling people. Even in His printed words, without the physical sound of His speech, we can still catch His passion of love for the littlest and humblest. So His tone of voice drew men close to Him,—as sheep respond to the shepherd's call. After Jesus had gone, crowds gathered around the disciples, because it was the Risen Jesus, in their hearts, who spoke to them. His voice, in them, "spoke with authority"; as it does today, through those who welcome Him into their hearts.

Your tone of voice comes out of what fills your heart. Because Jesus' heart was filled with a mighty compassion, His voice had healing power. In Kipling's story, the squire's voice was filled with arrogance and sarcasm, so it made the men very angry. "The Kingdom of God is within you." If Jesus is King over your inner world of plans, aims and desires, then your tone of voice will be *His*. At times you may forget to keep Him on the throne, and your voice will no longer sound like His, and you will hurt a friend, repel a stranger,—until He is back on the throne of your heart.

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—Evelyn O'Rear (Phila.)

The Rector will preach in Christ Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., Friday night, and at the University of the South, Sewanee, on Saturday, June 18th.

BURD DAY

The Annual Burd School Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 12th at 2:30 P.M., at 4226 Baltimore Ave. Everyone is invited.

We wish to thank Eva Hansen for her contribution to the work of the Benevolent Society.

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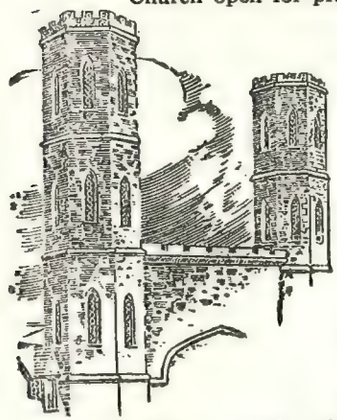
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The Prelude: Devotion ..... *Bossi*

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Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 96, Page 459

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Blessed, He ..... *Franck*

Blessed he, who from earth's dreams awaking, turns his heart from worldly pride; who every other joy forsaking, of wealth the golden fetters breaking, treasures of heav'n spreads around on every side. Then when the awful trumpet soundeth, let him rejoice! Blessed is he, in whom God's grace and love aboundeth, angels for him heav'n's gates fling open wide.

The Sermon: "WASTED EFFORT?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 288 ..... *Hanover*

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For more than fifteen years, "Forth" has been published eleven times a year for not more than two dollars a subscription. During the same years printing and paper costs have risen spectacularly. Accordingly a new price schedule will go into effect on April 1st. The regular one-year subscription will cost $3.00; a two-year subscription, $5.00.

For these new rates The Episcopalian plans to offer its readers twelve issues each year instead of eleven, a larger magazine, and some color.

GOD'S LOVE NEVER FAILS

There are times when we think, "How many things we need!" We grow impatient over what we lack, and we are even doubtful about God's goodness. But Joel Goldsmith asks whether we are "those who must receive", or whether we are "that center from which the infinity of God flows out." He comes to the conclusion that "God's grace is our sufficiency in all things. We do not need anything in the world except His grace."

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But some sincere seeker says, "But I don't *feel* any sense of God's presence. I'm not sure that He *is* there." What then? Many have found that you feel God's presence only when you are honestly trying to do what pleases Him. If you can say to Him "Thy will be done", as Jesus did, then, and then only, will you begin to feel the certainty of His presence within you. You stop wanting others to supply your needs, looking to your neighbors or relatives to help you get the things you want. You just do your part and *abide* in Him, as Jesus taught in that marvelous 15th Chapter of John.

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When you know *that,* that in the long run God's love never fails, then you are wealthier than those who are loaded with money. You have all that you need, for yourself and for others; and you always will—because God dwells in your heart.

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"Christ's Faithful Soldier And Servant".

April 16th—Harry Lyster
April 24th—Harold R. Britton

Burials

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

December 21st—Kathryn Wurster
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January 15th—Harry J. Hauger
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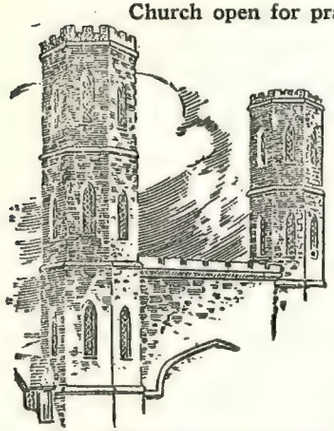
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The Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 119:XIV, XV, Page 497

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The Anthem: "Sing To The Lord" ..... *Tye*

Sing to the Lord in joyful strain, let earth resound His praise, Ye who amidst the ocean dwell, and fill the isles around. Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song, Let all combined with one accord, the cheerful notes prolong.

The Sermon: ..... The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer

Offertory Hymn 556 ..... *St. Andrew of Crete*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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Memorial flowers were presented last Sunday in memory of James P. Sullivan, Sr. and William A. Degen, Sr., by Mr. & Mrs. William A. Degen.

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Dear Dr. Price:—Last August I wrote to ask the prayers of your Fellowship for Dorothy who was at that time a patient in a Psychiatric Sanitarium. Now, thanks to you and your wonderful Prayer Group, the prayers have been answered. Dorothy is at home with her family, and is bright and happy and cheerful.—B. M. S. (Phila.)

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3rd—King's Daughters Fund
10th—Mr. David Magee in memory of his wife
Miss Ann Snow in memory of her father, Alfred L. Snow and sister, Emma
14th—Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of Charles Beck
17th—The Mary McEwen Fund in memory of Mary McEwen and son, Walter
24th—Mr. James K. Lewis in memory of his family

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7th—Mr. Samuel Ellinger in memory of Katherine H. Lewis
14th—Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her mother
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28th—Miss Fannie Sackett in memory of Miss Matilda Maulsby

Full length feature films will be presented in St. Stephen's Community House on Wednesdays at 7:45 P.M. during the Summer months. We hope many members of St. Stephen's will come out to see these pictures. They are free. Refreshments will be sold. Beginning June 29th.

Volunteer pianist wanted for group singing of hymns and ballads. Apply Wednesdays at St. Stephen's Community House after 7:30 P.M.

SUMMER SERVICES

During August while the Rector is vacationing in Kennebunkport, Maine, the Sunday services will be under the direction of the Rev. Robert H. Stetler, Rector of St. Alban's Church, Roxboro. Mr. Stetler will celebrate the Holy Communion on Fridays at 12:30 P.M.

Mr. Arthur C. Comby, our Lay Reader will preach at the Wednesday noonday services and read Evening Prayer at 5:30 P.M.

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The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing at the 11 O'Clock service on the five Sundays in July.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Barbara A. Martelli who received the highest average in Bartram High School and has been awarded a four year full scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania along with five other awards.

The Rector's daughter, Evelyn, who is majoring in French at the University of North Carolina, has matriculated at Magill University, Montreal, for the Summer course in French.

The Rector will preach and conduct Healing Services in nine Churches in the Island of Barbados June 26th-July 1st. He will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, July 3rd at 7:30 P.M.

The Rector will lecture at a Conference sponsored by the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross at Adelynrood, South Byfield, Mass., July 11th-14th, inclusive. He will lecture at the Summer School of "The Association For Research And Enlightenment" at Virginia Beach, July 25th-29th, inclusive, and conduct a Healing Mission in the afternoons at Galilee Church, Virginia Beach.

Our Ushers for the summer months:

July 3 —Charles K. Hay
July 10—Edwin S. Heins
July 17—Wilson C. Leithead
July 24—James O. Lyman
July 31—Frederick Schmidt, Jr.
August 7 —J. Lewis Armstrong
August 14—Elmer S. Carll
August 21—Clarence T. Garrett, Jr.
August 28—David L. German, Sr.

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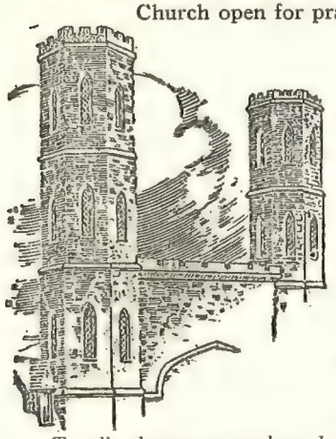
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INVITATION

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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins".—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Ave Verum ..... *Titcomb*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow, to that of the day? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him because He careth for you." We confess, heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right Spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy wisdom and goodness. For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*
Kyrie, Hymnal No. 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: O Lamb of God ..... *Oldroyd*
The Sermon: God-Centered Living ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 560 ..... *Pentecost*
Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*
Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*
Gloria In Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*

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Dear Dr. Price:—At the first Poconos "Faith At Work" Conference in 1956 you prayed with my mother and me. After I returned home a chronic eye infection cleared completely. I have had four wonderful years free of sickness. At the recent "Faith At Work" Conference I was again in your healing line. My mother and I both experienced a feeling of warmth like a healing light as you placed your hands on our heads. You mentioned it was a time of re-commitment. After the service we both were completely drained of energy. It was as if our lives had gone out, making way for Christ to live His life in us.—S. W. (Binghamton, N. Y.)

IMPROVEMENT FUND

To celebrate our 135th Anniversary we set out to air condition the Church and two office rooms, to clean the marble and paint the interior of the Church and Parish House, and to improve the lighting and tile the floor of the pews. To finance this project we asked our members and friends to underwrite the expense during the next three years coming.

We wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation a gift toward this project from Mrs. Anne E. Weisman.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

There come moments to every one of us when we are at our wits' end. Life has cornered us. Our backs are to the wall. We are helpless, confused, ashamed. We are stuck!

A moment like that once came to a crowd of men. They were "devout men," pillars of society. Peter, filled with God's Spirit, had told them that they were murderers. They had crucified God's own Son, sent by His Father to free mankind from the slavery of sin. They were "cut to the heart," sore with guilt, at their wits' end, and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" They were stuck.

Stanley Jones points out: "Their question gathers up in itself all the cries from the heart of man since the dawn of creation as man finds himself caught between the moral law and his wrong actions. They saw as in a flash that, in being part of the crucifixion of Jesus, they had sinned grievously, were off on the wrong track, and had run straight into God."

Right now it may be that you feel cornered, hemmed in by your own sins. You may be asking, "What shall I *do?*" Old age has me by the throat,—what shall I do? That last illness cleaned out my savings—what shall I do? My wife and I don't get on, and I make life hell for her—what shall I do? I've been imprisoned in a wheelchair for 10 years, and I feel so sorry for myself that I don't really *care* about other people any more—what shall I do? I relish dirty stories and dirty jokes, and I know it isn't right—what shall I do? I spend long evenings watching TV, when part of those evenings should go to writing letters and doing chores for my wife—what shall I do? I enjoy passing on gossipy yarns about other people, and I told a mean one the other day that was not true at all—what shall I do?

That is why we have Churches. Because, in Jesus, we have the answer to every one of these questions. In Him is the answer to the age old question, "What shall we do?"

All through this coming winter we shall be letting Jesus speak to us, showing us His joyful, amazing secrets that give us the real answer. For those who keep close to Him, nothing is impossible. He alone can show us the fullness of life! He alone can tell us what to do!

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

St. Stephen's will be host to the 5th International Conference of the Order of St. Luke the Physician September 11th through the 14th. The Rector is the Warden of the Order of St. Luke, which is a non-Monastic Order for those within the Church who feel impelled to make the ministry of healing a part of their vocation. The Order embraces two classes of members: (1) Clergy members, including Bishops and Clergy who desire to promote the healing ministry as a regular part of the pastoral office; in the field of evangelism through parochial missions with an emphasis on healing; and by Clergy functioning as hospital Chaplains. (2) Lay Members, including those conscious of a special vocation or aptitude in this ministry and desirous of developing their talent, such as physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, nurses, others who minister to the sick, and those able to make special contribution to the healing ministry.

The Rev. Lewis Maclachlan, Chairman of the Church's Ministry of Healing in the Presbyterian Church of England; Editor of "The Presbyterian Messenger" will be our headliner. Mrs. Emily Gardiner Neal, of Pittsburgh, author of "A Reporter Finds God Through Spiritual Healing" and "You Can Be Healed Now", will give three addresses. Mrs. Ethel Banks of San Diego, Editor of "Sharing" Magazine will be a speaker. The Rev. Clinton J. Kew, of the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, will give three addresses. Other distinguished leaders in the field of Spiritual Healing will speak; such as Dr. William S. Reed, of Michigan; Dr. Clyde Dalrymple, of Little Rock, the Rev. William N. Beachy, M.D. of Kansas City; the Rev. Leopold W. Bernhard of Chicago; the Rev. Frank A. Downing of Baltimore; the Rev. John H. Parke of Newport Beach, California; the Rev. Dr. Richard Lief of Los Angeles, and Mr. Walter W. Dwyer of Dennis, Mass.

Anyone interested in the Ministry of Spiritual Healing is welcome to attend the four day Conference.

Our "Thank You" to these Bulletin subscribers, whose gifts toward the expense of publishing our Weekly Bulletin have been received since our last issue at the end of June: Mrs. Walter Boon, Sr., Suzy Hamblen, Eva Hansen, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, William Wilkie, Mrs. Minnie S. Wilson.

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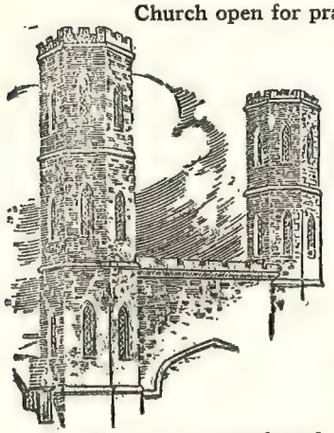
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The Prelude: Now Thank We All Our God ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A condition for Kingdom entrance requirements is the sharing of religious experience with others. Let this be today's resolve: "I shall speak with someone today concerning the value I have received from being a child of God. I will tell what the Lord has done for me." Our Father in heaven, we praise Thee for the holy voices through which Thou hast spoken to us. We, too, would place ourselves at Thy disposal, that others, hearing us, may receive our witness concerning Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through it experience anew, fellowship with Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*

The Venite, page 9 in the Prayer Book; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 57, page 409

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14

THE REV. CANON SAMUEL E. PURDY, American Cathedral, Paris, France

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 10:1-24

THE REV. BERNARD MARTIN, Chaplain, O.S.L., Geneva, Switzerland

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

Hymn after 3rd Collect, "Lord of All Life" ..... *St. Peter*

Anthem: God's Peace is Peace Eternal ..... *Grieg*

God's peace is peace eternal, here discords all our joys displace; we wage a war infernal, and gentle mercy finds no place. Life is our time of trial now, before the Judge we all must bow. God merciful and kind will shield us, and from the evil set us free; He knoweth when to sin we yield us, the path we follow recklessly. He will the poorest soul release, who turns from sin to heaven's peace.

The Sermon, THE REV. LEWIS MACLACHLAN, Chairman, The Church's Ministry of Healing in the Presbyterian Church of England; Editor of "The Presbyterian Messenger."

Offertory Hymn 278—See Special Insert.

Recessional Hymn—"The Gospel Life is Flowing" ..... *Maillard*

Postlude, Chaconne ..... *Couperin*

Three Trumpet Players: Michael D. Buglio, Bruce Herring, Thomas McBride

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Chief Usher for today is Mr. Hugo Hanson.

4:00 P. M.—Reception in the Community House.
7:30 P. M.—Addresses by the Rev. Lewis Maclachlan and Mrs. Emily Gardner Neal.

HEALING CONFERENCE

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the Order of St. Luke The Physician and to the many interested people who are attending our four day Conference on Spiritual Healing. We hope everyone will enter into the joy and inspiration of these days ahead. We are extremely indebted to the Leaders of this Conference. The Rev. Lewis Maclachlan has come to us from England. The Rev. Bernard Martin is our Chaplain from Switzerland. The Rev. Alex Holmes our Chaplain from Canada. Mrs. Emily Gardner Neal has written two inspiring books and is working on the third, is giving a series of important lectures. To Mrs. Ethel T. Banks, whose most able editorship of "Sharing" Magazine since its inception has made it the unquestioned leader in the whole field, we give a hearty welcome. The Rev. Clinton J. Kew of the American Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry will give three important lectures. Pastor Leopold W. Bernhard, Chairman of the Lutheran Church's Commission on Spiritual Healing and Anointing will give two lectures. The Rev. William Beachy, M.D. of St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, the Rev. John H. Parke, Newport Beach, California, the Rev. Canon Richard Lief, D.D. of Los Angeles, the Rev. Frank Downing of Baltimore and William S. Reed, M.D., Surgeon of Michigan will give lectures. To Mrs. Nelle Cook, who will be in charge of the "Books", and the many others whose contributions to this Conference are so important, we want to say, "Thank you."

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia is one of the great medical centers of the world and the home of the first hospital in America. The city is rich in historical tradition. The birthplace of freedom and liberty.

We sincerely welcome the delegates to this Conference and hope that inspiration and greater knowledge will be your reward for being here.

Members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the O.S.L., wearing their distinctive badge, will serve as ushers, and they are prepared to help our visitors in every way possible. They will have the registration cards, and name badges, the Breakfast and Supper tickets, the information for those who wish to be inducted into the O.S.L. on Tuesday at 5 P.M., etc.

The wash room facilities for women are in the business office of the Parish House and the first floor of the Community House. The men's wash room is in the basement of the Community House.

Most of the restaurants and eating places around the Church are closed on Sundays; for our out-of-town friends we would suggest Horn and Hardart Cafeteria on Market street near 12th, next to Reading Terminal. The dining room at the Ben Franklin Hotel, Chestnut at 9th, is very fine.

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Dear Dr. Price: An old friend of mine, Doctor Robert Ford Neal, passed through Dallas recently, and I could not help but note the tremendous impact upon his life and practice of medicine that has been made, according to his own enthusiastic confession, by his association with the Order of St. Luke. Bob suggested that I write to you concerning more information about the Order and its purposes and aims with a view toward possible association therewith on my part if I were accepted. For a number of years I have been very active in Christian Medical Society.

—C. James Kraft, M.D. (Dallas, Texas)

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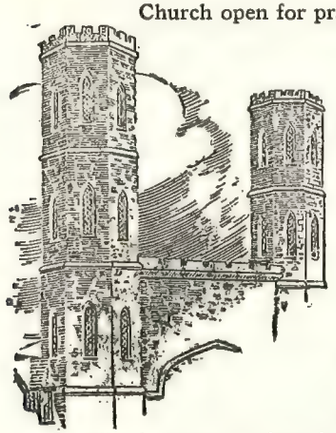
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The Prelude: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" ..... *Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men; He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hate and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man could commit. He, who was pure, would have us watch our words and deeds, so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

The Venite, page 9 in the Prayer Book; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 90, Page 453

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

Anthem: "O Lord Most Holy" ..... *Franck*

O Lord most holy, most mighty; O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee and love Thee; Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee; And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid O send us in mercy. Show us Thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

The Sermon: "The Golden Calf" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 393 ..... *St. Catherine*

Recessional Hymn 355 (Omit stanzas 4 & 5) ..... *Coronation*

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TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE LOVED

In his book "Christian Maturity", E. Stanley Jones tells a story of Rags, a lovable airedale dog. After being missed for three days, someone heard his faint barking, and located him at the bottom of a 50 foot dry well. A man was lowered into the well, and Rags was found uninjured, but weak from hunger. As the man put Rags into a sack, something brushed against his leg. It was a large rabbit that had also fallen into the well. So the man put the rabbit into the sack with Rags, and the sack was pulled up—but the rabbit fell out. Once at the top, Rags eagerly welcomed the food and water they gave him. But when his master called Rags to come home with him, the dog would not budge. He kept looking down into the well. So someone went down and brought up the rabbit. Rags sniffed him happily, and then willingly trotted home with his master.

What made Rags so lovable? Simply because he was *not content to be saved alone*. There are people like Rags—and they are the salt of the earth. They are called Christians. They are not content to enjoy anything by themselves. Their joy is in sharing their treasures, their freedom, with others.

Christians learned this secret of joy from their Master. Looking up to Him, dying on the Cross, His enemies scoffed, "He saved others, Himself He cannot save." And they were right. It was not in the nature of Jesus to be able to save His own life. His deep desire was to share God's Love with others, and to pour it out to them until they would accept it and be refreshed. Then they could sing out, joyfully, "We know that we have crossed the frontier from death to life because we do love our brothers." They were no longer content to be saved, just themselves. Their lives were so radiant with Love that the old pagan world could not resist them and their Christ. Hosts of people were drawn to Jesus by their boundless capacity for Love.

Winfred Rhoades died last year. He was a warrior for Christ against sickness, and loneliness, and despair. In middle age he fell in love, with all his heart and mind and spirit, and for nearly twenty years, he and Edith lived richly together. He left behind him a sheaf of poems, most of it sonnet-tributes to her. And the greatest tribute he paid her was to her power to love, her apparently boundless capacity to bless him with her caring, her understanding, her sharing of all that is beautiful. He wrote of her, "To love is your distinction", and he portrayed her as saying, "I do not think that anyone loves more to love than I". One day, he pictured their dog, lying by the fire, saying a great truth in homely words:

"It's good to be fed,
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It's good to be walked,
It's good to be loved—
And bestest of all
To *know* that you're loved."

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Dear Dr. Price: I want to thank you and your Prayer Fellowship for all your prayers in behalf of my brother who is in the Norristown State Hospital. He is so much improved and is to be released this month. I feel it was just through prayer that he has been healed. I do thank God for blessing and healing him.—Mrs. D. H. (Danville, Pa.)

We extend hearty congratulations to Miss Carol Austin, a graduate of our Burd School, who was graduated from St. John's Episcopal Hospital School of Nursing, Brooklyn, on September 8th.

This past Summer the interior of the Community House and the Rectory in Cynwyd were painted and redecorated. The physical fabric of the Church is now in wonderful condition.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Howard Corning, Eva Hansen.

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KEEP SCORE ON YOUR WORRIES

Some of us would do well to emulate the woman who realized that her fears were ruining her life, so she made for herself a "worry table." In tabulating her worries she discovered these figures:

40% — will never happen; anxiety is the result of a tired mind.
30% — about old decisions which I cannot alter.
12% — others' criticism of me, mostly untrue, made by people who feel inferior.
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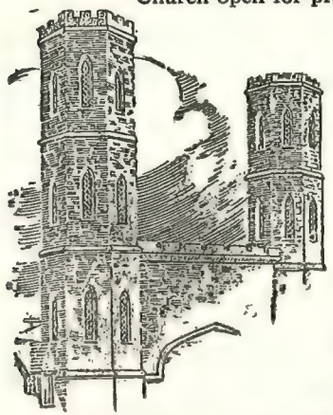
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Adagio .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Only those who approach God in the right spirit can truly worship Him. If we seek to live as in the sight of the Eternal, we experience a great joy and find it easy to serve Him on the pathway of life. Temptations will be overcome and our constant Communion with God will be a blessing unto us. O God, grant us a double portion of Thy Spirit, and the true motive. Use us as instruments in Thy hand to spiritualize life in our own circle of friends. Make us faithful to all that is fine and noble. Amen.

Processional Hymn 555 .....*Heath*

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The Anthem: I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes .....*Sowerby*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy Keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve the going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

The Sermon: "LARGER THAN LIFE" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 563 .....*St. Dunstan's*

Recessional Hymn 562 .....*Webb*

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Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Mrs. Madeline Keller and her devoted Committee who were responsible for the refreshments and reception in the Community House during the afternoons of the Conference when over eleven hundred people were served with an appetizing plate, and 175 were served with a dinner on Tuesday evening.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

We have been speaking of putting Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, as Lord, and serving Him as Master; and so living in His Way that everything fits, and makes sense. But someone asks, "How do I do this? It sounds grand, like learning to sing, but how do I do it? Isn't it something only a few gifted saints can master?"

The answer is found in the New Testament. There we find puzzled pagans exclaiming, "See how these Christians love each other!" And the Christians were run-of-the-mill people, house-wives and husbands, laborers, shop keepers. The pagans could not fathom where this amazing Love came from, this Love that could even have a loving concern for strangers and enemies.

John summed it up, "Beloved, let us love one another, *for love is of God." That* is where Love comes from—not from our small spirits, but by making room in our hearts for the Risen Christ, and letting Him love others through us. We no longer groan and strain and squeeze out a few drops of love. We have accepted Him as Lord of life; and we *let* Him love, even difficult people, through us, out of His infinite store of Love. But how?

First, by being honest, and acknowledging that we shall make plenty of mistakes. We shall forget, and trust ourselves, sometimes; and then fail, just as the early Christians did. But then, instead of being discouraged and sulky, we will quickly trust Him again, and sincerely let Him live and work and love in us.

Fenelon once put it practically and simply: *"Cheered by the Presence of God, I will do, each moment, without anxiety, according to the strength He shall give me, the work His providence assigns me."*

Elizabeth Gray Vining (who tutored the crown prince of Japan and wrote "Windows for the Crown Prince") says that she once memorized these words of Fenelon's. At moments of tension and anxiety she would repeat them, and thus find God's strength to go ahead in His power. Try this, yourself. It works, because it turns you away from your own weakness to God's power in you.

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Mrs. James Lewis' Bible Class in the Community House will begin the Fall season on Sunday, September 25th, at 4 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAYS AT ST. STEPHEN'S

The Fall Series of full length motion pictures for elderly persons continue throughout the year. There is no charge to elderly persons to see these pictures. A small charge is made for refreshments you purchase.

During the Summer months these fine motion pictures were well received, and many attended. We are expecting greater results this Fall, and hope all the elderly persons of St. Stephen's will attend.

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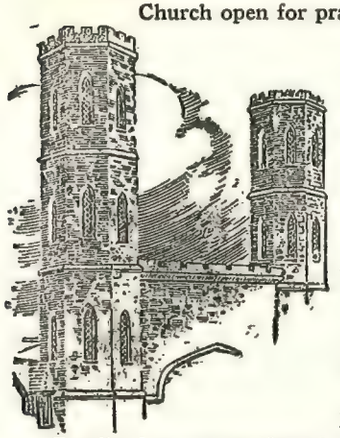
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Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Sine Nomine*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: "Let All The World in Every Corner Sing" ..... *Thiman*
(Text of the anthem: Hymn No. 290)
The Sermon: "WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD".. The Rector
Offertory Hymn 213 ..... *St. Agnes*
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BATTLE-GROUND OF LIFE

As you read history, you discover that the winning commanders are those who knew WHERE to attack.

The Scribes and Pharisees attacked Jesus because He broke their traditional rules about eating. They made their battle-ground of external churchly matters of washing and eating. Jesus said to them, "There is nothing outside of you that can dirty your soul. What matters is what goes on *inside* you—the pride and lust that grows within, and then comes out in hurtful speech or act." Jesus was teaching them that the great battle-ground of men is in their hearts and minds. It is *within us* that we win or lose the battle of life.

Hannah Hurnard puts it in Jesus' Spirit—"All sin begins in the thoughts . . . Love begins in the will." We are to follow Jesus, and become like Him, we must turn our attention inward, and ask God to help in overcoming our inner enemies. Paul writes, out of his hard-won experience, "For our fight is not against any physical enemy . . . we are up against the unseen power which controls this dark world . . ." (Phillips' translation).

It is so much easier to think that the enemy is something visible, external — a broken hip, which keeps me in bed; my difficult husband or wife; my lonely home on a distant road; my heavy, uninteresting job; my loss of a dear one; my blindness. These are all grievous difficulties, and hard to bear. But everyone of them has been joyfully overcome by those who knew that the battle is won or lost in the human heart. Those who believe that "Jesus is Lord", and live by that belief, find victory, and show forth that "with God, all things are possible."

I have been reading an account of Shackleton's fabulous antarctic expedition in 1915. It is a breath-taking story. All the outer forces of nature again and again seemed to combine to crush them. But Shackleton was a great leader. He knew that the real battle was within the spirit of a man—a matter of morale, thought, of knowing (like Elisha) that "those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

This is true of *you*. No matter what your enemy is, God is stronger! If you trust Him, and let Him be God, your inner life will be strong and joyful. You will be able to smile quietly in the face of your old enemy, and put him to flight. People will wonder how you do it. Perhaps they will ask you how you won the victory, and you will tell them the secret, and they will start on the highway of victory themselves!

The Rector will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, tonight at 7:30 P.M. He will preach on Tuesday evening at the Bacon Memorial Church, Niagara Falls and conduct a Day Apart Retreat for 15 Denominational groups on Wednesday. He will conduct a Healing Service Wednesday evening in St. George's Church, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada.

REPAYMENT

Some 80 years ago, a Scotsman of poor means was walking near his home when he saw a boy dangerously mired in a bog, and rescued him. The lad turned out to be the son of a nobleman, who offered money to the Scotsman. The Scotsman refused. The nobleman then offered to rear and educate the Scotsman's son and both shook hands on the bargain.

In time, the Scotsman's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School. His name is Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin.

During the war, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia, but lived because of penicillin. He is Sir Winston Churchill.

During a fire in the night, the tenants of an apartment hotel rushed into the street with their most prized possessions. One woman noticed that the gentleman who lived directly above her was carrying a large covered bird cage.

"What have you there?" she asked curiously.

"That's my pet rooster," answered the man.

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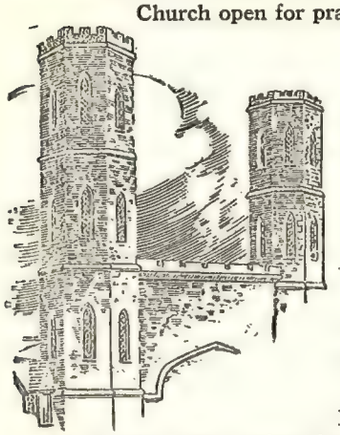
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Fantasia .....*Pachelbel*

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Processional Hymn 367 .....*Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 46, Page 397

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book Page 10; Chants No. 613 & 617

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 644

The Anthem: "Blessed Are All They That Fear the Lord" .....*Sowerby*

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in His ways. For thou shall eat the labors of thine hands: O well is thee, and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house; thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

The Sermon: "THE DANGER OF HOME" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 422 .....*Erie*

Recessional Hymn 557 .....*St. Gertrude*

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—Mrs. E. B. (Malvern, Pa.)

THE GLORIOUS VICTORY ROAD

An honest person like yourself may say, "I want to follow Jesus Christ. But, when my special temptation strikes me, I forget about it, until it is all over. It happens again and again. What can I do about it?"

Fenelon, that great adventurer of the soul, tells us clearly what we can do about temptation. First, we can make ready for it, . . . "Be faithful to the light within us, in avoiding all exposure to temptation which we are at liberty to avoid. Second, to turn our eyes to God at the moment of temptation, and throw ourselves immediately upon the protection of heaven, as a child when in danger flies to the arms of his parents."

He goes on: "The habitual conviction of the presence of God is the sovereign remedy . . . Our life is a continual warfare, but Jesus Christ combats with us. We must let temptations, like a tempest, beat upon our heads, and still move on—like a traveler surprised on his way by a storm, who wraps his cloak about him, and goes on his journey in spite of the opposing elements."

This takes practice. Last Summer, a friend of mine, hoping to improve his golf, went to a golf teacher for instructions. This shrewd Scot looked at him and quietly asked, "Do you mind if I change your grip?" That meant changing the way my friend had taken hold of his golf-club for the past 50 years, but he said, "Yes," because the old grip did not give him victory. I find the Lord asking me about my game of life, "Do you mind if I change your grip on life—especially, the way you take hold of tempting moments?"

You know what your special temptation is. You also know that certain circumstances will always open the way for that temptation. It may be your talking with a certain person. You can then pray to God, "Help me to avoid that person unnecessarily." You know other people whose friendship strengthens you against all that is unworthy. Seek out those people. In this way you are arranging strong defences against temptation. When it does strike, you can learn immediately to turn your thought to Jesus Christ, and hold it there. When you do that, your towering temptation slinks off the battle-field.

Above all, train yourself in the constant companionship of God. Each day make it an unbreakable habit to spend 15 minutes, or more, with Him, and with His Word. I strongly suggest the use of Phillips' translation of the New Testament. He translates the familiar "Abide in Me, and I in you", thus: "You must go on *growing in Me*, and I will grow in you." Go into the day thus armed, and you will find yourself on the glorious Victory Road!

A SPECIAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION is called by the Bishop to meet in Holy Trinity Church on Monday morning, November 7th at nine o'clock. The purpose of this Convention is the election of a Coadjutor Bishop. From this parish, as from all parishes, the representation will be: three lay deputies who collectively have one vote, and the Rector as clerical deputy. All deputies are asked to vote with intelligence, with utmost devotion to the highest good of the Church, and under the influence of "The Holy Spirit."

Have you accepted your invitation to the Special Service of Thanksgiving to be held at Christ Church, Philadelphia, on Sunday, October 23rd, at 3:00 P.M., and to attend the tea at Old St. Paul's Church, at 225 So. 3rd Street? The tea will be served immediately following the Service, at Old St. Paul's.

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A free parking lot on 3rd Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets midway between Christ Church and Old St. Paul's is available.

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With this issue of the Bulletin comes the Annual Appeal for funds for the work of the Benevolent Society of St. Stephen's Church. Last year, under the able leadership of Mrs. Anna W. Hauger, the Benevolent Society sent 5,577 pieces of sewing to the following hospitals: Episcopal, 236; Jefferson, 5,341.

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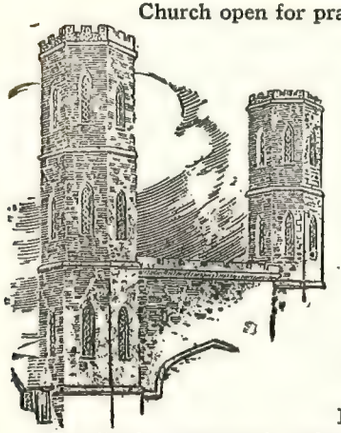
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Processional Hymn 517 ..... *Bethlehem*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 81, Page 442

First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14—Dr. Mary P. Hitner

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book Page 10; Chants No. 613 & 617

Second Lesson: St. Luke 10:1-24—Dr. Nicholas Padis

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: The Voice of Joy and Health ..... *Jannaconi*
The voice of joy and health; the voice of joy is in the dwellings of the righteous. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Hallelujah.

The Sermon: "CHRISTIANITY AND MEDICINE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 515 ..... *Albano*

Recessional Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*

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Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith, and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and nurses and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors and nurses in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body, that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of fellow has a germ than what kind of germ has a fella."—Shattuck

"'Tis not the body, but the man is ill."—Dr. Weir Mitchell

STATEMENTS BY LEADING AMERICAN DOCTORS

(In Emily Gardiner Neal's Book "GOD CAN HEAL YOU NOW")

Dr. Howard Craven, Washington, D.C.—"If we are to be honest, we have to face the truth that a large number of remarkable healings appear to be taking place without medical or surgical intervention. Many of these cannot be categorized as purely psychosomatic. Experience seems to justify the belief that spiritual healing completes the chain that welds the patient into an integrated, whole, happy, well, unit."

Dr. Albert Reissner, Brooklyn Psychoanalyst.—"More and more of us are becoming convinced of two things: First, that man is a trinity composed of body, mind and spirit; and, second, that the underlying cause of most disease is spiritual. We have observed that unless a healing of the spirit takes place, the cure of the body or mind is not apt to be either complete or permanent."

Dr. William Reed of Bay City, Michigan.—"Today there is a new awareness that in the close co-operation between the Church and medicine lies a new, great kind of care of illness that brings Christ into His proper place in the thinking and activities of both groups. We are learning through spiritual healing that Christ has a message for physicians which must be listened to."

Dr. Evarts Loomis of Southern California.—"I have noticed repeatedly in my practice that the extent of a physical healing seems to depend on the change in the spiritual life of the patient which goes with prayer and meditation. On several occasions when a patient was not making satisfactory progress, I have prayed with him either verbally or silently, whether he be Catholic or Protestant, in office, or hospital room. Almost invariably improvement has followed."

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, who conducted an investigation on spiritual healing several years ago, reported: "Christian Healing has passed beyond the stage of experiment, and its value cannot be questioned. Spiritual Healing no longer is the hope of the few, but the belief and practice of a large and rapidly increasing number of persons."

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Members of the Parish are cordially invited to attend a Service of Thanksgiving celebrating the 265 years of Christ Church in Philadelphia and the 90 years of the Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market Street, on Sunday, October 23rd, at 3 P.M.

Tea will be served immediately following the Service at Old St. Paul's, 225 S. 3rd Street.

A free parking lot on 3rd Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets is available.

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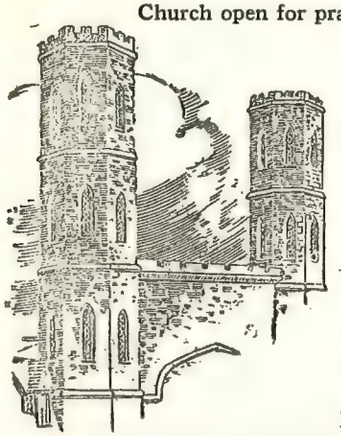
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Praeludium ..... *Buxtehude*
Sinfonia ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The Christian religion is one of joyful hope, not of helpless resignation; of ardent expectation, not of gloomy despair. This assurance comes from having "reverence for Christ in our hearts as Lord", as the modern translations put it. All questions and doubts are answered in Him. Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for that living hope which comes to us through the Resurrection of the Savior. Grant that through faith He may dwell in our hearts; and so enlighten our minds that we may help others to overcome doubts and fears. Amen.

Processional Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 111, Page 482

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 613 & No. 617, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Lord, Who Is My Guide But Thee? ..... *Schutz*

Lord, who is my guide but Thee? who is my light, who is my guide? And there is none beside Thee that I desire. My soul and body, how did they fail! But God is my strength, forever comfort of my heart; and my portion, consolation and my portion.

The Sermon: "MIRACLES DO HAPPEN" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 158 ..... *Puer Nobis*

Recessional Hymn 567 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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FOOD FOR DEVELOPMENT

Some people feel that their lives are set in hard circumstances. An elderly wife is tied to the grievous task of taking care of a very sick husband who is irritable and sometimes unappreciative. Or a young woman in her twenties, with two young children, is paralyzed below the waist by polio, and her husband takes that dark moment to desert her. Or a woman over eighty—the last of three unmarried sisters and a bachelor brother, who had lived happily together, is now left alone. You would not blame any of these three for feeling that life had dealt her a tough hand of cards!

As a matter of fact, these three are all cheerful, widely-loved people. They live with steady faith in God's grace. Like Paul, they have found it sufficient for all their needs. The elderly woman is looked up to by the whole community as her life gives testimony to the sustaining power of God. The paralyzed young woman conducts a magazine-subscription business, raises a sizable vegetable garden each Summer, teaches Sunday School, and is secretary of the local Council of Churches. The lone octogenarian goes faithfully to the Church she began attending as a girl, and her thankful heart shows forth that old age can be lighted with the beauty of Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is within us and no circumstance can defeat the life that is upheld by the grace of God.

The truth is that we can find strength in the circumstances that surround us, even if they are difficult. Howard Thurman has pointed out that the spiritual life is like a fertile egg whose embryo is surrounded by the exact nourishment needed for its development. It grows by feeding on what is right around it, thus building up the strength needed to take its way through the shell. So, likewise, this spiritual germ ("The spark of the soul within every human being") is surrounded by the exact food necessary for its development. This food consists of the circumstances in which our lives are set—the neighbors and friends, the opportunities and difficulties, the events of each day. It is hard to believe this at first, especially if your life has many difficulties. Test it yourself, by practicing it—and you will find it gloriously true.

When you start to drift into pitying yourself for some of the circumstances of your life, just picture yourself as an embryo chick. If God has the power to surround each barnyard embryo chick with just the food it needs, then He has the power to do this for you, and He *has done so.* The three people mentioned above accepted their circumstances with that faith, and, like hosts of every-day Christians, became glorious people. It works for everyone who faithfully tries it!

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE UNITED FUND

Most of us depend upon others whenever we wish to share our good fortune with those less favored. We seldom directly help individuals or families in trouble, nor provide guidance or education for those who could profit from either. This is not always what we would choose to do, but our complex society and our lack of knowledge or skill in offering our aid wisely compels us to this source of action.

In the community we can turn to over 250 agencies ministering to nearly every need of our neighbors that cannot be supplied by our Churches. We express our concern for these neighbors whenever we contribute to the United Fund Torch Drive. Without the money we give to the United Fund, many of our neighbors would suffer.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for Late Trinity may be obtained in the Church vestibule or in the office. This issue begins the 26th year of this publication of daily readings which set out to stress the world-wide mission of the Church. "The Church is not simply a little society in our own town. Our parish is one small branch of a great body that is working all over the world."

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A Mighty Fortress ..... *Buxtehude*

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Processional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 145, Page 520

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 613 & No. 617, Hymnal

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Dear Dr. Price:—Enclosed is a check for ten dollars in appreciation for the most inspired Church Bulletin I have ever read! I look forward to receiving it each week.
—N. W.

THE UNRULY MEMBER

In our battles to establish Jesus as Lord of our lives, our tongues make a great deal of difficulty. For we are sometimes tempted to speak carelessly or harmfully of others. James, in writing to the scattered Jewish people, put it clearly: ". . . If a man can control his tongue, he can control every other part of his personality . . . The human tongue is physically small, but what tremendous effect it can boast of! A whole forest can be set ablaze by a tiny spark of fire, and the tongue is as dangerous as any fire, with vast potentialities of evil. It can poison the whole body; it can make the whole of life a blazing hell." (Phillips' translation).

A French peasant woman once confessed that she had told something that was untrue about her neighbor. The old, wise priest directed, "Your penance is to take a bag of feathers and place one on every door-step in the village. Tomorrow, go out and pick them all up, and bring them back to me." The next day she returned to him. "Did you place a feather on every door-step?" he asked. "Yes, Father." "Did you go out this morning, and pick up every one, and bring them back to me?" "I went out, Father, and tried to pick them all up, but most of them had blown away, and I could not get them back." The old priest's voice was quiet but stern, as he said, "Neither can you get back the untruths you tell about other people."

Amy Carmichael tells how she and two other missionaries laid down a rule for their conversation in the house where they lived together—"We write down as a law of the house that the absent are not to be discussed to their detriment; that no belittling stories are told of anyone; nor anything said about anyone unless it passes through *the three sieves*:

"IS IT TRUE?
IS IT KIND?
IS IT NECESSARY?"

God gives these three sieves to all who accept Him as Lord over their lives. Actually, you cannot keep Him on the throne of your heart unless you possess and use them. They are part of the basic equipment of every disciple of Jesus. As you learn to use them, you will find your talk being transformed into something close to the conversation of Jesus Himself.

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—L. S. W. (Asheville, N. C.)

The Rector will participate in a Forum on Spiritual Healing in the Mount Airy Lutheran Seminary on Wednesday evening, November 2nd.

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THE EPISCOPALIAN

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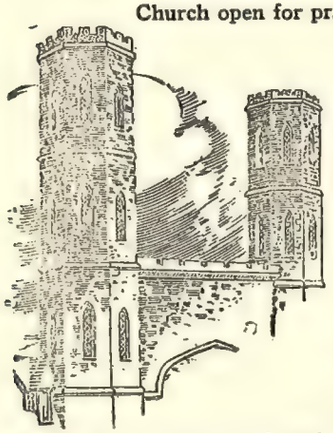
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To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins".—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "O What Their Joy" ..... *Matthews*
"Gaudeamus" ..... *Titcomb*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Perfect peace does not mean freedom from all conflicts. Where there is life there is conflict. God's Word, however, envisages a condition where man's heart is at rest while engaged in a conflict for the right. Peace within is found wherever the soul trusts God and does not stray from Him. O God, Thy peace is the peace that passeth understanding. We thank Thee for the gift of peace of which Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." Our heart desires this peace. Help us, therefore, to trust Thee for this gift. Amen.

Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sine Nomine*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: "Let Saints On Earth In Concert Sing" ..... *Titcomb*

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one. One family, we dwell in Him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death. E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before, and greet the ever-living bands on the eternal shore. Jesus, be Thou our constant Guide; then, when the word is given, Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

The Sermon: "REMEMBERING THE SAINTS" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 124 ..... *St. George*
Sursum Corda ..... *Stanford*
Sanctus ..... *Stanford*
Communion Hymn 197 ..... *Picardy*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

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Dear Dr. Price:—My husband was healed of a large form of hernia at your healing service. It was almost instantaneous. His physician has confirmed the healing. Praise the Lord! is my comment.—Mrs. E. W. S. (Douglaston, N. Y.)

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CLOUD OF WITNESSES

David had come over a rough, hard, road. Hunted by Saul, he had known dark and dangerous days. Then, at last, all the tribes of Israel came to him and made him their king. Swiftly he overcame the enemies of Israel, and reigned, secure and strong. Now he had time to think. He looked back over the years, and remembered that it was Jonathan, the son of Saul, who had led him out of weakness and peril into God's strength. "And David said, 'Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for *Jonathan's sake?*'"

We are in the Octave of All Saints' Day, when *we* look back over the years and remember those who opened for us the way of life. They are our saints, people who discovered for us the treasures of God. How rich your remembering is today, as you remember a wife or a husband with a rare talent for love; an uncle who opened your eyes to the wonder of God's creation in the wild-flowers or the stars; an aunt who made you feel at home with great music; a neighbor who loved you patiently through your awkward 'teens. You may recall parents whose faith steadied them when your brother was desperately sick; or a minister in whom you saw Jesus when you were a child. What wealth you have, "compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses"!

You may feel just as Albert Schweitzer did—"When I look back upon my early days, I am stirred by the thought of the number of people whom I have to thank for what they gave me, or what they were to me. At the same time I am haunted by an oppressive consciousness of the little gratitude I really showed them when I was young."

David suddenly remembered all he owed to Jonathan, and he felt like that, too. Then he saw a present opportunity for gratitude. He found Methibosheth, Jonathan's son, and made him a member of his household, and showed him great kindness, "for Jonathan's sake."

Each of us is surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses," as the writer of Hebrews reminds us. Some of them even revealed to us the Love of God, the way of walking joyously through each day with Him. They planted in us seeds that have grown and greatly blessed us. *Wha tcan we do about it?* We can, like David, do kindnesses "for Jonathan's sake." Perhaps it will be a letter to the son of that beloved uncle, telling him of some memorable, loving deeds of that great-hearted man. It may be a gift of money to someone hard-pressed, explaining that you do it because someone in their family so helped you, long ago. It could be a telephone call to a shut-in whose mother was the childhood neighbor who blessed your awkward years.

All Saints' Day will become doubly glorious when you have done something truly loving, *"for Jonathan's sake."*

The Rector will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening, November 6th, at 7:30 P.M.

A Diocesan Convention meets in Holy Trinity Church on November 7th, at nine o'clock for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor. The Lay Deputies from St. Stephen's Church are Messrs. I. Smith Raspin, Lavid L. German, Sr., and Elmer S. Carll; the Clerical Deputy, the Rector.

ALL SAINTS' DAY — 1960

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into eternal life since last All Saints' Day.

Charlotte A. Lyster
Dr. Emerson R. Sausser
Kathryn Wurster
Selina C. Wilder
Harry J. Hauger
Emma Johnson
Paul Cameron
Edra L. Wenrich
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We wish to thank these Benevolent Society helpers: C. E. Campbell, Miss Evan Hansen, Emily Hewett.

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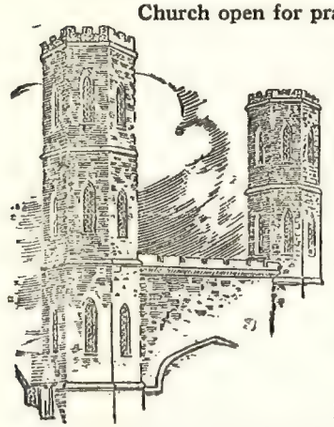
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The Prelude: A Solemn Melody ..... *Davies*
Hark! A Voice saith, All Are Mortal ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow to that of today? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." We confess, Heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right Spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy wisdom and goodness. For Jesus' Sake. Amen.

Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 67, Page 418
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Matthews*
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: Ye Who Now Sorrow ..... *Brahms*

Ye now are sorrowful; howbeit, ye shall again behold Me, and your heart shall be joyful; and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon Me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were Mine, but at the last I have found comfort. Yea, I will comfort you.

The Sermon: "WAR AND PEACE" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-y-Botel*
Massing Of The Colors
Pledge to the Flag
America, 4th Verse: Hymn 141
Prayers; Taps
Postludium Anthem: God of the Living ..... *Old 112th*
Recessional Hymn 148 ..... *Duke Street*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by The Philadelphia Chapter American Gold Star Mothers; by The M.O.P.H. Chapter 4 and Auxiliary. Also by Mrs. George W. A. Kappel in memory of her parents, William and Mary Shields and Aunt, Laura Duffy.

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STRONG IN GOD

Last week we were thinking of our "Jonathans" — those rare people who have blessed our lives in very special ways. The original Jonathan is vividly described as having a caring for David "passing the love of women."

David was an out-lawed man, fleeing from one hiding-place to another, as Saul tracked him like a wild beast. One day, when Saul was hot on his trail, David — discouraged and afraid — sought out Jonathan. At this crucial moment, what did Jonathan do? *"He strengthened his hand in God."*

How great a love that was! Jonathan might have suggested that he and David see each other as often as possible, to encourage each other. He might have made it so necessary to David's peace of mind. But, as Amy Carmichael points out, "He leaves his friend strong in God, resting in God, safe in God. He detaches his dear David from himself, and he attaches him to his 'very present help.'" He teaches David how to stand on his own feet—in God; so that David will grow in strength through all his life, even if he never sees Jonathan again. This is Christ-like love, love that disregards its own pleasure. Instead of grounding David's strength in a mortal friend, Jonathan grounds it in the Immortal God.

One of the strongest and most injurious temptations of life is possessive love — the love of a mother who wants to tie her son to her for life; the love of a husband who hugs a wife so close to himself that she misses the joys of wide friendship. How many people we know whose lives have been blighted by this selfish, possessive love — middle-aged men whose talents have never been free to grow and bear fruit; men and women who have lived hobbled lives because they have never found any strength beyond their own.

On the other hand, our hearts praise God for those truly loving people who found us in deep trouble, and who strengthened our hands in God. They taught us to look inward to find God's undergirding Spirit which He gives every one of His willing children. They also opened their eyes to see the beauty and compassion of God in people around us, whose lives have been given to Him to use, channels of His refreshing, redeeming love. These are our "saints", whose lives have become holy and shining to us, through the God who lives in them.

If you have someone whom you have kept tied to you, dare to release that person into God's guiding. Let that son, that wife, *go*; and if possible, tell them about the freedom of belonging only to God, the freedom of responding to His sure promptings. Let God give you the courage to let go of your grip on that person, then you will discover the high joy of watching that life expand, and blossom, and bear fruit as it never could have, tied to you. And the friend will, one day, say gratefully, "He strengthened my hand in God."

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LOYALTY SUNDAY will be held on November 27th. Once a year the Church calls her loyal members and gives them the opportunity to keep the Church strong by making a pledge for the financial support of the Church, in the Parish, in the Diocese and in the world. This is by far the best investment you can make in the future of the world today!

CHINESE PARABLE

A man went to market with a string of seven coins. Seeing a beggar who asked for alms, he gave the poor man six of the coins and kept just one for himself. The beggar, instead of being thankful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin, also. Would you, to whom God has given six days, steal the seventh also?

WHAT IS TITHING?

Tithing is an open-hearted act of *living gratitude.* It is the result of a Christian decision to say, "Thank You, Lord", each day in a faithful way for the countless blessings which come from Him . . . including the precious gift of *life* itself.

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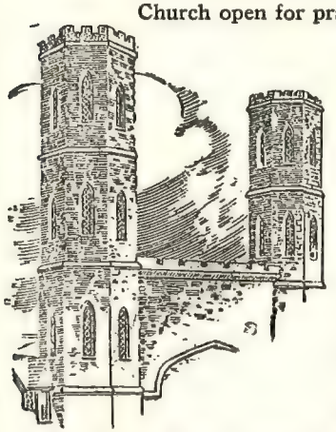
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The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ..... *Bach*
Devotion ..... *Van Hulse*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: — Believers are living stones in God's Spiritual House. As the Priests of old brought their material sacrifices, we are to bring our spiritual offerings. Offering one's self, living a consecrated life, and doing good, are sacrifices acceptable to God. Dear Father, we thank Thee for the great Mediator who has made the believer His own priest. Grant that we may be living stones in the Temple of the Spirit, ever offering up spiritual sacrifices acceptable in Thy sight. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 562 ..... *Webb*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 103, Page 466
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Matthews*
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Awake, My Heart" ..... *Marshall*

Awake, my heart, and render to God thy sure Defender, thy Maker, thy Preserver, A song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day with Thee beside me, beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending. My heart shall be Thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling; Thy Word my nurture, given to bring me on toward heaven.

The Sermon: "NAAMAN THE LEPER" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 391 ..... *St. Flavian*
Recessional Hymn 554 ..... *Lancashire*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by The Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of mother, Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy; and by Mr. & Mrs. Risden K. Wenrich in memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. George B. Wenrich.

On Thanksgiving Day there will be memorial flowers provided by special funds for James Carrigan, long time beloved Verger of St. Stephen's.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th at 11 A.M., when our offering this year will be given to All Saints' Hospital.

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THANKFUL TO GOD

For many years the Scripture passage Deuteronomy 8 has been read in Church on Thanksgiving Day. For Moses was reminding the Israelites to "remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness." So, as another Thanksgiving Day approaches, you will be remembering all the way He has led *you*. Like the Israelites, you will be saying, "Thank You, God!"

You will be grateful to Him for your Thanksgiving dinner, for "bringing you into a good land." You will thank Him for teaching you that "Man does not live by bread alone," but by His strong, loving companionship. You will thank Him for cherished loved ones, whose pattern of life reflects the tender compassion of their Father.

Most of all, you will be thankful for God Himself, the Giver of all the blessings. How He has showed us the victory-way through success and failure, through fair weather and foul, through Gethsemane and Calvary to Easter. Always, beyond the Valley of the Shadow, for those who trust Him, lies a triumphant Resurrection!

For those who do not know God, there is little thanks-giving. A Japanese student, after being brought up to believe in the Emperor Hirohito as the Living God, writes, "I fancied that I was ready to dash into flames for his sake, if need be . . . but our surrender ten years ago put an end to our dream, since the one in whom we put most faith had proved to be a mere nothing. Now most of us haven't been able to find anyone or anything to heartily believe in." No thanks-giving there!

But, when God came to earth in Jesus, He revealed the secret of life—to surrender our lives to His way of Love. Love is sometimes crucified, but never conquered. It rises out of old deaths into new power and joy.

I know an old, old lady. Nine decades have left her with little strength, unable any longer to delight herself in books and flower gardens and far views. Often she feels frustrated and discouraged, and then, suddenly, her wrinkled face will light up her old smile, and she will say, "I *do* love You!" You will catch the glory of Love she has followed down the long years.

St. Francis of Sales summed it up—"Great works do not always lie in our way, but every moment we may do little ones excellently; that is, with great love. . . . that bearing with troublesome actions and ways of our neighbors, those victories over our own tempers and passions . . . all this is more profitable than we can conceive, *if heavenly Love only have the management.*"

This earthly life is good to the very end, "if heavenly Love only have the management." Now for a real Thanksgiving!

TITHING BRINGS MANY SURPRISES

There is nothing new about tithing. Many members of the Church tithe. I believe that almost all our Bishops and clergy tithe. Thousands of people in every Church and particularly in the Churches which have the most remarkable record of per capita giving, tithe.

The only factor which I know that sometimes prevents a person's becoming a tither is his fear that he will not be able to meet all his bills and personal obligations with the remaining nine-tenths. Actually what usually happens is that he not only is able to meet his personal obligations with the remaining nine-tenths but, when an appeal comes in, he finds that he's able to give promptly and cheerfully without having to squeeze the gift out of something else as is so often the case when one does not set aside a definite tithe.

One of the most telling facts about tithers is that I have yet to talk with one who is not enthusiastic about tithing. He usually is surprised that he did not adopt tithing as a method of giving earlier in his life.

A person who has practised tithing for many years says that if any Christian tithes, he will have six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
3. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and a wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

If your Church becomes a tithing parish, there will be no worry about meeting the parish budget or being able to increase your giving to the Diocese or General Church.

—By the Rev. Gardiner M. Day, D.D.

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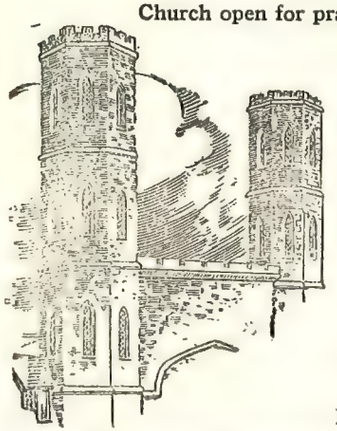
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Processional Hymn 1 .....*Stuttgart*
The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 122, Page 503
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 .....*Matthews*
Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal
The Anthem: "He Comes To Us" .....*Marshall*

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came; He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: "Follow! Follow thou Me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands, and to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He revealeth Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery they shall learn in their own experience who He is.

The Sermon: "WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT MONEY" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 484 .....*Truro*
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THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

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FINISHING OURSELVES

Two weeks ago we remembered the story of how Jonathan strengthened David "in God." Jonathan taught David to depend on the Living God, rather than a weak human friend. Amy Carmichael points out, "The next time we read of David's being in serious trouble, he had no Jonathan to strengthen his hand. 'And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him . . . but David *encouraged himself in the Lord his God.*'" Long afterwards, when he was delivered from Saul, he sang one of his songs, "It is God that girdeth me with strength." If he had leaned on Jonathan, if Jonathan had made himself necessary to David, he would not have leaned on his Rock and proved the glorious strength of his Rock."

Human lives are like young athletes who are taught by an experienced coach. He teaches them all he can, all they are willing to learn — and then comes the day of the game. They go out on the field; and they are on their own. If he has taught them to think for themselves, to depend on their own God-given resources, they will give a good account of themselves, as David did in his hour of testing. What a wonderful testimony to Jonathan that was — when danger struck, David knew how to meet it in the Lord's strength. He "encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

For we human beings are very different from animals. A young animal gets from his ancestors the instinctive pattern of his life; and survives by obeying his instincts. But Dr. Hocking notes that "man's instincts are the least fixed, his brain the most unfinished at birth . . . Other creatures nature can largely finish; the human creature must finish himself."

Perhaps you remember Helen, the small girl with cerebral palsy, who was making wonderful progress, with God's help. This Summer she went to a C. P. Camp, and learned how to walk securely on crutches. One day, she took a bad tumble, and a visitor started to get up, to help her. Her mother raised her hand, signalling the person to stop. In a moment Helen got herself up off the floor, with a big smile, as if to say, "Wasn't that a bump!" And continued on her way. When she was out of ear-shot, her mother told the friend how the Camp leaders had told parents *not* to run to pick up their handicapped youngsters, or to give them pitying sympathy — just let them accept tumbles as part of learning to walk. They must navigate themselves. "The human creature must finish himself." "David encouraged himself."

Helen is learning to be independent of other people, to be dependent only on God. She is able to do this because her mother is willing to let go of her. So Helen is meeting life, on her own, just as "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God."

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 27th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when by attendance and by pledges, the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1961. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the annual rededication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

HOW DO PEOPLE GET STARTED ON TITHING?

The husband and wife agree, in a spirit of deeply shared gratitude to God, that they would like to be Tithers. They estimate how much they think they can give as a *beginning* Tithe. The beginning Tithe may be less than five percent, as long as it is a *definite percentage,* carefully thought out, and represents the return to God of a grateful proportion of what they are receiving from His bounty. They take this amount, whatever it is, and put it at the top of their weekly or monthly budget, so that *God is placed First.* When they make their annual pledge, they have the privilege of indicating that they are Tithers. At every Sunday Service, they offer a part of their Tithe. As they Tithe, they discover the many blessings of Tithing, including the ease and simplicity with which God helps them to do it. They wish that they had discovered Tithing long before!

Will you be a Tither?

W H Y ?

$3,000 for my convertible; $5,000 for a piece of sod; $10,000 I paid to be in a house; A dollar ($1.00) I gave to God.

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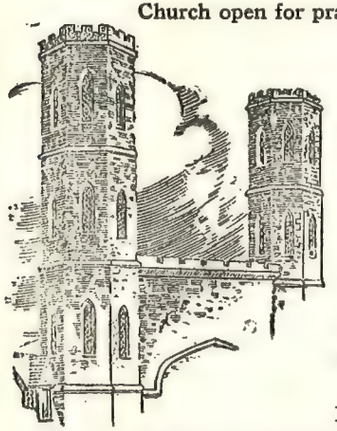
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Processional Hymn 544 .....*St. Cecelia*
Kyrie .....*Stanford*
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Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.
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Dear Dr. Price:—I am indeed happy to be able to write that my sister has recovered from her nervous exhaustion, and has returned to her employment. We are all grateful to God and to the friends at St. Stephen's for their prayers in her behalf.
—M. W. (Merchantville, N. J.)

We wish to thank these contributors to the work of the Benevolent Society: Mrs. S. H. Burke, Anna B. Jones, Madeline Keller, R. Lee, Mrs. Jennie Miller, Mildred Richards, Wm. H. Ruhl, Marion Slatcher, Ottilie Stein, Eva Hansen, Mrs. M. La Briola, Anna Sauter, Mary E. Varallo, Helen Volz.

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LET GO AND LET GOD

Everywhere the shops are reminding us of Christmas gifts. We blink a bit, to think that Christmas is so close. Then we begin to think of our Christmas lists, and what we shall give to each person. *Who will come first on your list?*

It will be someone you love a great deal. Someone to whom you are very grateful for kindness, and friendship, and understanding. Probably someone who has been in your life, and in your heart, for many years. Who will it be?

Only God fits. He alone has done miracles for each of us all down the long years. He alone has believed in us when all others doubted. He alone has given of Himself and His Love without limit. His name comes first on every true Christmas list.

But someone asks, "What *can* I give God?" It is puzzling, at first. How can the Infinite Creator of the universe need anything from one of His small human creatures? You may find it hard to imagine anything you can give Him which could increase His joy.

But God made us different from all His other creatures in one important respect. They all obey Him, do what He means them to do, and they have no choice about it. They *have* to obey the instincts He placed in them. But *we* can choose. We can be wilful and stubborn, and do what pleases us. Or we can be responsive and loving, and do what pleases Him. We, alone, can choose. Apparently God craved for a creature that could respond to Him, and love Him, willingly. So He made man. And it makes a difference — a *real* difference — to God, whether we seek His will, and serve it; or stupidly rebel against it, and resist His wish.

Legend has it that on Christmas night St. Jerome dreamed that he wanted to give a gift to the Christ Child. First he offered his great works on the Bible; then his years of converting souls; then some of his virtues. But he could see that these were not what the Child really wanted. "Jerome; it is your sins that I wish for," said the Child. "Give these to Me that I may forgive them."

It really takes some doing in our hearts, to let go our pet sins (the ones we enjoy the most) and give them to God, and Let Go of them! To say to God, "I release this sin, this unloving way, to you to dispose of." You may hesitate before you make a gift as costly as that. Why not pray about it this week, make up your mind, with God's help. And, since this is what God most desires of you, this precious gift, is worth considering.

NO NATION IS AN ISLAND

The crisis in the Congo warns us that we are every one members one of another, and that what takes place in any farthest nation has meaning for us all. "No man is an island," nor is any nation. Disease and ignorance and chaos and disruption and unbelief cannot be walled off or shut out in our kind of world . . . Let us pray for the Congo, for the Christians there, the missionaries and the national Church leaders. Let us pray that the Lord may use even this crisis to His glory.

The Bishop Stevens Missionary Society, made up of students at the Philadelphia Divinity School, will present their annual dramatic production at the Divinity School on Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th, at 8:15 p.m.

This year's production will be Christopher Fry's *A Sleep of Prisoners,* a play concerning itself with personalities in conflict. The characters are prisoners of war who become aware of the feelings of others as love and hope combine to increase their human understanding. Tickets are $1.50 each.

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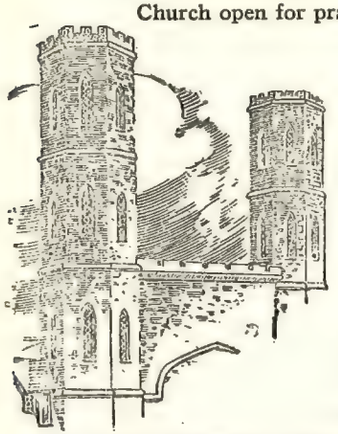
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: Overture to "The Messiah" .....*Handel*
Air .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: — Various tests are applied as to who is a true Christian. Some insist upon pure doctrine, some upon simple honesty. St. Paul goes further; the Spirit of Christ must dwell in the true Christian. Christ is the Master. The disciple must seek to be like Him. We thank Thee, O God, for Thy Son Jesus who came in the flesh as a servant. Teach us to humble ourselves. Make us ready to love and sacrifice in His Name. May we walk humbly with Him, led by His Spirit.
Amen.

Processional Hymn 2 .....*Veni Emmanuel*
(Omit Stanzas 2 & 7)

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 57, Page 409
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 .....*Matthews*
Benedictus, Prayer Book Page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal
The Anthem: "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings To Zion" .....*Handel*

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy Light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Sermon: "WHAT CHRISTIANITY DOES TO OUR GUILT"..THE RECTOR
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CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent, to those who are unable to give their families the fullness of Christmas cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special CHRISTMAS DINNERS Envelope.

LET GO OF IT

The Christian leaders in Ephesus always remembered the last time they saw Paul. He had asked them to come down to Miletus, that they might have fellowship together, and he might give them counsel. Just before he turned to go on ship board, he told them a great secret: "To give is happier than to receive." ("It is more blessed to give than to receive"—old translation.) Paul had learned, through suffering and hardship and danger, that the greater the gift, the happier is the giver.

Last week we ended with a big question to pray about — would we dare to give greatly to God, give our sins and ourselves into His loving care? In Romans St. Paul wrote, "Let us be Christ-men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling!" (Phillips translation).

Stanley Jones writes: "There is no gloom in love . . . the loveless person is the joyless person, automatically . . . said a young woman, 'I love that man and if I can't get him, I shall be very unhappy.' She did not get him and landed in a mental institution. She loved him with the wrong kind of love. Had she loved him with God's kind of love, she would have surrendered him to God, and said, 'If it is best for me to have him, or if it is best for him not to have me, in either case I love him so much that I want his highest interest.' Then she would have been at peace. And she probably would have got the man. For a woman like that is worth having! . . ." Alfred Adler, the famous psychiatrist, said, "I suppose that all the ills of human personality can be traced back to not understanding the meaning of the phrase, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Some of us are afraid to let Jesus Christ direct our lives. Once when I was hesitating at just this point of surrendering, a wise friend said, "When you give a fountain-pen to a friend, you put it in his hand, and you *let go of it!*"

Finally we reach a point where there is nothing we can rightly do except surrender ourselves to Him. We look back and see all the hurt our wilful blundering has caused in other lives. We see that, under God's direction, there is a chance that our lives can bless others, instead of cursing them. We begin to find the joy of depending on God's leading, the miracle of letting Him speak and work through us. We find out that it is happier to give than to receive. — So much happier that friends notice a new radiance in our faces.

As we live on this new, exciting level of surrender, we again notice in ourselves habits of mind, tongue and body that certainly are not pleasing to God, or helpful to those around us. Until we had begun to live a surrendered life, we had not noticed their harmfulness. So we find it necessary to make a new surrender, on this higher level . . . and so it will go on, the rest of our lives.

As soon as you have made this great new gift of yourself and your sins to God, you will find that the rest of your Christmas plans become simple and full of joy!

CONFIRMATION

There are two ways to become a member of this Parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, you become a member of this Parish by asking the Rector of the Parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church. The second way is by Confirmation. Classes of instruction are now underway in the Rector's Study 10 A.M. Sundays. Attendance on these lectures does not commit you to Confirmation. Any who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church are welcome to attend. The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, February 5th.

"Money Giving is a very good criterion, in a way, of a person's mental health. Generous people are rarely mentally ill people. Stinginess is an illness. The more generous people are, the more mentally healthy."

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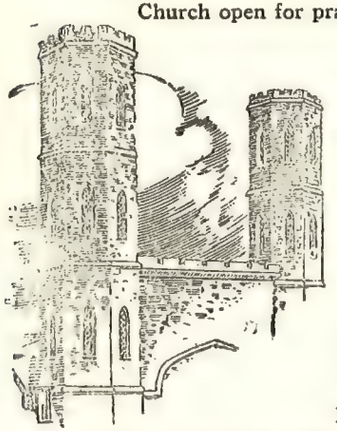
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*Chorale—Fantasia: Sleepers Wake!
(Hymn No. 3—Stanza 1) *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We are "Sons of God", for God in Christ has redeemed us. As we enlist in and for Christ's cause, we are His, and therefore must live up to this profession. This Sonship, in which we claim God as our Father, is a free gift of grace. As children of God we have confidence in, and dependence on Him. We thank Thee, Father, that we can, as Thy children, call Thee Father. Because we are sons we have in us all kinds of possibilities. Christ, our Brother, stands beside us as our Ideal. We need power to become "more like the Master." Grant us this strength; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Processional Hymn No. 11 ..... *St. Stephen*
*Recitative: He Comes, He Comes ..... *Bach*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 91, Page 454
*Duet, (After 1st Lesson) I Seek Thee, My Life—Soprano ..... *Bach*
Behold Thee, My Life—Baritone
*Tenor Chorus, (After 2nd Lesson) Zion Hears Her Watchman's Voices ..... *Bach*
(Hymn No. 3—Stanza 2)
Creed and Prayers
*Anthem: Recitative, Duet, Chorale ..... *Bach*
Recitative: Come, Enter In With Me
Duet: My Friend Is Mine!—Soprano
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Chorale: Glory Now To Thee Be Given
(Hymn No. 3—Stanza 3)
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Notes on the musical part of the Service:

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GIVE CHRISTMAS BACK TO GOD

Many of us have already found that we simply do not have time to do all that we planned for Christmas. There certainly is no use in getting fagged out. I remember a relative whom a friend of mine was sent to awaken, on Christmas morning, for she had the stockings hung by the fire. To his "Merry Christmas"! he replied, sourly, "Merry hell!" It isn't fair to get as exhausted as that, is it? But what will we do about it—there *is* more than we can do.

God's answer to that question was once given me, with lovable bluntness, by a friend. I told him that I could never get everything done that I needed to get done, each day. He smiled with compassion and he said, "Alfred, you must be trying to do a lot of things that God does not want done. For He is the most reasonable Friend in the universe. He never asks us to do more than we are able to, and He *knows* what we can do." So that was it! At first I did not like his answer, for it meant cutting out a lot of things *I wanted* to do and that God did not care much about. Little by little I tried it God's way; and found that my friend was right—*I could* get done everything that God considers important.

If you stop to think about the story of Jesus among men, you will suddenly realize that Jesus never said that He was "too busy" to answer some call of need. How He rebuked His disciples for suggesting that He was too busy to give some time to a handful of children! Jesus did not have time to keep all the fussy, churchly rules of eating, keeping the Sabbath, because these were not important to God. So He brushed them aside, and did what His Father considered really important, the things of love.

Sometime today will you let yourself down into a deep, restful chair, and relax, and say to God, "What is there in my Christmas plans that is *not* part of Your Christmas plan? What is there that You want me to do, especially, for Love's sake? What next?" If you will be quiet for a while, you will begin to find out—from God—that you can greatly shorten that long Christmas Card list of yours, sending only to those who will be deeply gladdened by your Christmas remembrance (and putting the others on a New Year's Card list). God will show you where to cut out needless chores and time-wasters. Don't be surprised if He reminds you of some very lonely soul, and even whispers to you something extra you can do for them to make their Christmas fantastically happy. I promise you one thing—you will have time to do every last thing God wants you to do, to celebrate His Son's Birthday.

A lot of us will be giving Christmas back to God. For us, now, it is the day in which, most of all, we seek to give pleasure to Him!

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Dear Dr. Price:—A month ago I re-submitted the name of my son for your Intercessory Prayer Group for the healing of his nerves. I joyfully, and oh, so gratefully report that the healing and strengthening of his nerves is truly wonderful. He has recently been given a promotion in his work with great added responsibility, and his nerves have been more than equal to the demands. But, what is far more important, he has learned to put his hand into the hand of our Lord, to walk with Him each day. Thank you for your help.—G. T. S. (Portland, Maine).

Robert Keller, our valued Flag bearer has been awarded a trophy for the most improved player on the U. of P. Soccer Team.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION

The Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10 A.M. The Rector would appreciate hearing from adults who would like, or think they would like, to be confirmed. Attendance at the classes does not obligate one to be confirmed.

PARISH REGISTER

MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"

July 18th—Samuel H. Nickles, Jr. and Helen E. Black
Sept. 6th—Edward J. Dodd, Jr. and Ann M. Lehman

BURIALS

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord"

June 27th—Elizabeth M. Elder
May 26th—Nellie A. Sailer
July 13th—Laura Slatcher
July 18th—Joseph B. Haddon
Aug. 6th—Anna Steinmetz
Sept. 17th—Russell H. Mousley
Sept. 28th—Maude Z. Hinds
Oct. 18th—William C. Mitchell
Nov. 8th—Elizabeth Corrigan
Nov. 30th—George W. Wolf
Dec. 9th—Myrtle L. Shreffer

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No Longer Strangers But Members of the Household"

Mr. William H. Charles

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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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CHRISTMAS DAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

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The Christmas Eve Service—10:30 P.M.

The Prelude: A Child Is Born ..... *Titcomb*
Pastorale ..... *Handel*
Processional Hymn 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: Sleep Holy Babe ..... *Matthews*
The Sermon: "KEEPING CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 13 ..... *Carol*
Sursum Corda & Sanctus ..... *Stanford*
Communion Hymn 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*

Christmas Day

9:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION
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10:45 A. M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the Service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditation upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the Ministers, your fellow worshipers, and the world.

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The Prelude: Christmas Prelude ..... *Corelli*
Noel ..... *Mulet*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth." (John 17:17). We should rejoice in knowing that Christ prays for His people. These words are His prayer, uttered on our behalf. In this prayer He seeks God's favor for us that we may be endowed with divine Light and Wisdom to do God's will. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the intercessory prayer of Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to pray with Him this prayer which gave Him strength and power to do Thy will. Teach us to say with Him: "God, I sanctify myself." Amen.

Processional Hymn 16 ..... *Yorkshire*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: "Christmas Day" ..... *Holst*
The Sermon: "THE OTHER GOSPEL OF CHRISTMAS" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 36 ..... *Greensleeves*
Sursum Corda & Sanctus ..... *Stanford*
Communion Hymn 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
Recessional Hymn 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

Flowers for Christmas Day are provided by special funds: The East Window is decorated in memory of the Magee Family; the Atmore Window in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

Our Chief Usher for this morning is Mr. James Lyman.

4:00 P. M.—Bible Class in the Community House.
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THE GLORY OF GOD'S LOVE

The glory of Christmas is the down-to-earth Love of God! It takes your breath away! In Old Testament days the people preferred to remain safely at the foot of the mountain, while courageous Moses dared to go up unto Mount Sinai to meet with Him. And now, in a human baby, God comes to mankind, to grow into manhood among them, and let them see what He is like. Now, we know Jesus, know the character of the mighty God—infinitely tender and forgiving.

On the night in which He was to be born, His mother found the inn door closed against them; so He was born in a manger. He lived in Love, and died in Love. Then He rose from the dead as the Eternal, Loving Christ who forever knocks at the doors of men's hearts. He seeks a welcome, and will only enter where He is wanted. He would come in and live within your heart, and the Light of His redeeming Love may shine through the windows of your living. As Christmas Day comes again, I love to recall those precious people, of days gone past, who gladly flung open the doors of their hearts to Him; and I was able to see Love-come-down-to-earth, in them. They were all sorts and conditions of people, the same Christmas-Light of God's Love shone out through their radiant faces.

You don't have to be rich, or a Very-Important-Person, to give shelter to the Son of God. You may be living by yourself in a rented room, perhaps in a wheel chair; or in a house where you and your wife lived together many years. You may be struggling against poverty, or the rigors of a Northern Winter; or you may be handicapped by some physical infirmity. You may not consider yourself a very brilliant person. But all these circumstances make no difference to Jesus. He seeks humble hearts—both poor and rich—who welcome His coming to them, who want to clothe His Love in every day deeds of loving-kindness.

Margaret Henrichsen, in "Seven Steeples", tells a story of a young girl, down-Maine, who gave joy to our Savior one day shortly after Christmas. An old woman had died, a woman who had lived courageously, with no money for paint or new sills for her house; just barely enough for scanty food. Her daughter had returned to live with her shortly before she died. When Mrs. Henrichsen, and their minister, arrived at the house, the daughter had found the dress her mother had saved so carefully all these years "to be laid away in"; but she had found no clean slip to put under the dress. Then this young girl came in, whose own life had been hard, and who was really very poor. She heard the daughter's distress. Quick as a flash she said, "Why, I've got a good slip. It was given me for Christmas. I have it on, but it's clean." At once she pulled her dress over her head, took off the new taffeta slip — quite probably the only good one she had ever owned — and slipped her dress back on, as the undertaker drove into the yard.

It may be that God will give you some special chance thus to show the glory of God's Love, come down to earth!

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—Mrs. E. P. (Columbia, Pa.)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

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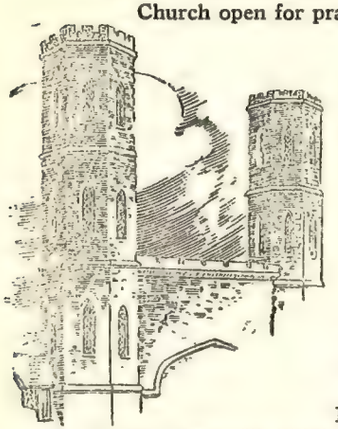
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A thankful heart looks not only backward, but also forward with confidence. The metal mirror may dimly reflect the image, or even distort it, but the perfect knowledge shall come when we see face to face. Our past and present experiences shall then appear in a new light. Heavenly Father, from Whom, for Whom and to Whom are all things, help us to realize anew that without Thee we can do nothing. Cleanse our hearts from all sin and impurity. Let us look forward hopefully to the fulfillment of Thy promises concerning those things that are to be. Amen.

The Prelude: Psalm XIX ..... *Marcello*
The Old Year Now Has Passed Away ..... *Bach*
Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Engelberg*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: "Darest Thou, Now, O Soul?" ..... *Williams*

Darest thou, Now, O Soul, walk out with me toward the unknown region where neither ground is for the feet nor any path to follow? No map there nor touch of human hand nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips nor eyes are in that land. I know it not, nor dost thou, O soul, all is blank before us, all waits undreamed of in that time and space, nor darkness, nor gravitation nor any bounds bounding us. Then we burst forth, we float in time and space O soul, prepared for them, equal, equipped at last. O joy! O fruit of all! Them to fulfill, O soul!

The Sermon: "THE NARROW GATE" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 40 ..... *God Rest You Merry*
Sanctus ..... *Stanford*
Communion Hymn 213 ..... *St. Agnes*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 323 ..... *St. Bees*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling in memory of his father; and by Mrs. Frederick Schmid in memory of her husband.

Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr.

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JESUS IS LORD

A modern prophet points out that the earliest Christian creed was simply, "JESUS IS LORD." As Paul wrote, in Romans, "If you confess with your lips that *Jesus is Lord* . . . you will be saved." You will be saved from yourself, from the sin of self-will, by putting Jesus at the center of your living. The disciples forgot, and stumbled, and fell, sometimes; but they remembered, and picked themselves up, and continued in His Way. When people "saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been *with Jesus.*"

Stephen was like that. When he stood before his accusers, "his face was like the face of an angel." It must have been like that as Saul, the hunter of Christians, stood by, watching Stephen being stoned to death. For Saul could not get that face out of his thoughts and dreams, that Jesus-Christ-in-Stephen light of invincible love. That Face haunted Saul, day and night, until, at last, after the Damascus Road, he began to say, "Jesus is Lord." Then they changed his name, and called him Paul.

A Christian is one who says, "Jesus is Lord", and means it. At first we say, "I want Jesus to be Lord—most of the time." Then, as we discover the wonder of life when we do what He wishes, we begin to say, "I want Him to be Lord *all* the time." Moments come when we let Anxiety or Impurity or Fear displace Him on the throne, and we have to start over again. It's a rough struggle, at first, but we begin to want, sincerely, for Him to be the Lord of our lives. We begin to be so alive with love that an old friend may say, "What's happened to you, anyway?"

The early Christians did not waste their time and energy arguing over different ways of worship or ordaining ministers or Church government. "Jesus is Lord" was enough of a Creed for them. Even when they began that great debate whether a person could become a Christian without first going through the old Jewish rites, they quickly settled the matter. They gave Paul permission to accept gentiles without circumcision. They saw that all that matters is that "Jesus is Lord" in our hearts.

Once we stop the civil war raging within us, and accept Him as our Governor, everything that happens fits into God's plan for our lives. Try it, with new eagerness. Start in the morning by saying, "Jesus is Lord", and be ready to say it at any moment of temptation—to anger, or gossip, or worry. This is your battle-cry against all enemies of the Spirit—you announce, "Jesus is Lord here," and let Him take care of the situation, at every tight corner. Someone has advised, "Let God be God!" When we do let Him, we find the victorious Christian Way of Life, and we live with a song in our hearts!

The Rector will preach at St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday at 7:30 P.M. He will preach at the Church of the Epiphany, Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday evening, January 3rd.

STARR DAILY

Starr Daily will conduct a Mid-Winter Retreat at St. Stephen's Church, Saturday through Monday, January 7th-9th, inclusive. He will conduct a Day of Prayer on Saturday from 10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. He will speak on Sunday at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. and on Monday at 3 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Starr Daily has a deeply spiritual message which has grown out of his vast experience; first as a member of the underworld for 25 years both in and out of prison, and, secondly, after a transforming spiritual experience in a prison, as an author, lecturer, and counselor; his ministry has touched those ranging all the way from the lowest to the highest in human privilege.

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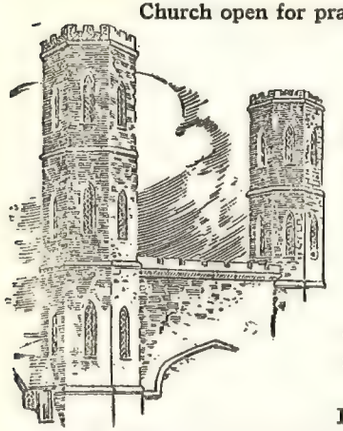
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The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ..... *Bach*
How Brightly Shines The Morning Star ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: — The Bible, as the Word of God, is man's best guide for life. It shows us the pitfalls of life, it unmasks temptations and evil, and it points out the things that are pure and of good report. This Guide shows the way home to the Father's house. O God, we thank Thee for Thy Word. Without the guidance of Thy Word the way to Thee would remain unknown, and the solution to our problems of life would be left to a blind fate. Teach us to follow more diligently the leadership of Thy Word in all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 46 ..... *Morning Star*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 39, page 389

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

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The Anthem: O Savior Sweet, O Savior Kind ..... *Bach*

O Savior sweet, O Savior kind, Thy Father's will has all Thy mind; From heaven Thou hast vouchsafed to come, with men, as man, to make Thy home. O Savior . . . Thy way to please Thee we would find; Whate'er we have, it comes of Thee, O let us ever near Thee be. Thee with tender care I'll cherish; live to Thee, die to Thee; Thus I shall not perish, but with Thee abide forever; joyfully, peacefully, where life endeth never.

The Sermon: STARR DAILY

Offertory Hymn 51 ..... *Three Kings of Orient*

Recessional Hymn 53 ..... *Salzburg*

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Dear Dr. Price:—How we do thank God and praise Him for His healing power! Our daughter, Vivian, is so much better. She is now able to care for her three children. If you remember, her ailment was a kidney disease in which both kidneys were filling up with tumors, causing her feet and legs to swell, and her eye lids to puff shut. The X-ray showed tumors in both kidneys. Had they been in only one, they could have removed the one kidney and prolonged her life. But the doctors said nothing could be done as transplanting kidneys was in an experimental stage. How happy we were to read of your healing faith in Red Book Magazine and we are grateful for your prayers and her healing.—D. D. (Jeromesville, Ohio).

ALL-CONQUERING LOVE

One day a nervous teacher came to consult Starr Daily, the convict who had changed from crime to witnessing for Christ. She was so disheartened that she felt she should give up teaching. She had been assigned to a very difficult class. It had been dubbed "teacher-killer". Before she had even met that class, she was already on the brink of nervous prostration. They were "gangsters", "impossibles", "hoodlums", "rough-necks". She thought she'd better quit—now.

But Starr Daily thought differently. "You need to stay and conquer . . . This is a war, and, as the general, you must change your tactics, and introduce the element of surprise. You must make a successful counter-attack with an entirely new weapon, that will throw them off guard. Once, by the use of your new weapon, you have defeated their weapons, they will be ready and eager to polish apples for you." She asked, what on earth the new weapon might be.

"It is all-conquering love. Let your class room disciplining be applied only to yourself. For their bad you return your good. Do this and you'll be the master, and you'll be respected, honored, and loved."

She had been a Christian from birth, but this was the first time she had ever thought of practicing the teachings of Jesus in the difficulties of her profession. When she tried it, it worked (as all of Jesus' teachings do!). She taught herself to love and have compassion for the handicaps of their up-bringing. She recognized that God had made them and that there must be good stuff in them. She followed Jesus' simple directions. There are few people who can withstand the power of sustained love. The toughest-acting people often are the first to surrender to it.

When you stop to think of it, this makes sense. God's Son would teach only what works out best in the world His Father made. When you follow His way of love, you start in by letting love take charge of your thinking, your speaking, your actions. And then it is God, in your loving-kindness, that changes the other person. This is the most powerful weapon in the world.

People worry whether communism will win the world. Yet all we have to do is to take into our hands and hearts God's NEW WEAPON, and use it. Every day pour out your prayers, with good will, and with compassion; and start in with people you meet every day. Christians are very weak when they do not take Jesus seriously—in fact, they are not truly Christians. But when, together, they put all their trust in Him, and in His NEW WEAPON, nothing can stop them from transforming this world into the Kingdom of God!

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Once a year the Bishop comes to St. Stephen's Church for the Rite of Confirmation, to receive new people into communicant membership in the Church. This year his visit will be on Sunday, February 5th. It is not too late to join the Rector's Class in preparation for Confirmation which meets at 10 A.M. on Sundays in the Rector's study.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Charles L. Drain, Mrs. Marie Person, Mrs. Dorothy R. Randall, Mrs. Mae Renne, Charles E. Holmes, Mrs. Viola J. Downward, Miss Margaret Tappen, Hannah B. Ulrich, Mrs. Cora M. Cooke, Adele M. Lewis, Louise F. Leupold, H. G. Thompson, Mrs. Anne Coggin, Mrs. Florabel Cunningham, Mrs. Joseph Allen, Mrs. Theodore J. Dunholz, Miss Henrietta Washburn, Mrs. Louis F. Coleman, Eloise Prickett Hutt.

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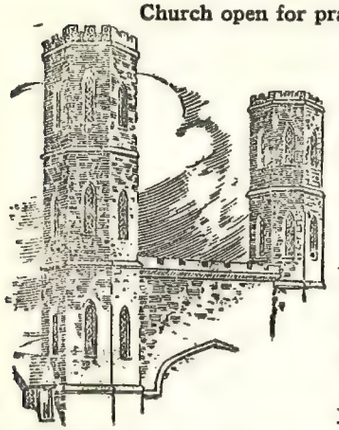
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Jesu, Priceless Treasure ..... *Bach*

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Processional Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
The Psalm 75, page 431
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Praise" ..... *Rowley*

To the Master of music and loveliness: Praise, power, dominion forever. To the Lord of the Word of creation be Praise, power, dominion forever. To the Master of movement, color and light: To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of Love: To the Artist of Life, To the Greatest and Least: Praise. For He is the greatest upon His high throne, And He was the least as the Child of a maiden. Praise, then, to Jesus whose mother was Mary, and Praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee: Give us Thyself in both time and Eternity; Lord we come adoring, offering all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty; Praise, power, dominion forever.

The Sermon: "CAN THE GOSPEL SAVE THE WORLD?" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 393 ..... *St. Catherine*
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Mrs. Anna W. Hauger, President of the Benevolent Society, reports that during the year 1960 there were 5,267 pieces of sewing completed for the Jefferson and Episcopal Hospitals and for the Visiting Nurses. $505.57 was disbursed, which included carfare for the sewers.

THE MAGIC POWER OF LOVE

Man is the creature with the built-in gift for friendship. Whether he realizes it or not, he has a deep craving for good will, a hunger to love and to be loved, a strong inclination to respond to loving-kindness.

A friend of mine was once asked to arbitrate a strike. He agreed to do this if the representatives of labor and of management would first have dinner together without mentioning the strike, or any of their differences. They agreed; and they kept their word like gentlemen. They began to talk about thier families and their recreations, all sorts of friendly topics of mutual interest. By the time dinner was over, they had begun to like each other. It did not take long, then, to arbitrate the strike. The atmosphere had been transformed by letting in the mighty power of love.

The twelve Disciples had been brought up in the "climate" of the Old Testament. At its highest points (as in the great love-story of Hosea) the Old Testament teaches people to trust the way of forgiving, redeeming love. But many other Old Testament passages taught "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"; taught hate and revenge. Then Jesus came, and commanded, "You have heard that it was said, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" but I say unto you, "Do not resist one who is evil . . . if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The disciples saw Jesus living as He taught, even to loving His enemies from a lonely cross. They tried His way, and found it difficult. But they found, also, that it was the most exciting and triumphant way in the world!

As a result, John could write, with a joyful heart, "We know that we have crossed the frontier from death to life because we do love our brothers." (Phillips translation). They no longer thought of anyone as life-time enemies, but as possible friends. By hundreds people were startled by this new attitude, exclaiming, "See how those Christians love each other!" They were curious to discover the secret of this radiant living. And they learned that the Christians could love each other greatly and gladly, because they were so grateful to God for His love for them, shown in Jesus. "If God loved us as much as that, surely we, in our turn, should love one another."

You may be at odds with someone now. In your mind you keep mulling over his faults, and battling with his mistaken ideas. Then you bump into Jesus' command to you that you must have good will toward others. So you stop your fault-finding thoughts, and ask God to show you the truth about that person — the way *He* thinks about him. Before you know it, you are beginning to face some of the good points in him. And you are beginning to face your own faults and see how obnoxious they are, how vexing! You may even begin to feel sympathy for the other person. So you ask God's forgiveness, and ask Him to transform you into a person of deep-down good will. One wonderful day you find yourself really loving that other person.

There is no problem that cannot be solved by the magic power of God's love. If I carry out my own responsibility to love, God will take care of my enemies—and change them into friends.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Canons of the Church require that the financial reports of all Parish Organizations should be included in the Annual Report which each Parish is requested to make to the Bishop. This report is made for the calendar year. We would appreciate it if all our organizations would plan now to have such a financial report ready for the Rector not later than January 20th.

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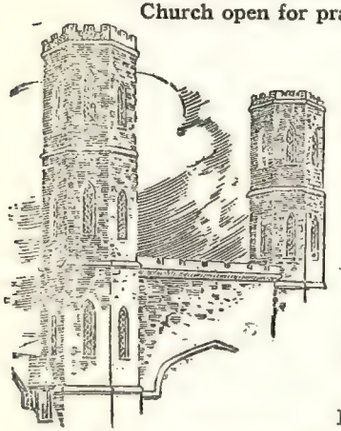
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The Prelude: Chaconne ..... *Couperin*
Jesus, My Joy ..... *Dupre*

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Processional Hymn 545 ..... *Zoan*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 107:1-16, Prayer Book page 476
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*
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The Sermon; "CAN THE GOSPEL SAVE THE WORLD?" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 328 ..... *Belmont*
Recessional Hymn 296 ..... *Dix*

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—D. P. (Greensborough, N. C.)

The Christian Herald Magazine of January has a featured article on "How Laymen, Clergy and Doctors View Faith Healing." St. Stephen's Ministry of Healing is included and the Rector answers nine serious questions submitted by the Editor. Copies may be had at 35 cents from 27 E. 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

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The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is being asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you and you need the Church. Confirmation Service will be held on February 5th at 11 A.M. Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10 A.M.

CHRIST IN YOU

Would you like to have a part in the most exciting struggle since the beginning of time? In the olden days, before Jesus, men thought that their differences could be settled on the battle field. Some still think that! Then Jesus came, and revealed that all warfare is really settled in the hearts and minds of men; that mumder and anger and adultery win out in the human heart before any action takes place. It is *within us* that all battles are really decided.

Shortly before Mr. Khrushchev visited this country, he wrote an article, "Peaceful co-existence", in "Foreign Affairs." Back of all the bluster and double-talk, you find something that surprises you. He talks of peace a while, then waves his fist a bit; but he always returns to a peaceful solution. He writes, "The Socialistic nations need peace." They do, for only by disarmament can they release billions of rubles to build up their industrial strength, and wage economic warfare against us. They need peace to build up their population of workers. Mr. K. went to China after he left America, and they put out a startling military parade for him, reeking with power. After that, in every one of his five speeches, an apparently nervous Mr. K. pleaded with China for *peaceful* co-existence. Mr. K. may want disarmament just as much as we do (even if for a different reason). He may prefer a warfare of ideology, of propaganda, of the spirit. He may be shrewd enough to see that all warfare is settled, eventually, not on the battlefield, but by spiritual strength. He certainly can look back to the war-machines of the Kaiser and of Hitler, superior to anything else in the world when war began—but it was spiritual power that triumphed in the end. Mr. K. believes that communism is superior to our way of life, and challenges us to a war of ideology.

Actually, the culture that is strongest in spirit and mind always does win out, finally. This means that the greatest battle of all time has begun—God-denying, man-enslaving communism against the God-trusting, man-free way of Jesus Christ. Communism says that God is a fairy-story—Christianity that He is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. Communism uses the individual as a cog in a machine of State—Christ declares each person to be a precious child of God, and not to be "used" at all. Communism compels men—God accepts only man's willing service. Communism glorifies hate—Christianity stakes everything on Love.

Elisha could see the invisible chariots and horses of fire, God's spiritual forces, and knew them to be stronger than anything human. It is your privilege to demonstrate, by your life, that God's inner strength, in you, is stronger than all hate and revenge; that God is always victorious where men let Him dwell in them, and work through them. "Nothing succeeds like success." If the world sees, in our land, hosts of men and women filled with the power greater than all atom bombs, the power even to love our enemies—then the world will be drawn to the Christian way. If the world can see Jesus Christ in you, in our nation, communism will fold its tent like the Arabs, and then silently steal away!

The Rector will speak to the Clerical Brotherhood at the Church House on Monday, January 23rd at 11:30 A.M. on the subject of Mental Illness.

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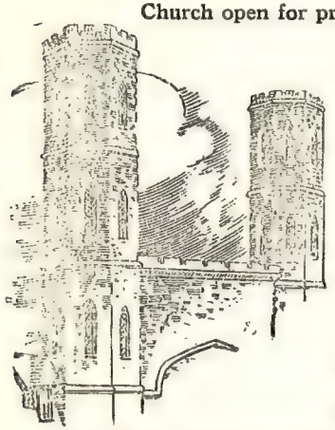
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Lied ..... *Vierne*

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Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*

The Venite, Prayer book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 139, page 514

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

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The Sermon: "THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 524 ..... *Mannheim*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

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WINGS OF RELIGION

Old Isaiah looked to the Babylonians, and their gods, and thundered, "The things that ye carry about are made a load, a burden to a weary beast." As Dr. Coffin points out, he saw that these gods were just "things you lug about." Then he tells of the living God of Israel, who had taken the nation in His arms at its birth in Egypt, and had been carrying it ever since. "Yea, I will carry and I will deliver."

There is religion that is a burden, as with the Babylonians. When Israel changed their religion into a vast book of duties and rules, their religion became a burden, too. The crowds gathered around Jesus because the religion He taught was something to bear them up and deliver them.

We hold that the "Religion" of communism is a burden. It is so heavy a load that sometimes, as in Red China, the rulers have to relax it, and lighten the weight of it, lest the people throw it off. Any religion which is a burden is false religion.

But we had best look to ourselves. When our own religion gets too "churchy", and goes out for bigger buildings and larger budgets, it can be a heavy weight on the backs of the members.

But your religion can be WINGS, instead of a weight! There's my friend Ruth, for instance, who cannot walk because of cerebral palsy. Right now she is studying in a mid-West graduate school, training herself for a skilled profession,—going briskly to classes in her wheel chair. How? Because she knows, deep in her heart, that God can give her the power to overcome any handicap. She has found that He enables her to rise above difficulties with joy and praise, and to become a very happy, useful person. Her religion is WINGS; and she witnesses, every day, to its lifting power.

The communist rulers of Russia are troubled because one Christian group has grown from a hundred thousand to a half million members in recent years. They have good reason for anxiety, for genuine Christian faith gives wings to people. They can no longer be shut in, like barnyard fowls, by low barriers of force and cruelty. They find wings to escape! The communists may laught at our rockets, but not at our faith! Mr. K. himself did not quite dare to go to Church, when invited by our President.

So you can take part in this vast struggle between the Way of Jesus and the tin gods of Russia. You can witness, right where you are, among your special difficulties, that the faith you learned with Jesus is a lifting faith that bears you up, so that you live with a song in your heart!

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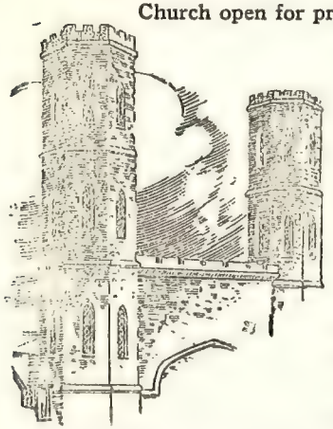
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The Prelude: Chorale-Prelude on "Charterhouse" ..... *Sowerby*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men. He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hatred and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man could commit. He who was pure would have us watch our words and deeds so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and Merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee; in Jesus' Name. Amen.
Processional Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*
Creed and Prayers
Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1 & 2 ..... *Nova Vita*
The Order of Confirmation, Page 296 in the Prayer Book
Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3 & 4 ..... *Nova Vita*
The Anthem: "Be Still, My Soul" ..... *Whitlock*
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Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*
Recessional Hymn 553 ..... *Lancashire*

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday evening at 7:30, and on Wednesday night at St. Paul's Church, Levittown, Pa.

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"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is Come unto You."

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During the year 1960, 15,951 persons requested our prayers. We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing co-operation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing. We have members who get up at two, three, four, five in the morning to take part in this chain of prayers. We have business men who have a quiet time in the midst of their business day to hold up these needy persons for God's richest blessings of body, mind and soul.

Many people wonder what difference it can make to others when we pray for them. We only need to see what prayer is to answer that question, and the more we understand what it is, the more we realize that it would be just as short-sighted of us to ask what difference it makes to others if you love them, or if you are unloving toward them. We see that it makes a tremendous difference. If we have the feeling of unlovingness, we know that it means misery, and we can see the ill effect it has on others: love in the spiritual sense can make a tremendous difference, because it is a definite influence and a definite power for good.

How often we hear people say, "I am going to do so and so; do give me a thought." What difference is a thought going to make? All the difference in the world. Thought has a dynamic influence, and if the thought you give is a good one, it is going to be fruitful of good. But you say, that is a simple and easy way of getting things done, if all we have to do through life is to be giving one another good thoughts. You try it—try it for a day—try to hold nothing in your mind but good thoughts, and then sit down at the end of the day and look back, and just reckon up how many other thoughts forced their way through and you will see that it is not such an easy or simple thing as it at first seemed.

And spiritual thoughts, thoughts about others, about the world, about God, only come when our lives have been wonderfully transformed by Christ being in us. So in the same way, when we are praying for others and wonder what good it can do, what change it can bring, we only have to remember the infinite Love of God is the power behind. We pray for others, we pray for things that need changing in the world because the life-giving Holy Spirit of Christ is behind our minds and hearts. That is why it makes all the difference to others if we are praying for them or not.

We believe in prayer, that is why we pray. We unite with the Spirit of Christ so that He may speak to us, and make known to us those things which He wills to be made known.

The New Testament speaks about the good, acceptable and perfect Will of God. That makes clear the ministry of prayer—that the Good Will of God shall be done, that through prayer what is not good shall become good. Prayer is going to do that, as well as uplift the soul to Christ. We must all, in simple faith and trust and confidence, join in prayer for healing, perfect, complete healing of every disease, every sickness, every sorrow and every trouble, until this world is free as heaven is free, from all such things.

No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector, an average of 80 per week, are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported in the monthly meetings of the Prayer Fellowship, and in the weekly report to the members, all progress and cures are reported. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His Love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . for, where two or three are gathered, in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of Prayer can never be over-estimated!

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Dear Dr. Price:—It has been five years now since I first went to St. Stephen's Church to receive the laying-on-of-hands for the healing of inoperable cancer and only having a few months to live. I thank my God for all that has happened to give me faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for all your wonderful prayer help.

—L. M. J. (Dover, Del.)

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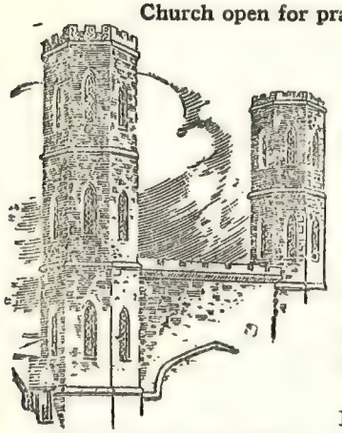
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The Prelude: Nave ..... *Mulet*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are indeed unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith, that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly, we can experience the presence of the Lord in all the trials of life, as well as in its joys. Our Savior, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy presence, wherever we may be, and when we are alone. In grief or defeat, help us to see Thee clearly, and from the vision to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 558 ..... *University College*

The Venite, Prayer Book Page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book Page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book Page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Greater Love Hath No Man" ..... *Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead, to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

The Sermon: ABRAHAM LINCOLN ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 376 ..... *Down Ampney*

Recessional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

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The Women of St. Stephen's, both morning and evening branches, will meet in the Church School room in the Community House after the morning service this Sunday, and after eating together in a nearby restaurant, they will attend the Episcopal Service in the Chinese Christian Church, 10th & Spring Streets, at 3 P.M. All are invited to join them.

A SENSE OF HUMOR

Will Rogers, the comedian and actor, was one of our great citizens. He had a wonderful ability to see through sham, and to make it laughable. A man once proudly remarked to Will, "I take pride in the fact that my ancestors came over in the Mayflower. How about yours?" Will, who had Indian ancestors, smiled dryly and drawled, "Mine met the boat."

He may well have learned this power from Jesus, who saw right through sham, and made it look so silly. He described the proud Scribes and Pharisees in cartoon-like words—"they are blind guides, and when one blind man leads another blind man, they will both end up in the ditch!" (Phillips' translation). One day He had been listening to James and John who apparently were loud and clamorous talkers; and He lovingly nicknamed them, "the thunderers!" Jesus always used His sense of humor with deep love. It may be that, because of the laughter in His eyes, a few Scribes and Pharisees saw how ridiculous they were, and changed their ways. He had made them chuckle at themselves.

One day in Washington a Senator rose to read into the "Congressional Record" one of Will Rogers' bits of shrewd wit. Another Senator loudly objected to the remarks of a "professional joker", being put into the "Congressional Record." Will Rogers commented, "Taking a dig at me, is he? They didn't want any outside fellow contributing. Well, he had me wrong. Compared to them, I'm an amateur, and the thing about my jokes is that they don't hurt anybody. You can say that they aren't funny or they're terrible or they're no good or whatever it is, but they won't do no harm."

Will Rogers was close to the spirit of Jesus. So will each one of us be, if we use our best talents with compassion, to tear down sham and pretense, without being hurtfully personal. All you need to do is to give yourself and your talents into the direction of Jesus, for Him to use—and then let Him use them. Your tongue will bless others, then. You will come into lives that are dark, and let in some of the light of His clean laughter and joy.

Today is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. He, too, had learned from Jesus how to make people laugh at human frailty, in themselves and in others; how to meet impatience and criticism with a chuckle. A friend of mine grew exasperated with her small daughter, Elizabeth, one day, and exploded, "How stupid can people be!" Elizabeth smiled ruefully, and then, with a twinkle in her eye, replied, "Very stupid—but you'll have to love me just the same!" She was so secure in God's Love (through her father and mother) that she could laugh at her own mistakes; and then go ahead to please God by correcting them.

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The offerings of over 5,000 of the 7,400 parishes and missions brought the Seminaries of the Church $568,000 last year. The sum paid approximately 20% of the cost of educating each Seminarian.

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It is not too late to make your contribution towards Theological Education.

Miss Marie Pintavalle, a valued member of St. Stephen's, was graduated from the University of Penna. School of Fine Arts on Feb. 4th, with the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts. This follows by two years her graduation from Curtis Institute in 1959, with the degree of Bachelor of Music.

ASH WEDNESDAY

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Healing Services during Lent will be conducted on Thursdays at 1 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. Holy Communion will be celebrated every Friday at 1 P.M.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

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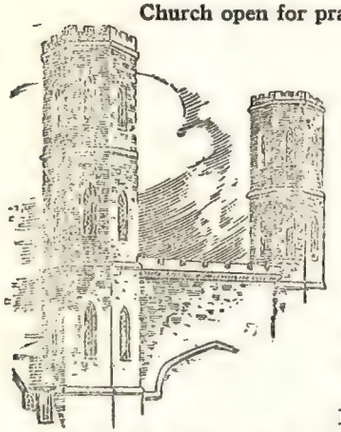
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Processional Hymn 55 .....*Heinlein*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 96, Page 459

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Anthem: "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD" ....."The Messiah", *Handel*

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world . . . He was despised, rejected of men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief . . . Surely, surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruished for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

The Sermon: "THE REJECTION AT NAZARETH" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 411 .....*Grace Church*

Recessional Hymn 61 .....*Spires* 6

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LIFE IN GOD

The most sinister thing about modern life is that it is centered in man. Now that we can split the atom, and shoot satellites into space, we think we are big. Sometimes we even think that God is a little out of date.

An old Danish fable tells how a spider slid down a single thread from the high up timbers of a barn, and established himself on a lower level. There he spun his web, and caught flies, grew fat, and did very well. One Sunday afternoon, as he relaxed after a big dinner, he noticed the single thread that stretched up into the darkness above him. "How useless!" he cried, and he snapt the thread. But his web collapsed, and caught no more flies. The curse of modern life is man's decision that God does not matter, that man can manage, that man is the master of things. The most terrifying and sinister thing about modern life is that it is organized about *man*, instead of about God.

Now the Bible starts with, "In the beginning, God . . ." And it continues with the warriors and prophets and priests bidding the people to listen to God. The New Testament lifts us to Jesus, who bade men, "Follow Me!" St. Paul keeps saying, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." These Bible-writing men did not stop with listening to God speaking in their hearts. They also tried out His words by living them. They found out that the only way that life can work out victoriously is when it is centered in God.

Lent has just begun—the great Season in which Christians sit at the feet of their Master and learn. We seek God in books, in services of worship, in Sermons, in our individual "quiet times." We discover realms in our lives which we have never surrendered to Him—our friendships, our home life, our spending of money, or our recreation. We let Him into those areas. We invite Him to transform them into something that pleases Him. For the Gospel puts God as the very Center of every man's life.

O. William Law, in the 18th century, tells what a shock respectable Penitens had one day. He had lived free of scandal and in the communion of the Church—no murder or theft or adultery. He attended Church often, without giving much thought to what God's Church expects of a man. Then he begins to have doubts about his own goodness, and prays about it. Suddenly he cries out, "But the thing that now surprises me most is this: that I never *intended* to live up to the Gospel. This never so much as entered my head."

Will you join us, this Lent, in seeking honestly to live up to the Gospel, to put Jesus Christ at the center of your every day life?

The Rector has received a fine letter from Mr. Joseph Trimble who is a candidate for the sacred ministry from St. Stephen's Church, thanking the Rector and members of St. Stephen's Church Women for a gift of ten volumes of the Interpreter's Bible. He writes, in part: "Believe me when I say that I am at a loss for words to express to you and those very kind and thoughtful women of St. Stephen's Church the gratitude I feel for this very generous and helpful gift. It is not as though I were a member of long standing in the parish, or that I am even slightly known to these wonderful people, therefore I can only ask you to express my heart-felt thanks to them in my behalf." Joseph Trimble is in his senior year at the Cambridge Theological School and will be made a Deacon next June.

The Methodist Hospital, Broad and Wolf Streets is seeking volunteers who would be willing to assist in patient care, sewing, selling (gifts), secretarial work, maintenance and other phases of the hospital service.

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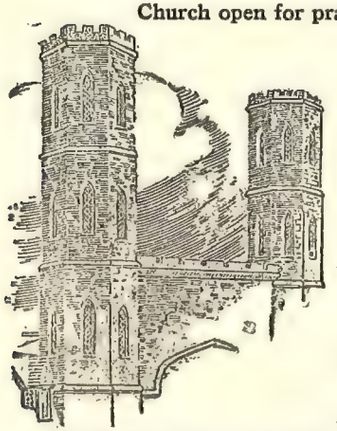
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The Processional Hymn 406 .....*Stephanos*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 119:105-120, Page 497
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The Anthem: "Blessed He" .....*Franck*
Blessed he, who from earth's dreams awakening, turns his heart from worldly pride; who every other joy forsaking, of wealth the golden fetters breaking, treasures of heav'n spreads around on every side. Then, when the awful trumpet soundeth, let him rejoice! Blessed is he, in whom God's grace and love aboundeth, angels for him heav'n's gates fling open wide.
The Sermon: "THE WHEAT AND THE TARES" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 556 .....*St. Andrew of Crete*
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—Mrs. W. E. M. (Kansas City, Mo.)

SOMETHING BIGGER

The people who have glorious lives are those who have fallen in love with someone, or some-thing; those whose lives are given to some great cause, or some humble human being. Jesus gave His life to His Father, responsive to Him through every waking moment. A mother gives herself to her children in down-to-earth caring. A cabinet-maker devotes his whole being to making graceful, sturdy furniture. The school teacher loses himself in the lives of his pupils. And all these are vibrant, colorful people, because they live with something bigger than themselves.

There is a story of Toscanini, the famous conductor. He was always very tough, very exacting, when he rehearsed his orchestra. The musicians must give their best in playing great music. Once they tackled Beethoven's 9th Symphony. They practiced it, over and over. At last the Concert Performance took place, and they played it with all the skill and passion they had in them. When it was over, they waited, tense and on edge, fearful of a scolding from the great man. But Toscanini did not scold. As the audience and the orchestra sat in silence, he stood with his arms out-stretched, his deep eyes burning with an inner fire, the light of a great rapture upon his face, and a spirit of utter contentment enfolding him. Suddenly he spoke, "Who am I? Who is Toscanini? Who are you? I'm nobody! You are nobody . . ." The crowded hall was hushed. The multitude waited in awed silence. Then, with a light on his face, as one who had seen a vision, he added, "Beethoven is everything—*everything!*"

Who are you? Who am I? Nothing! Jesus Christ is everything! We are but people who may let Him into our hearts so that the glorious music of His Gospel can be heard through us. That is our one chance to "amount to anything" in our short lives.

It takes humble willingness to be used by Him, day after day. Willingness to let Him discipline our living as the musicians let Toscanini discipline theirs. All musicians, athletes, doctors, scientists, willingly go through a stiff, life-long training, so that they can be used richly.

This we can do, under Jesus Christ. We can lose ourselves in His greatness, His loving-kindness, until He can use us to fill the world around us with His music. It isn't easy. But then, one day, someone says to you, "You've made me see what Jesus meant by love." Then all the Lenten discipline, the tough training, is worth it—when some needing person sees a bit of Jesus Christ through you!

We extend a hearty welcome to Mrs. Catherine B. Stillwell and Mr. Joseph G. Neiss into the fellowship of St. Stephen's Church through Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on February 13th. Our 1961 Class whose names appeared in the February 5th Bulletin were all confirmed in the Bishop's Chapel also, due to the inability of Bishop Armstrong to come to us Sunday morning, February 5th.

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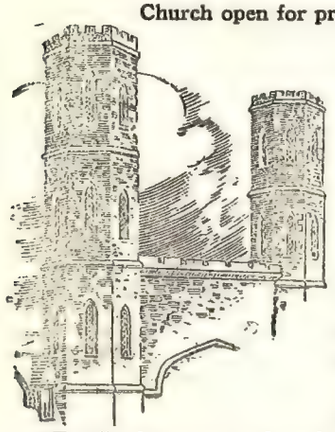
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Processional Hymn 59 ..... *St. Flavian*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: Father, Once More Within Thy Holy Place ..... *Matthews*

Father, once more within Thy holy place we bring the sins which, kneel, we confess, not worthy yet to look upon Thy face, yet loath to rise until Thy hand doth bless. We turn from sin to find a glad release; In Thy forgiveness there is strength to cope with all that robs the spirit of Thy peace. Father, once more within Thy house of prayer we kneel before Thee at the open way; And leaving both our hopes and burdens there, we wait till Thou shalt teach us how to pray. Father, once more within Thy house of praise, we bring our gifts from whom they came; we lift our hearts, and our hosannas raise to welcome Him who cometh in Thy name.

The Sermon: "ALTERNATIVE TO ABSURDITY" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 415 ..... *Aberystwyth*
Sanctus ..... *Stanford*
Communion Hymn 197 ..... *Picardy*
For Gloria in Excelsis, Hymn 211 ..... *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
Recessional Hymn 549 ..... *All Saints New*

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RECIPE FOR BEING MISERABLE

A business man was struggling stubbornly against surrendering his life to God. One day he picked up a book, and this sentence leaped at him: *"An infallible recipe for being miserable*: think about yourself, talk about yourself, use "I" as often as possible. Mirror yourself constantly in the opinion of others; listen readily to what people say about you; expect to be appreciated." As he read this, he realized one of the real blocks between him and God. He was more concerned about what people thought of him than what God thought!

We, too, want to win the approval of other people. It pleases us to do so. But we do not find peace and happiness. Somehow the voice of God reaches us, and reminds us that there is no peace in self-centered living. God tells us, through Jesus, that we are happier in giving ourselves away than we are in hanging onto ourselves. Jesus told Nicodemus that he could only find joy by being "born again", by beginning a new life, directed by God's Holy Spirit. Once a man has heard that voice, he can never find peace until he obeys it.

C. S. Lewis ("Screw-take letters") tells of his own struggle, thru' atheism and self-will, in "surprised by joy." After a painful experience of "religion" as a boy, he lost his faith entirely. "Remember, I had always wanted, above all things, not to be "interfered with." I had wanted (mad wish) to "call my soul my own." But thru' all his inner turmoil, he kept hearing a still, small voice. God seemed to be pressing in on him from every side—thru' the book he picked up, the friend who came to see him, the thoughts that came to him in the silent watches of the night. "Was there, then, no escape? . . . I felt as if I were a man of snow, at long last beginning to melt . . . I rather disliked the feeling."

One night, alone in his room at college, he stopped turning away from God. He saw that what God wanted was "total surrender, the absolute leap in the dark. . . . I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: Perhaps, that night, the most dejected and miserable convert in all England." Little by little he discovered the warmth of God's forgiving love, the sheer joy of His freedom. He found that he was "born again" into a life where the wondrous God is the Center, and his small self had only to please Him.

Within each one of us lives the Still, Small Voice of the Spirit of the Living Christ. Again and again, that Voice reaches us, calls us to be His. We learn that no man can fight against the Love of God, and win. One can only say "Yes", and go forward into the peace that passes understanding, under His bidding.

So, through this Lent, we shall be concentrating on listening to the Still, Small Voice—following the risen Christ as the Apostles did, of old. He knows the way. It is the way of incredible joy and peace—the *only* way!

There will be a joint meeting of the Women of St. Stephen's Church at 1:30 P.M. Sunday, March 5th in the Community House. Miss Nadia Watson will show her interesting pictures of her trip to the Holy Land.

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We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Virginia D. Arnold, Mrs. E. Bordner, Sallie Gehring, Mrs. Joseph Hardiman, Jane R. Harper, Frances Tinsley Kalich, Susie LeMar Morris, Mrs. John Pratt, Mrs. Scott P. Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. John A. Shimp, Frances L. Weir.

A cordial welcome is extended to the Rev. Dr. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, who is our guest Preacher during the week of March 6th-11th, inclusive, at the Lenten Noonday Services.

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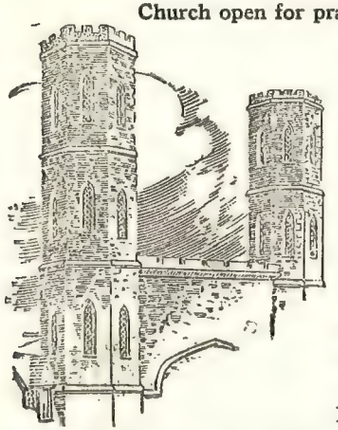
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "O Thy Grievous Fall" ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Perfect peace does not mean freedom from conflicts. Where there is life there is conflict. God's Word, however, envisages a condition where man's heart is at rest even while engaged in a conflict for the right. Peace within is found wherever the soul trusts God and does not stray from Him. O God, Thy peace is the peace that passeth understanding. We thank Thee for the gift of peace, of which Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." Our heart desires this peace. Help us, therefore, to trust Thee for this gift. Amen.

Processional Hymn 332 ..... *Spanish Chant*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 62, Page 413

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "Cast Me Not Away From Thy Presence" ..... *Wesley*

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy Spirit. The Sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise, O God. Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

The Sermon: "THE DIFFICULTY OF ACCEPTING CHRISTIANITY"
THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 337 ..... *Rockingham*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. George Sinnamon in memory of her husband, Dr. George Sinnamon; and by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his brother, Landis Gordon Walker.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. James O. Lyman.

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MARCHING-ORDERS

Dr. Bonnell tells a true story of a young woman and a taxi driver. She herself had had a tough battle with alcoholism. One morning, on her way to a television studio, she called a taxi. As they proceeded, the driver said to his passenger, "New York is a hell of a city to be living in. Everybody is at everybody else's throat. It's confusion worse confounded."

The young woman replied, "I don't blame you, driver, for feeling that way. I used to think like that myself." "Why don't you think that way now?" he asked. "Well", she replied, "I have made a discovery that has given me the strength to be able to 'take' New York." The driver glanced back suspiciously, "What do you mean? Now don't start telling me that you've got religion." "I don't care how you describe it", she said quietly, "but I have something deep within me that keeps me calm and untroubled, even in New York." "What have you got?" he asked.

She answered, "Each day I read in my Bible where I left off the previous day. I read on until I get a verse that offers help for the new day. This I copy out and carry with me. I find it inspiring." She reached into her purse, took out a slip of paper, and, just before reading it, she said, "You spoke of New York being confusion worse confounded. Listen to this: "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (I Corinthians 14:33)". "Let me see that thing", said the driver, and reached back for the slip of paper.

He held it in his right hand as it rested against the wheel, and every now and then glanced at it. When they reached their destination, she paid him, and then passed him a tip. He brushed it aside, saying, "Lady, I couldn't take a tip from you. You have given me something this morning that is more important than all the tips I'll collect today."

What a dreadful mess our lives can be! Like the young woman's, when she was an alcoholic. Like the taxi driver's, until he learned how to go into each day with a password from God. Like yours, perhaps, last year; or even now.

One of our first steps in living a "born-again" life is to meet God each morning, and to get our Marching-Orders for the day in the verse of Scripture that "reaches" us. Each morning, copy it down, and carry it with you; and let it speak to you again and again. At first, you may forget to turn to your Marching-Orders often. But, as soon as you put your will into God's hands more deeply, you will find yourself turning instantly to Him and His special Word for that day. Little by little you will live your days to please Him, and find the matchless joy that comes from obeying Him who loves you most!

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We extend a hearty welcome to Dean Moor of Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, who will be with us at our Noonday Lenten Services, Monday thru' Friday.

We welcome the new Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough, the Rev. Eugene E. Lefebre, who will preach on Saturday.

DINNER—AND MOTION PICTURE

The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing Woman's Aid is giving a meat-loaf dinner in the Community House on Tuesday, March 14th at 6 P.M. After the dinner the motion picture "Albert Schweitzer" will be shown. Picture and Dinner—$1.25. You Are Welcome.

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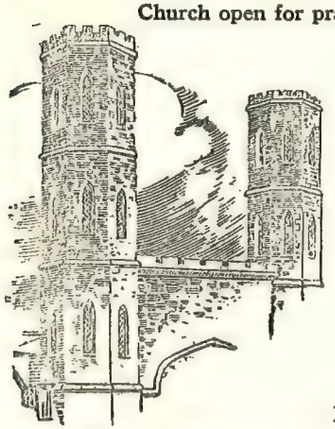
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O World I Now Must Leave Thee .....*Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—In a specific sense sonship with God depends upon accepting Christ. The indwelling Spirit enables us to come into the possession of a power that brings triumphs over the temptations of life. With God we are always able. We can do all things through Him. Forgive us, O Master, whenever we have resisted Thy gracious invitations to us. When Thou dost approach us in the moments of this day, grant us receptive hearts. Thou art anxious to come into our hearts to become a living reality, a vital power. Amen.

Processional Hymn 55 .....*Heinlein*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

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The Sermon: "THE MEANING OF SUFFERING" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 336 .....*Rathbun*

Recessional Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*

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TRADITION VERSUS LOVE

How does the still, small voice of Jesus deal with the traditions of the past?

When Dr. Ida Scudder went to India as a Christian doctor, she was up against many traditions. Strange superstitions about sickness. Called to a young woman in child birth, she found that her patient was literally dying of thirst. The ancient tradition forbade water for a sick person. The women of the household would not bring more than a thimbleful. So Dr. Scudder faced the husband—"Which shall it be? A dead superstition or a dead wife?" "What do you want us to do?" asked the young husband quietly. "Tell the women to bring me all the water I want," she demanded. She got it. The young mother pulled through.

Dr. Scudder dealt with tradition as Jesus did. She measured it by the divine yard stick of love. When a tradition was found wanting, by that test, she smashed it. So did Jesus—even if the tradition had been a step forward, beyond even more cruel ways of the past. Centuries before, Deuteronomy had taught, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." In the even harsher ages before, men had demanded death for the criminal who had put out another man's eye. So the new law in Deuteronomy had been a step forward, to limit men's vengeance to justice. But Jesus, thinking the thoughts of God, told us that cold justice is not enough. Rather, that the only way to stop anger and hate is with lovingkindness. Jesus declared, "Ye have heard that it hath been said . . . but I say unto you . . ."

So Jesus taught us to test tradition by God's measure. He Himself followed old ways, when they were good. He was a faithful Church-goer—"as was His custom". He quoted the old prophets sometimes as the givers of God's Truth. But always He measured old ways by God's values.

You and I must learn to read our Bibles as Jesus did, testing what we read, as He did. When we find (in Psalm 137)—"Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones." We remember how Jesus loved children; and we reject this vengeful old teaching. When we read in Hosea of the great-hearted husband who understood God's bidding that he still love his adulterous wife, we are grateful to an ancient prophet who miraculously had Jesus' Spirit. This testing does not mean, of course, that I can reject any Bible teaching I do not like. It does mean that I *must* reject every teaching which I am sure that God does not like!

It is thrilling indeed to take up the Bible, and to ask the Living Christ within you to lead you into its meaning; and then to go and live according to that!

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Rector has received acknowledgement from the Deans of our Theological Schools, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Philadelphia, for the annual contribution from St. Stephen's Church.

Miss Charlotte Shoemaker, teacher of music and a valued member of our Parish and of our Prayer Fellowship, is on a sabbatical leave of absence, and is doing graduate work at Columbia University. She is studying the therapeutic value of music.

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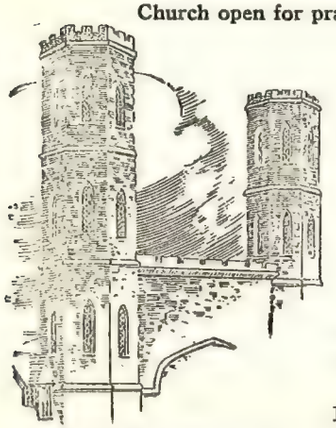
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor ..... *Bach*
Ride On, Ride On in Majesty ..... *Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me?" It is not always easy to see God in Christ. Even long acquaintance ship and familiarity with the Gospel may blur our vision. We need a new revelation, a fresh approach every day, to behold the brightness of His glory. Lord, give us the grace of recognition; may we see Thee in every experience of our lives; no matter if the sun shines brightly on our path, or if the clouds of sorrow hang over it. May we never doubt Thy presence as a living Savior. Amen.

Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 119:121-136, Page 498

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads" ..... *Handel*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle . . . The Lord of Hosts; He is the King of Glory.

The Sermon: "THE FIRST PALM SUNDAY" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*

Recessional Hymn 70 ..... *Petra*

Palm on our Altar today is provided by special funds, in memory of James Carrigan, Verger of St. Stephen's Church for many years.

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PASSION PLAY

A most significant event will take place April 4th through 9th, on the specially constructed stage of the Arena, 45th and Market Streets. The Original American version of the world renowned Oberammergau Passion Play will be presented for the first time in this area. All proceeds will be used for the Junior League sponsored "Wheels For Welfare." Prices: $1.50 — $2.50 — $3.50.

LOVE DID IT

What a strange way to attack your enemies—to ride into the city on a peaceful donkey! Not on a great white horse of a conquering general, but on a drab little old gray donkey.

Stanley Jones tells the story of a bitter man who thought that all the world were his enemies. He was a test-pilot, an ex-alcoholic. "When he had given up alcohol, he had nothing to put in its place—nothing but hate. Before, alcohol had been his defense . . . Now hate became his defense. He would fight and hate. He did. He feared everybody and hated everybody . . . But he was such a good test-pilot that he kept his job." One day he took up a business man (also an ex-alcoholic) to test him for instrument flying. The pilot sensed something new and strange in his companion, so he asked to have a talk with him. The next day they sat and talked for six hours about Christ. The pilot wondered why the business man was so eager to tell him about Christ. So the business man explained,—"If I were to give you a machine-gun with which you could mow down your enemies, would you take it?" "Take it?" he replied, "I'd jump at it, if I could get rid of my enemies." "Well," said the business man, "it's the machine-gun of Love. A sure way to get rid of your enemies." The test-pilot later wrote, "Well, I opened my heart to it all. I let Love take me over. And do you know, I mowed down all my enemies. They are all gone. They are now my friends. *Love did it.*"

It is so simple once you see it! Jesus rode into Jerusalem with never a sneer or a chariot—and challenged His enemies in the Temple. He flamed out so scorchingly against the evils in them that they nailed Him to a Cross. They never dreamed that He loved them—even while He hated their sham in religion. Even from the suffering Cross, He loved them, "Father, forgive them . . ." That made some of them very uncomfortable, I'm sure. And it has made the world uncomfortable ever since. The power of that Invincible Love gets under our skins. For Love is the toughest foe in the world to withstand. Love is the only *"sure death for enemies,"* guaranteed By God Himself, for all time.

What does the still, small voice of Jesus say in your heart about hate and love? "This is My commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." It seems fantastic to dream that you and I can love our enemies into friends as God does. But that is what God has put us here for; and there is not much time left! In this 20th century, with its "population-explosion" over all the world, God is crowding us so close together that His way of love is the only intelligent possibility left.

Jesus attacked His enemies in the practical method of God. And *Jesus is your Captain, with His headquarters within your heart!*

THE BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE

Commencing August 20th Billy Graham will be in Philadelphia for a "Crusade". We consider this a commendable Mission, and trust that many will attend. The Rector would like to have the names of those who would like to join an inter-city Committee to assist by prayer and activity, plans for the success of this Crusade.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

The Rector will be the Noonday preacher during Holy Week.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated Wednesday at 5:30 P.M., and on Maundy Thursday at 1:00, 5:15, and 8:00 P.M. Music by St. Stephen's Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening service.

HEALING SERVICES at 1:15 P.M. and 5:30 P.M., Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY

12:30 P. M.—Address: Meditation on the Cross by Bishop Hart.

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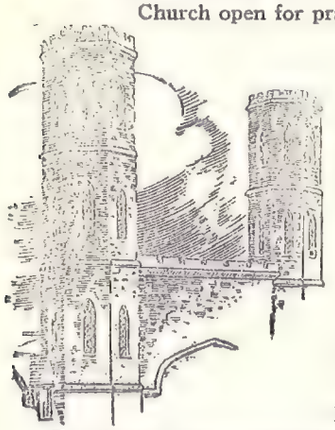
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The Prelude: Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death ..... *Bach*
The Blessed Christ is Risen ..... *Bach*

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Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

Easter Canticle, "Christ Our Passover", Chant No. 683, Hymnal

Kyrie ..... *Oldroyd*

The Anthem: Thou Hallowed Chosen Morn of Praise ..... *Sowerby*

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise, that best and greatest shinest; Fair Easter, Queen of all the days, of Seasons divinest! Christ rose from death; and we adore forever and forever more. Rise, Sion, Rise! And looking forth, behold thy children 'round thee! From East and West, from South and North, thy scattered sons have found Thee; and in thy Bosom Christ adore forever and forever more. O ye who bear Christ's holy name, give God all praise and glory; all ye who own His power, proclaim aloud the wondrous story! The Love, the Wisdom, still adore forever and forever more.

The Sermon: "RESURRECTION" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*
Sursum Corda & Sanctus ..... *Faure*
Communion Hymn 207 ..... *Knickerbocker*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 87 ..... *Fortunatus*

The Easter Decorations are provided by special funds set aside for this purpose. Flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee Family. Flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

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THE UNDYING CHRIST

It does not seem possible—those bare, cold branches, pushing out buds again, awakened by the returning sun! You saw the dry leaves drop in the Autumn. The tree looked very dead. Nor did it seem possible to those first disciples that Jesus could be alive again, resurrected by the deathless power of His Father. They had seen Him die in a lonely death on Calvary. Yet, now, they saw Him alive, giving out new love and strength for them, filling them with unbelievable joy. Now they began to understand what He had done for them.

He had lived the life of a man on earth, a man willing to love people as God loves them—and to keep on loving them even when they hated Him, and tried to murder Him. This He had been willing to do—that men might SEE that God never stops loving, loving, never stops caring, no matter how mulish and stubborn we are. This is the Gospel—that God keeps on loving us as steadily as the sun rises every morning, shining on the just and on the unjust. This is the Good News—that God is like that; that His love for us is deathless. As Peter Marshall said:

"Thus the Gospel is not something to do—but something done.

The Gospel is not a demand—but a supply.

Not something you can do—but something that has been done for you."

So history began afresh. Now, with the Spirit of the Living Jesus, in his heart, a man need never know death. Like the Seasons in nature, our lives go through a succession of seed time and harvest, through all time. Just when our strength seems low, there always comes new power from within, from the Undying Christ.

Peter Marshall continues:

"The glorious fact that the empty tomb proclaims to us is that life for us does not stop when death comes. *Death is not a wall, but a door.* And eternal life which may be ours now, by faith in Christ, is not interrupted when the soul leaves the body, for we live on . . . and on. There is no death for those who have entered into fellowship with Him who emerged from the tomb. Because the Resurrection is true, it is the most significant thing in the world today. Bringing the Resurrected Christ into our lives, individual and national, is the only hope for a better world.

"Because I live, ye shall live also!"

That is the message of Easter.

So your Easter will be amazingly happy—you can think of your loved ones living on in His Shining Companionship, far beyond the power of death! And you will be happy, also, because you, yourself, can look forward with joyous confidence to tomorrow, and next year, and to eternity with Him and with them!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Community House on Sunday, April 16th, 1961 at 12:30 P.M.

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Twelve Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of one year.

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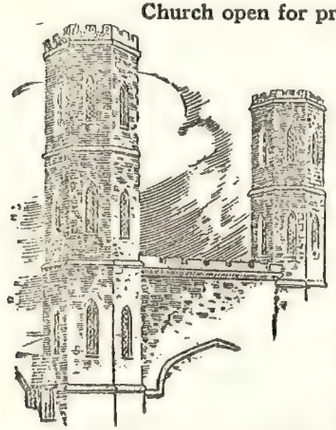
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The Strife Is O'er .....*Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—God speaks to us not only in Holy Writ but also through the wonderful book of nature. In this He reveals His power and His beauty. It is true that change and decay at times seem to mar this beauty; but even out of change and decay there comes new beauty to glorify the Creator. The beauty of God expresses itself in His handiwork. O Lord, our God, who hast made Thy name excellent in all the earth and who hast set Thy glory above the heavens; open our eyes to behold the expression of Thy glory in the beauty of nature. Amen.

Processional Hymn 94 .....*St. Kevin*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
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Since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead; for, as in Adam all die, even so in Christ, shall all be made alive.

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F. B. Meyer once told a friend that, when he was young, he was very irritable. An old man had told him that he had found relief from this same weakness by stopping, the moment he felt it coming on, and looking up to Jesus, asking, "Thy sweetness, Lord." The old man continued, "I pass this on to you because I have found it a certain and a quick way of escape. Take the opposite of your temptation, and look up inwardly, to Jesus. When you are sorely tried by someone, and tempted to be unkind, look up quickly and ask, "Thy kindness, Lord!" When you begin to feel resentful, look up and pray, "Thy sweetenss, Lord!" When you are about to explode in anger, pray, "Thy gentleness, Lord!" When moved to be rude, say, "Thy courtesy, Lord!" When you are weary and impatient after a long day indoors with your children, pray, "Thy patience, Lord!"

This really works. I know, for I have been working at it. It works *if* I am surrendered to the Lord Jesus, and eager to do His will. Such miracles result that your life sings with joy, because He can at last live and work through you. Let into your heart, He can overcome the old, unkind habits which were too strong for your human weakness.

It works IF you look up, and let Him in *at the moment of temptation.* That is absolutely necessary. It is as simple as that. You will find that you will have to surrender some cherished and sinful habits which you were not aware of. But this is not too great a price to pay for His Peace, His effective Love in us. For this is really living. This is life at its peak of joy. Look up—and live!

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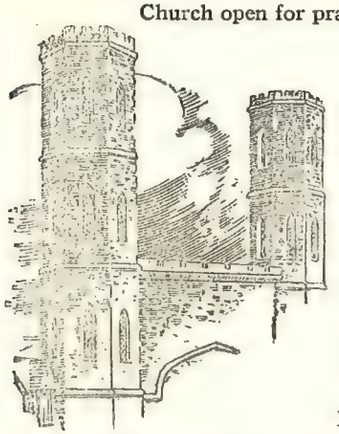
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Upon being asked to perform some service, our first question often is, "What shall it profit me?" The Apostle Paul reminds us that Godliness inevitably brings profit. In this world it assures peace, happiness and contentment; in the world to come, the greatest of all profits, life eternal. Dear Lord, help us to overcome the temptations of this day and walk in the Master's footsteps, ever keeping in mind our ultimate goal: eternity. Amen.

Processional Hymn 279 .....*Praise To The Lord*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 81, Page 442

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

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Ye who have spent the silent night in deep and quiet rest, and joy to see the light that riseth in the East; now lift your hearts, your voices raise, your morning tribute bring, and pay a grateful song of praise to heaven's Almighty King.—And as this gloomy night did last but a little space; as heavenly day doth show its pleasant face, so let us hope, when faith and love their work on earth have done, God's blessed face to see above, heaven's better, brighter Sun.

The Sermon: "WHEN HE SAW THE WAGONS." .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 294 .....*St. Bees*

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—J. P. (Norfolk, Va.)

LOVE AND KINDNESS

In the days that followed the Resurrection, the early Christians made a life-changing discovery. When Jesus walked with them along the country roads, they had been afraid of nothing. Now, they found, He was with them still!

If they desired His companionship, He went with them, wherever they were going. These humble fisher folk were without the world's "advantages." So, at first, they were frightened when they were arrested and called up before Very Important People. But they found that it was just as Jesus had promised. They needed only to trust themselves to Him, and He would put the right words on their lips, and stout courage in their hearts. They found themselves speaking boldly, and refusing to keep quiet about the Great Good News. Jesus Christ, through these "common" people, turned the world upside down.

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An elderly Quaker lady returned to her Paris hotel room one night, to find a burglar rifling her bureau drawers, where she had considerable money and jewels. As she entered, alone, he brandished his gun at her. For many a lone woman, this would have been a night-mare moment. But not for this veteran friend of Jesus Christ. She talked with the burglar quietly, and with deep and genuine sympathy for him. She told him to help himself to anything she had, as he must have more need of it than she had, if he had to be stealing it. She even led him to some valuables which he had overlooked. Suddenly the man let out a low cry, and fled from the room, taking nothing. The next day she received a letter from him, saying, "I'm not afraid of hate. But you showed me love and kindness. It disarmed me." This is the courage of those who walk with Jesus.

Those who keep their minds and hearts in step with the Master, can face any "enemy" with steady eyes. As St. Paul wrote to his young friend, Timothy, "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power and love and self-control."

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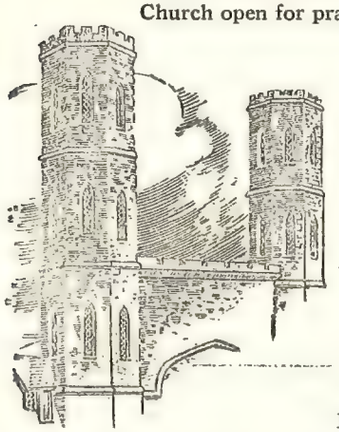
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Antophon V ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—The stream of life flows softly on. Our days are quickly spent. Happy childhood days and the carefree days of youth speedily fade into life's Noon. Then comes the mellow afternoon, when the golden sun melts into lovely eventide. Should God's mercy spare us for the eventide of life, there will be light for the trusting child of God. Loving Father who carest for Thy children throughout their entire journey of life, grant that light may be ours at eventide. We can peacefully depart from these scenes if our eyes behold Thy salvation. Amen.

Processional Hymn 357 ..... *In Babilone*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 111, Page 482

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The Anthem: All Men Living Are But Mortal ..... *Rosenmuller*

All men living are but mortal, Yea, all flesh must fade as grass; Only through death's gloomy portal to eternal life we pass. This frail body here must perish ere the heavenly joys it cherish, ere it gain the free reward for the ransomed of the Lord. Therefore, when my God doth choose it, willingly I'll yield my life; nor will grieve that I should lose it, for with sorrows it was rife. In my dear Redeemer's merit peace has found my troubled spirit. And in death my comfort this: Jesus' death my source of bliss. Jesus for my sake descended, my salvation to obtain; Death and hell for me are ended, peace and hope are now my gain. Yea, with joy I leave earth's sadness for the home of heavenly gladness, where I shall forever see God, the holy Trinity.

The Sermon: RESURRECTION: FLESH OR SPIRIT? ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 361 ..... *St. James*

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—Rev. R. D. (Conynham, Pa.)

POWER OF LOVE

One day when Jesus was with His disciples, He asked them who they thought He was. Several reported what they had heard others say. But Peter blurted out, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" Jesus told them that He would found His Church on that great belief—and that the powers of death would not prevail against it.

Of course, the "powers of death" like to scoff at such a declaration. What have they to fear from a King with no atomic bombs, no secret police. They scoff at the Son of God—until, suddenly, they meet him!

Just this past year, the world watched the Kremlin tremble before the Son of God—in Boris Pasternak's great novel, "Doctor Zhivago." The hero of this book (and his friends) had first greeted the overthrow of the Tsar and the coming of Bolshevism with joy. But they quickly changed their minds as they saw the unspeakable brutality of the Soviet authorities. Doctor Zhivago says to a Bolshevik enthusiast, "Your leaders speak many words, but you forget the most important: that you cannot love by force." All through this memorable book, the power of love sings out, the only power that can give freedom and life.

The author of the book has not gotten as far as Peter in his belief about Jesus. Yet he says, "What you don't understand is that it is possible . . . not to know whether God exists, or why; and yet believe that man does not live in a state of nature, but in history; and that history, as we know it now, began with Christ, and that Christ's Gospel is its foundation . . . now you can't advance . . . without spiritual equipment. And the basic elements of this equipment are in the Gospels. What are they? To begin with, love of one's neighbor, which is the supreme form of vital energy. Once it fills the heart of man, it has to overflow and spend itself . . . It was not until after the coming of Christ that time and man could breathe freely." Communism has done its best to suppress Jesus Christ—but still He speaks out, and through a Russian!

Those shrewd men of the Kremlin, who like to think of themselves as men of power, had done their best to suppress this book. Russian Communist editors had refused to publish it, as their rulers ordered. But a pro-communist Italian editor came along, and persuaded Boris Pasternak to let him have the manuscript, for publication outside of Russia. The men of the Kremlin sent stern orders to the Italian *not* to print that book. He was so disgusted with their tyranny, that he broke with communism, and released the book for publication all over the world. Christ had been too strong for Moscow!

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When you are confirmed, you become "a communicant in good standing" in the parish of your confirmation, entitled to vote, to hold parish office, and to all the other privileges you are entitled to in the Church. Your name is enrolled in the Parish Register as a communicant. There it will stay until you choose otherwise. When you leave a parish to go somewhere else (and we are forever moving somewhere), your duty is to ask your Rector for a "Letter of Transfer" to the parish into which you are going to move. Your new pastor then enrolls you as a communicant in good standing in HIS register and you are no longer a statistic in the old one. This procedure (1) prevents you from being counted twice, (2) entitles you to your full privileges in your new congregation and Diocese, and, (3) evidences the sincerity of your membership in the Church.

Our sincere "Thank you" to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Virginia Dietrich, Mrs. R. H. Dozier, Olga Benita Gamlile, Wayne R. Henry, Virginia D. Homeyard, Gertrude J. Johnson.

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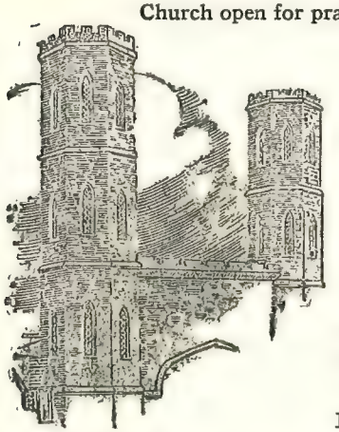
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Devotion .....*Bossi*
Aria .....*Handel*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We, too, would now make this same declaration of an unbroken succession of Divine Deliverance, and with Samuel, give our testimony to the enduring faithfulness and mercy of our Lord. "He who hath helped thee hitherto will help thee all thy journey through." Dear Lord, whatever hath befallen us by way of trial and sorrow,—we have never lost confidence in Thee, even though in our weakness we would have had it some other way. Give us ever the assurance that all things work together for good unto those who love Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn: 282 .....*Lauda Anima*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 145, Page 520
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15 .....*Stanford*
The Anthem: O Come Every One That Thirsteth (Elijah) .....*Mendelssohn*
O Come, every one that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him . . . O hear, and your souls shall live for ever . . . O come to Him.
The Sermon: "THE BEGGAR AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE" ....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 273 .....*Te Deum*
Recessional Hymn 589 .....*O Quanta Qualia*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Raymond Winter in memory of Mr. Harry J. Hauger.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Hugo H. Hanson.

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SHADOWS

My friend Birnie Warfield was preaching to a white congregation one Sunday on that wonderful verse from Genesis where God says to man, "I give you dominion"—dominion over earth and sea and everything in them—except other men! But you're not to have dominion over your brother. "You see," Birnie said to his friends, "I gotta be very careful because when I push you in any way, when I dominate you in any way, I am living contrary to God's plan."

Birnie had experienced the bitterness of other men's having dominion over him. As a Negro boy, he had known the agony of being knocked down and stepped on, many times. Within his heart had grown so deep a hatred that he could now say, "Yes, Yes, I can remember . . . A time when hate steamed up my eyes so I could see nothin'." He had found that as long as he brooded over it, and thought of himself, this hate was so strong that it blocked the way of God into his heart. He had found that the only way of victory was to turn resolutely toward the Light, the Light-giving Love of God. Then, only, did hate begin to diminish.

Birnie stepped back, so that the pulpit light was in front of him. As he looked at that light, he said, "I can't see my shadow now . . . it's behind me. That's all man has to do, turn back to God . . . There was a time when I had my back to God and the shadow in front of me was terrifying. Then one day I came face to face with one of God's truths that I could have learned right in my mother's kitchen."

He chuckled. "Mamma would mix up a batch of biscuits. You younger people won't know what I'm talking about. You buy your biscuits in cans and pop 'em into the oven." He slapped his thigh and a great laugh filled the auditorium. "Well, Mamma had to mix up our biscuits. We had an old temperamental wood stove. Wanted the wood just right, and dry. Gotta little green wood in," he grimaced, "and, woohwhee, would it smoke! Mamma would cut out the biscuits with the lid of the baking-powder can and pop 'em into the oven. Then she'd walk down to the back fence sometimes and talk with sister Harvey.

"If she gossiped too long, the biscuits would get a little burned, black, sometimes, around the edges. If the fire was resentful of green wood, they'd get done, but they would have no color.

"Honey," he said, with a twinkle in his eyes, "we are biscuits from the same batch of dough, God's dough. I got a little burnt—black—and you, you're just half-baked." When the laughter died down, his voice deepened with sincerity. "When you know this, you say of those who mistreat you, shut the door in your face, laugh at your efforts, 'You're my little brother, and you don't know any better.'

Honey, we gotta love our little brothers, no matter where you meet them, what color they are or where they live, turn your eyes upon Jesus. Put the shadow at your back. . . ."

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The Evening Branch of the Women of St. Stephen's have elected the following officers for the year 1961-62: Sarah Winn, President; Helen Downes, Vice President; Rita Clark, Secretary; and Gertrude Flossic, Treasurer.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Each year in the Spring and Fall the women of the Episcopal Church, throughout the nation and in all its Mission Fields, join in the presentation of the United Thank Offering, generally and affectionately known as "the U.T.O." Because this is a significant and vital expression of the strength and purpose of the whole Church, it is important that every communicant should know something about it.

This is not just another appeal for funds for the Church's program, but rather it is a great religious movement which began towards the close of the nineteenth century when one lone devoted Church woman became concerned over the small amount of the offering presented at the corporate communion held during the first Triennial Meeting of the W.A. She felt that had the delegates and visitors known of the purpose of this great service of Thanksgiving, they would have been more generous in their response. Accordingly, she asked that two objectives for which this money could be used be listed in Church papers in advance of the Triennial Meeting.

This was done and the offering in 1889—slightly more than $2,000.00, was used to build Christ Church in Anvik, Alaska, and to send a Missionary to Japan. What began as an offering made by those attending the Triennial Meeting became an offering from women throughout the whole Church, who became deeply aware of God's blessings in their lives when they expressed an "outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace" of thanksgiving. So it was that the women began the habit of dropping a coin in a small box with a spoken prayer whenever they became aware of gratitude to God for some blessing in their life. At intervals they took the accumulated contents of the box to offer at the Church.

Thus began the practice which most of us know so well—of presenting our "Blue Boxes" each Spring and Fall to be sent to the Triennial Meeting and thence reach out to all the world. Now thousands and thousands of women have learned to value this day-by-day giving *with prayer* as a significant part of their Christian discipleship. The sum of money which flows from the Blue Boxes into the life of the Church runs into millions of dollars every third year, to be spent for doctors, nurses, missionaries, medicines and the many, many other uses so badly needed by our missionary program.

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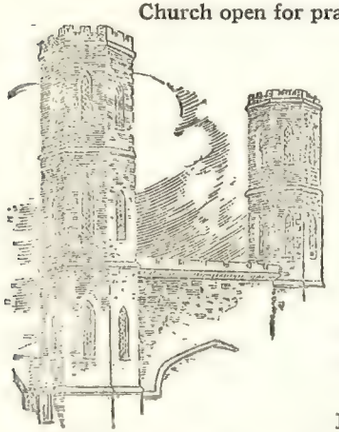
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The Prelude: "Preludio" ..... *Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are, indeed, unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow, unless we can say with confident faith that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly we can experience the Presence of the Lord in all the trials of life as well as in its joys. Our Savior, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy Presence wherever we may be, and when we are alone. In grief or defeat help us to see Thee clearly, and from the vision, to receive strength and peace. Amen.
Processional Hymn 276 ..... *Nun Danket*
Kyrie ..... *Stanford*
The Anthem: Bread Of The World, In Mercy Broken ..... *Candlyn*
(Hymn No. 196)
The Sermon: "OUR DAILY BREAD" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 101 ..... *Kingsfold*
Sursum Corda, Sanctus ..... *Stanford*
Communion Hymn 207 ..... *Knickerbocker*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 355, Omit Stanzas 4 & 5 ..... *Coronation*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his brother-in-law, John Russell Evans; and by Mrs. M. Wilson in memory of her husband.

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For many, many years Philadelphia's homes and families have enjoyed a Sunday that is free from the sale of liquor at open bars and taverns. We do not want to change this. But the first entering wedge has come! 94 hotels in this city want Sunday Liquor Sales. If this is passed, it is but a question of time before the 3,318 bars, taverns and tap rooms will be open seven days a week. An Open Sunday for liquor sales can raise your taxes. It can downgrade your city for the benefit of profit seeking people. Our present liquor control laws are satisfactory. Let's keep them that way. For your City, your homes and your family vote "NO" on the Sunday Liquor Question on May 16th. This is Question No. 2 on the ballot.

The Diocese of Penna. is forming a Bowling League. Men of St. Stephen's who wish to form a team get in touch with Elmer Newkirk, 408 Kenmore Ave., Havertown, Pa. for details.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

The Rector is very grateful to the Vestry and congregation of St. Stephen's Church for a leave of absence during June and July in order for him to travel in Europe and South Africa to lecture at Healing Conferences, preach and conduct Healing Missions and inspect the work of the Order of St. Luke the Physician in distant places.

His itinerary will be as follows:

June
1-3 — Healing Festival Conference in Dublin, Ireland
4 — St. Patrick's Cathedral
6 — Glasgow, Scotland
8 — Edinburgh, Scotland
10-12 — Healing Mission in St. Martin's In The Bull Ring, Birmingham, England
11 — Cathedral of Birmingham
13-16 — Healing Advance Conference, London
16 — Reception in St. Ermin's Hotel, London
18 — St. Mark's Church, Kennington, London, 11 A.M.
St. Giles Church, Nunhead, London, in evening
20-23 — Fifth International Healing Conference, De Hezenberg, Hattem, Holland
25-28 — Berlin and West Germany

July
2-4 — St. Michael and All Angels, Pretoria, So. Africa
5-8 — St. Luke's Church, Johannesburg
8-12 — Cathedral Church of St. Cyprian, Kimberly
12-15 — St. Cuthbert's Church, Port Elizabeth
16-18 — St. Mark's Church, East London
17 — Forest Sanctuary Healing Home
19-23 — St. Columba's Church, Durban and Kearsney Healing Home
23-26 — St. Alphege's Church, Pietermaritzburg
27-30 — St. Dunstan's Church, Johannesburg

August
1 — Rome, Italy

The Rector has now conducted Missions of Christian Healing in 33 States, 21 Cathedrals and 53 Dioceses in the United States. He has conducted Missions in Canada and in the British West Indies. He is the Warden, or Director of the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, a non-Monastic Order open to clergy, physicians, psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, and lay people active in intercessory prayer who want to develop a vocation in spiritual therapy, and who are seeking to restore to the Church the ministry of healing. There are over 3,500 active members of the Order in America.

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Order will be held at St. Stephen's Church, September 10th - 13th, inclusive.

GIVERS ARE RARELY ILL

(The following paragraphs are from the book, "A Psychiatrist's World", by Karl Menninger, M.D., published by Viking Press.)

"Money giving is a very good criterion, in a way, of a person's mental health. Generous people are rarely mentally ill people. On the other hand, let's not get critical of some of our stingy friends. Remember that stinginess is an illness. Some don't dare give even if they have money. They might run out. You can't take it with you! I don't know how many hundreds of my patients are now asleep in the graveyard, leaving behind them far more money than they could handle, far more money than their children could amicably divide, causing endless trouble and worry and oftentimes injury.

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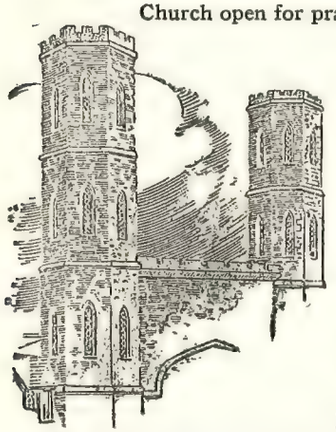
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The Prelude: Chaconne .....*Couperin*
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Processional Hymn 352 .....*Diademata*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 71, page 425
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626 .....*Randall*
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644 .....*Elvey*
The Anthem: Sing Praise to God .....*Whitlock*
Sing praise too God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; With healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills; To God all praise and glory! What God's Almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth: within the Kingdom of His might all is just, and all is right; to God all power and glory. Then all my joyful way along I sing aloud Thy praises, that men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises: Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body bear your part! To God all praise and glory!
The Sermon: "FOOTPRINT ON MOUNT OLIVET" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 356 .....*King's Weston*
Recessional Hymn 103 .....*In Babilone*

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—Mrs. V. M. Earle (Eastchester, N.Y.)

STRENGTH TO CARRY ON

Sometimes the load gets too heavy for us. We say, "I can't bear it. It's too heavy." When we feel like that, it is a sure sign that we are trying to get along without God. He never intended us to carry great burdens with our own strength. He meant us to learn that only in His strength can we carry *any* load He intends us to bear.

After all, Jesus Himself did not try to meet life with His own strength alone. He said, very clearly, "I do nothing of Myself." By keeping His inner Spirit always open and responsive to His Father, He found the power to meet life's daily tests. If He had to depend on His Father, how much more do we!

Abraham Lincoln carried as heavy a load as any Chief of State ever has—his own country torn by strife and bitterness, the future uncertain, the present very dark. But Lincoln did not try to shoulder that staggering burden by himself. He profoundly believed in prayer, just as his Master had. It is recorded that a gentleman with an appointment to see him at 5 A.M. arrived 15 minutes early. Hearing a voice in the next room, he asked the attendant, "Who is in the next room? Someone with the president?" "No, he is reading the Bible and praying." "Is this his habit so early in the morning?" "Yes, Sir, he spends each morning from 4 to 5 in reading the Scriptures and praying." No wonder Lincoln stands out as our greatest American. Prayer was his first concern for each day—before any other business of State.

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St. Stephen's Boy Scout Troop, No. 2, won first place in the Liberty Bell District First Aid Contest held on April 9th at Lit Brothers Auditorium.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Thirty-eight members of the Youth Fellowship Group of Faith Congregational Church, Springfield, Mass., with the Assistant Minister, the Rev. Richard W. Albin, visited St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, April 30th. They attended the 11 O'Clock Service and stayed until 1:30 P.M. while the Rector spoke to them about our Healing Ministry. Dr. Mary P. Hitner, Mr. Arthur Comby and Mrs. Florence Master (of Media, Pa.) gave personal witness to the power of God's healing. On Monday from 10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. the Rector answered their questions in a session at the Philadelphia Divinity School.

A BOX — A PRAYER — A COIN

A coin dropped with a prayer into a United Thank Offering Box becomes a miraculous thing. It is a woman's personal energy reduced to portable form and endowed with powers the woman herself does not possess; it can go where she cannot go, speak with languages she cannot speak, lift burdens she cannot touch with her fingers, save lives with which she cannot directly deal, so that a woman busy at home or at work all day downtown can at the same time be building and equipping Churches, hospitals, and schools, keeping them in good condition and supporting their personnel, all over the world.

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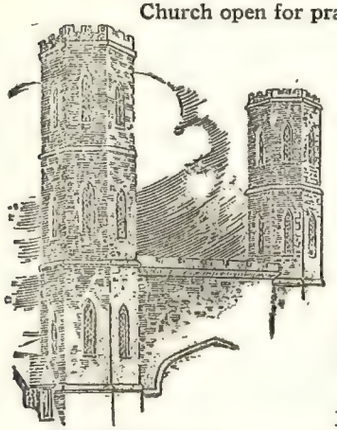
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The Prelude: The Celestial Banquet ..... *Messaien*

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Processional Hymn 370 ..... *Graefenburg*

Kyrie ..... *Stanford*

The Anthem: "Come, Holy Ghost" ..... *Thiman*
(Hymn 217)

The Sermon: "THE NEW BIRTH OF THE CHURCH" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 376 ..... *Down Ampney*

Sanctus ..... *Stanford*

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Gloria In Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 108 ..... *Grace Church*

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FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

One day Jesus and His disciples were off in a quiet place. They had been asking Him questions. He was telling them of the powerful Presence of God where a few come together for His sake.—"For wherever two or three people come together in My name, I am there, right among them!" (Phillips).

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Henry Drummond tells us of a little boy who asked, "What does God do all day?" How would you answer that question? Many people never dream "that God is engaged in any particular work in the world, any more than it occurs to a little child that his father does anything except to be his father." Drummond explains that God has a purpose for mankind, "A purpose beyond each person and his needs—a purpose which embraces every man and woman born, every kindred and nation formed . . . which regards their welfare in every part, their progress, their health, their work, their wages, their happiness in this present world." And when two or three meet together to let God carry out His purpose through them, their horizon becomes as wide as His love. Their concern is to let His saving love loose through their prayers, through their lives. And, just because they are committed to Him, He can be with them, and can do His miracles through them.

This is the simple explanation of Whitsunday, "the day of Pentecost." The Scripture tells us that "they were all assembled together", as His humble and eager servants, the fellowship of those who loved and obeyed Him. And, because that was their reason for gathering, "they were all filled with the Holy Spirit . . ."

It is impossible to be a Christian for long, by one's self. The Way of Jesus is living with others in His manner of life. Therefore each one of us deeply needs a little company with whom to meet, once a week or so, "in His name," in His Spirit. If you are a shut-in, such precious fellowship may meet at your bed side. If that is not possible presently, your choice fellowship may be invisible, kept real and living by letters written to and fro.

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Our usual Memorial Day Patriotic Service will be held next Sunday, May 28th at 11 A.M.

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LO cust 8-2600 — E-Day, May 22nd

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The Prelude: In Paradise ..... *Mulet*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Friendship is one of the most satisfying experiences of life. That is what our relationship to God should be. He would not have us approach Him as cringing slaves who fear an over-lord, but joyously, confidently, as a man speaks to a friend, tried and true. He wishes to share with us His purposes for men. As we look forward to meeting a friend, so may our approach and friendship be with Thee, Thou Friend and Savior of our race. May our friendship ripen through the days and years to come, into a love that will cause us to do whatsoever Thou dost command us. Amen.
Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 132, Page 508
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 644, Hymnal
The Anthem: Blesesd Are The Dead ..... *Brahms*
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth . . . Saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors, and that their works follow after them.
The Sermon: "MEMORY AND HOPE" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-Y-Botel*
Massing of The Colors
Pledge To The Flag
America, 4th Verse: Hymn No. 141
Prayers and Taps
Postludium Anthem: "In Paradise" ..... *Faure*
Benediction, Sevenfold Amen
Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

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LOVE IS THE ANSWER

Jesus was so practical. He knew that men's sickness of mind and body can be healed—and that love is necessary for this healing.

The Master taught this, thousands of years ago. Yet, in our day, leading doctors are just discovering this truth. Dr. Carl Menninger, noted psychiatrist in charge of the Menninger Clinic, is one. After years of hard study, he came to the conclusion that his patients were all sick because of lack of love. Either they had not loved, or been loved—or both. They were sick because of the deficiency of love in their lives. So he reorganized his mental hospital around love. Dr. Menninger called his staff together and explained his conviction that the patients all had one great need in order to get well—love. From that time on, all contacts with patients must be loving, caring contacts; and this applied to everyone who worked in the hospital, from the top doctors to the lowliest attendants and electrician. After six months they took stock to see how this was working out, and found that the expected hospitalization time had been cut in half. Jesus is so practical!

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"This love that I speak of is slow to lose patience—it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive . . . It is not touchy . . . Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust; no fading of hope. It can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that stands when all else has fallen." (Phillips).

If you and some other person are at odds, then try Jesus' answer, with patience and resolution. It always works, bringing light and hope. It often produces miracles of restored understanding and affection. No advice to the other person, remember—just love them, honestly, prayerfully; and see what happens. Jesus is so practical!

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To Continue Christ's Faithful Soldiers."

March 12th—Elaine Jane Vigorita
March 31st—Florence E. Waldman
April 30th—Cherly A. Achuff
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May 4th—Catherine M. Pearce

BURIALS

"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

January 13th—R. Edward Sleight
February 1st—Theresa M. Metzinger
March 7th—Basil G. Hepburn
April 12th—Virginia R. Peck

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No Longer Strangers But Members of the Household."

Olga Ludwig Carlile
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SUMMER SERVICES

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USHERS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

July	2	Mr. David German, Sr.	Aug.	6	Mr. James Lyman
	9	Mr. David German, Jr.		13	Mr. Frederick Schmid
	16	Mr. Hugo Hanson		20	Mr. Elmer S. Carll
	23	Mr. Edwin S. Heins		27	Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr.
	30	Mr. Wilson C. Leithead			

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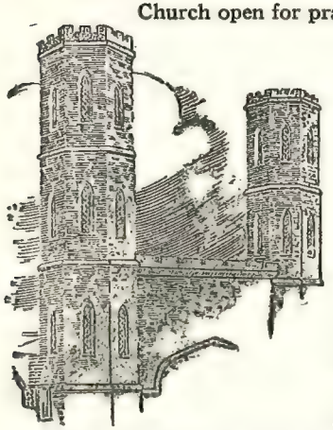
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The Prelude: Invocation ..... *Timmings*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—So much of religion is a mild assumption or a pious wish, and for that reason it never becomes a transforming power in our lives. When we know for a certainty that Jesus lives, and that He will make us live, then things begin to happen; and our lives begin to mount upward. Father, cleanse us of fear, timidity and uncertainty; and give us the great conviction that "the best is yet to come, the last for which the first was made." Make us to know that a glorious life is within reach of us through Thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

Kyrie ..... *Stanford*

The Anthem: In The Year That King Uzziah Died ..... *Williams*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high, and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the Seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts. Then flew one of the Seraphim, having a live coal in his hand which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, here I am, send me.

The Sermon: THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD: *POWER*
MR. MAYER

Offertory Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

Sanctus ..... *Stanford*

Communion Hymn 198 ..... *St. Flavian*

Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*

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James Martineau, inspired teacher and preacher of the 19th Century, is very helpful here. He points out that everyone—except Children—has a *sphere in which he is appointed to rule,* in which he will either bless or curse the life of another. What we are, and what we do, makes a vast difference to every person who loves us dearly—with them we have the power of a king or a queen. To our children we bring either sunshine or darkness of night, depending on whether we are centered in them or in ourselves. Those who have to do something for you every day—like your milk-man, or your postman—are also under your "rule", for your indifference or your scowl starts their day, while your smile or your gratitude sends them on their way rejoicing. There is a sphere, therefore, in which each one of us has tremendous power.

Martineau asked a searching question, *"How is it with you in your place of power?"* In the place where you work, you are under orders and are not powerful. You do what you are told because you have to, to earn your living. But in your place of power you can be hurtful or helpful, wounding or healing, hateful or love-ful. Martineau says, "How is it with you in your place of power—among the servants whom you govern, the children whom you train, the companions who place you at their head? Do you take liberties there, as if there were nothing to restrain you? Do you grant exemptions to yourself—exemptions of sloth, exemptions of temper, exemptions of truth?" He concludes that "to souls baptised in Christian nobleness, the largest sphere of command is but a wider empire of obedience", a sphere in which we most need to obey God's will, and let His Love through us.

I will always remember Mrs. S., an elderly woman, who had a painful illness for which no cure could be found. She lived by herself in a small apartment. Her son Gilbert lived some 25 miles away, close to his work, with his wife and four children. He was a hard-working, warm-hearted husband and father and son. Mrs. S. knew that if he realized how much pain she had, he would come frequently to see her, even though he became worn out doing it. This was her place of power—to bless or curse! So she carefully hid her pain from him, and when he came occasionally to see her, concealed it so well that he never knew it. So, in her place of power, Mrs. S. let God's Love rule her. She met Christ's test. How is it with you in *your* place of power?

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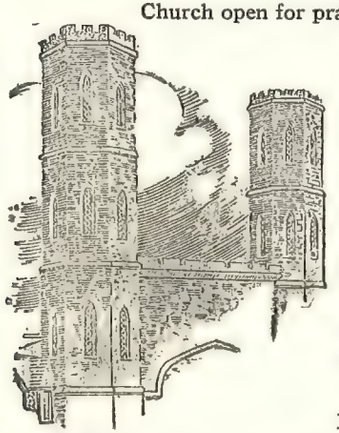
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Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm No. 1, Page 345

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11, Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Sing To The Lord ..... *Tye*

Sing to the Lord in joyful strain, let earth His praise resound. Ye who amidst the ocean dwell, and fill the isles around. Thou city of the Lord begin the universal song, let all combined with one accord, the cheerful notes prolong.

The Sermon: FORTIFIED GOODNESS AND CONVERTED RECKLESSNESS
MR. MAYER

Offertory Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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BEGIN WITH YOURSELF

Jesus had one ray of real joy on the last night of His life on earth. As He sat at supper with His disciples, He said, "One of you will betray Me." And, in Matthew's story, "they were sorrowful, and began to say to Him, one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" What progress they had made—not to try to blame someone else, but each to look into his own heart, to see if the sin might be there. Jesus must have been encouraged!

Of course they slipped, sometimes. In the last appearance of Jesus to His disciples (as recorded by John), Jesus had three times asked Peter if he loved Him, and then bidden him to "feed My sheep." Apparently Peter was a bit vexed in having his love for his Master thus questioned. Turning his head, he saw the disciple John, and with a touch of irritation, asked, "Lord, what about this man?" And Jesus answered, ". . . what is that to you? Follow Me!" Peter, begin with yourself.

Martin Buber writes, "The essential thing is to *begin with one's self* . . . Everything depends on myself, and the crucial decision, I WILL STRAIGHTEN MYSELF OUT." That is the clear teaching of Jesus—why try that speck out of your brother's eye? Get to work on the bulky obstruction in your own eye, which makes *you* blind to the truth. Begin with yourself!

Sometimes a married couple gets at odds, and each is ready to blame the other. After all, it's much more comfortable to think that the other person is to blame, isn't it! Then, sometimes, by the grace of God, one of them starts to ask God about this prickly situation, and listens to God's voice. Suddenly the one praying says, "Is it I?" This is an uncomfortable question, and it has most uncomfortable answers, but there is healing in them. Before you know it, this person is saying to the other, "You know, I should not have spoken to you angrily, as I did, and I'm sorry for it." You know what happens next. The other is so surprised and so humbled, that the answer comes back, "I provoked you; and I'm sorry I did. Will you forgive *me*?"

Jesus' teaching is so practical—and so simple. But it is not easy! It takes inner fortitude to face one's own sins. Not one of us enjoys that. But it is the way that works out for peace and good will. With God's help, it brings heaven into a home, a friendship, or a town. With God's help, when each nation faces its own fault, it can bring peace into the world.

ORDINATION SERVICE

The members of St. Stephen's Church are invited to attend the Ordination Service of Joseph Trimble and Carl N. Kunz at St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets on Saturday, June 17th at 10 A.M. Please notify Mrs. Madeline Keller of St. Stephen's if you plan to attend. Mr. Kunz is from St. Peter's Church and Mr. Trimble is a candidate from St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Trimble is a graduate of the University of Penna. and the Episcopal Theological School of Cambridge, Mass. He will preach in St. Stephen's on Sunday morning, June 18th.

The Rector presented Miss Ruth S. Hanratty for Confirmation in the Bishop's Chapel on May 29th.

BURD DAY

The Annual Burd School Commencement will be held on Sunday, June 11th at 2:30 P.M. at 4226 Baltimore Avenue. Everyone is invited.

The Rector is in Birmingham, England during this week-end. He is preaching to the members of the Guild of Health on Saturday at 3 P.M. in the Parish House of St. Martin's-in-the-Bull Ring. On Sunday he is preaching in the Birmingham Cathedral at 11 O'Clock. At 6:30 P.M. he is preaching in the Sparkbrook Baptist Church and on Monday evening he is preaching in St. Martin's Church. From Tuesday to Friday he is speaking at the Healing Advance Conference near London. (High Leigh). On Saturday night he will be the honored guest at a reception in St. Ermin's Hotel where some sixty leaders of the Healing Ministry of Great Britain will attend.

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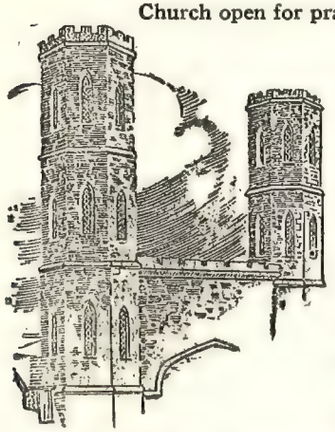
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunnger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Chorale in B Minor .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men. He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hate and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man might commit. He who was pure would have us watch our words and deeds so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and Merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 157 .....*Christe Sanctorum*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm No. 27, Page 371

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11, Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Credo (The Creed) .....*Gretchaninoff*

Sermon .....THE REV. JOSEPH E. TRIMBLE

Offertory Hymn 291 .....*Mendon*

Recessional Hymn 310 .....*London New*

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Dear Dr. Price:—Please remove my name from your Prayer List. I am fine now, and can carry on knowing what God heals is healed, perfectly and permanently. If I could only tell you how much deep down peace and comfort comes to the person being prayed for—but I just can't find the words to express my deep gratitude. I can only try to pass it all on to others. God bless you, your work, your healing Church, and your Prayer Group.—E. C. (Moorestown, N. J.)

SECRET OF PRAYER

Jesus' friends were expectant. They did not know that *this* was going to be the day of Pentecost. But He had bidden them to stay in Jerusalem "to wait for the Father's promise." God always keeps His promises. As they met together, waiting, they "devoted themselves to prayer." It is to praying people that the Holy Spirit comes. Jesus had given His disciples *the secret of prayer*. He had first told them that the only two great spiritual laws are to love God and to love people. When the disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray, He gave them what we now call "The Lord's Prayer", and said that this is the loving spirit in which we must pray if our prayers are to be effective.

As you read over His Prayer thoughtfully, you find that it never says, "give *me*", or "forgive *me*." It is all "we" and "us" and "our". *There must be love in prayer.* Just as you cannot construct an aeroplane that will fly without obeying the law of gravity; so you cannot make prayers that will leave the ground and reach God without obeying the law of love.

There was an interesting conversation which took place in the house of a Pharisee. A woman came and anointed Jesus' feet with precious ointment. Now the Pharisees and Jesus knew that this woman's life had been far from correct. The Pharisees proudly scorned her as "a sinful woman." But Jesus knew that, even in her sinful way of life, this woman had usually obeyed the law of love, had been genuinely concerned for other people, truly kind and self-forgetful. So Jesus looked straight at those chilly-hearted Pharisees, saying, ". . . her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much." The Pharisees were very angry; but the woman went away with a great peace in her heart. Because she had been full of loving-kindness, her prayers had reached God.

Test your own praying by this law of love. Selfish praying does not reach God. For instance, if we pray for a job we want, without thinking that our getting the job means that someone else loses it. If we pray for peace of mind, when we should ask God to give us the courage to make friends with someone we have hurt, and ask them to forgive us. When we pray resolutely in the Spirit of Love, miracles do happen. Pray for God's Love to come *through you* to build up the confidence of some scared friend, or to use you to help someone to escape from the sticky fly-paper of self-centeredness. This adventure is more exciting than any TV "Western." This is prayer that is overflowing with God's saving power, *through you!*

Jean V. D. Price was graduated from Harriton High School, Bryn Mawr, on June 14th. She will matriculate in Susquehanna University in September and major in music.

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Joseph Trimble who will assist at the Holy Communion at 9 A.M. and preach at the 11 A.M. Service. The Rev. Joseph Trimble was ordained to the Diaconate at St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, on Saturday at 10 A.M. He is a member of St. Stephen's Church and has had a distinguished educational career at the University of Penna. and the Harvard Theological School. He is to be an assistant at St. Paul's Church, Chestnut Hill.

WHAT BECAME OF THE APOSTLES?—Few know the manner in which the twelve Apostles came to their end. According to legends, this is what happened:

JOHN died of extreme old age at Ephesus.
JUDAS ISCARIOT, after betraying the Lord, hanged himself.
PETER was crucified, head downward, during the persecution of Nero.
ANDREW died on a cross at Patrae, in Achaia, a Greek Colony.
JAMES, the Bishop of Jerusalem, was thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple and then beaten to death with a club.
BARTHOLOMEW was flayed alive in Albanapolis, Armenia.
JAMES, the elder son of Zebedee, was beheaded in Jerusalem.
THOMAS, the doubter, was run through with a lance at Coromandel, in the East Indies.
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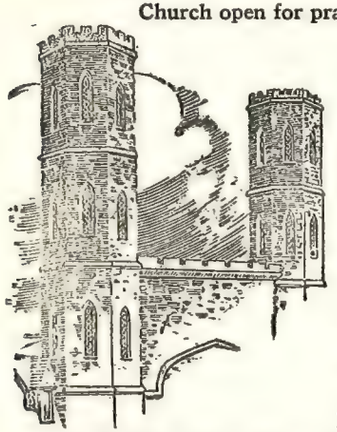
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The Prelude: Preludio .....*Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our never-ending task of being Christians is to fill ourselves in unending measure or such qualities of the spirit as strength in the inner man, faith in His dear Son, knowledge that comprehends the dimensions of Love; and Love itself, that passeth all understanding. Dear Lord, we are overwhelmed when, as we behold the smallness of ourselves, we realize that we were meant to contain Thy fullness. Unto that end may we strive to be immersed in Thy truth and Goodness, but not until we have emptied ourselves, so that Thou canst replenish our hearts with every grace of Thyself completely. Amen.
Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm No. 139, Page 514
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11, Chant No. 626, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15, Chant No. 644, Hymnal
The Anthem: Cast Me Not Away From Thy Presence .....*Wesley*
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy Spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise, O God. Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.
The Sermon: The Practice of the Presence of God: STATUS .....MR. MAYER
Offertory Hymn 268 (Stanzas 1, 2, 6, 7) .....*St. Patrick*
Recessional Hymn 524 .....*Manheim*

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July 2nd: THIS GOOD LAND
July 9th: The Practice of the Presence of God: BOLDNESS
July 16th: The Practice of the Presence of God: CONQUEST

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—V. A. Sibley (Phila., Pa.)

LAST ISSUE OF THE WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR SEASON

With this issue of St. Stephen's Weekly Bulletin we close the present Season. The Bulletin is not published during the months of July and August. Our next issue will be that of September 3rd, 1961.

LOVE AND CARING

Back in the dim and distant past there was a great famine. In Egypt there was a man who had expected it, and had stored up vast supplies of grain. When the famine descended, the word spread far and wide, and "all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain." It is an exciting story of rich treasure ready in time of need.

We sometimes forget that there has been a chronic famine of loving-kindness on the earth for many ages. This is one reason that Jesus came, to bring what men craved most deeply—love and caring. He taught them to be the instruments of His peace and kindness. The world was so surprised and delighted that men cried out, "See how those Christians love each other;" and then looked more closely, to find out how they did it. Pagans were drawn to Christianity because the Christians out-lived and out-loved the rest of the world.

A man and his wife one day went to an orphanage to find a child to adopt. They had never been able to have a child of their own. They wanted one very much. But, never having had one, they did not understand what makes a child "tick." They were afraid that the youngster they chose would not want to come and be their child. Finally they found an eight-year-old boy who was just the kind they wanted. Anxiously they began to tell him all the things he could have if he lived in their home. The boy looked at them, all mixed up, and said, "Why do you tell me about all these *things*? All I want is someone to love me."

So many, many people are spiritually starving for love. They seek somewhere, someone who has a great store of love which they can share. It could be someone in your neighborhood, in your Church—even in your home. Someone who is hungry to be loved just as they are—ornery, imperfect, discouraged. Someone whose spirit will die unless it is fed by the life-saving vitamins of compassion and understanding.

You may be thinking, "There are such multitudes of people who need love that I can do little about it." But would you say that to Jesus? Can you say that to His Spirit in your heart? Rather, you can give Him great joy when you say to Him:

I'm only one.
But I am one.
I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do—
What I ought to do, *I will do!*"

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A LITTLE PRAYER — Worth Memorizing

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Memorial Flowers for the Altar in July and August

JULY
2 — King's Daughters Fund
9 — Mr. David Magee in memory of his wife
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Miss Ann Snow in memory of her father, Alfred L. Snow
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AUGUST
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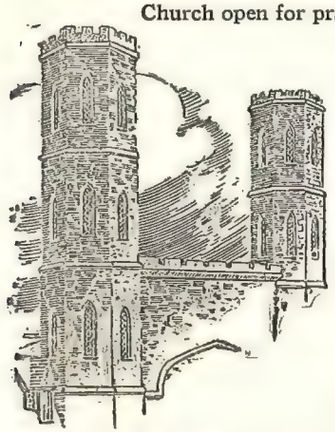
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The Prelude: Fantasia ..... *J. S. Bach*
Adagio ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men; He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hate and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man could commit. He, who was pure, would have us watch our words and deeds, so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and Merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 86, Prayer Book page 447

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The Anthem: I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes ..... *Sowerby*

Sermon: "THE ROCKET LIBRARY" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 411 ..... *Grace Church*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

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Words are inadequate vehicles to express to all the women of St. Stephen's Church our appreciation for the wonderful help and service rendered to our guests at the recent International Conference on Spiritual Healing. To Mrs. Madeline Keller and her fine group of workers who were responsible for the Tea and Reception in the Community House on the three afternoons of the Conference, and for the expert handling of over 150 people who attended the Supper on Tuesday night, and for the most important help given by members of the OSL in the work of registration, ushering and information, we are deeply indebted.

The Rector was a speaker at the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Provincial Conference held at the Conference Center at Radnor on September 2nd.

TWO UMBRELLAS

George Toregenersen once observed that, wherever you find a shining Christian character, you will always discover—in the background—someone "with two umbrellas."

He tells the story of a young Philippino student who came to this country to study at a mid-Western University. On the first Sunday morning, in his new dormitory room, he was awakened by a heavy rainfall. He was just about to close his eyes for some more sleep, when a fellow student appeared in the doorway, an umbrella on each arm. He offered to show the young Philippino the way to his Church, and then go on to his own. The young Philippino had never found Christ in his own Church, though he still attended it. As the two students started down the street, the foreigner thought, "If this fellow-student of mine has such a faith and such an interest in my spiritual life, surely I ought to find out what his faith is like." So he began going to his friend's Church, and did find Christ there. He became a famous Bishop of that Church back in the Philippine Islands. He bears witness to his debt to the friend with two umbrellas.

These two-umbrellas people are the life-changers, the givers of strength and loving-care and kindness. They are forever reaching out beyond themselves to shield someone else from the weather, to guide another thru' storm to a place of safety. Stop for a minute, *now*, and shut your eyes, and remember the two-umbrellas people who have blessed your life . . . because they valued you so much, you learned to value yourself more. Because they shared their treasure with you, you became rich. Because they let God put His shoulder under their load, they had strength to carry a part of your load. Through them you have caught new glimpses of the wonder of Jesus; new tastes of the goodness of life flavored with God's compassion; new love of great music; new hints of the marvels of God's created world.

When Jesus commanded, "Love your neighbor as yourself," He was simply telling us to be "two-umbrellas" people. Jesus taught His friends to invite others in out of the storm, under God's protection. And they came and stood at the door of people's lives, with an umbrella on each arm. So our two-umbrella life-savers taught us that, no matter how the storms blow, it is "what's-on-the-inside" that counts!

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THE WARDEN IN SCOTLAND

Arrived at the Renfrew Airport, Glasgow, on Tuesday Noon, June 6th, and was met by our Scotish Chaplain, the Rev. Andrew Gordon and a fellow clergyman of the Church of Scotland. We went to the Manse of the Rev. Allen Robson of the Kelvinside (Botanic Gardens) Church of Scotland where, at 8 P.M., we talked to a dozen clergymen on the subject of Spiritual Healing. On Wednesday morning we went sight seeing in Glasgow and visited the Episcopal Cathedral and the Iona Headquarters in Glasgow. I was disappointed that we did not have time to visit the Island of Iona. In the afternoon I met with a fine group of lay people in the Kelvinside Church and talked about the O.S.L.

In the evening we had a laying-on-of-hands service at the Kelvinside Presbyterian Church. Wednesday night is the regular healing service in this Church. I made the address. Those who desired the laying-on-of-hands sat at the end of the pews while I went up and down the two aisles ministering to them. Each one had a card with his name and the nature of his problem written on it.

Thursday morning two of the ministers drove me to Edinburgh where we met with a fine group of clergymen of the Church of Scotland. After lunch we met with a group of lay people at the Healing Centre in Ainslie Place. In the evening I had a lecture in the Palmerstone Place Church and a question and answer period in the Parish House following the service. The Services in Scotland were well attended. One lady said she was impressed with my lecture but she said she was "too orthodox" to pray for healing. Calvinism prevented her.

I left Edinburgh by train on Friday morning, and arrived in Birmingham, England, at 5 P.M. My most unique experience in Scotland was to find a hot water bottle in my bed in the month of June! I had left Philadelphia in 90 degree temperature and it was now 45 degrees in Scotland.

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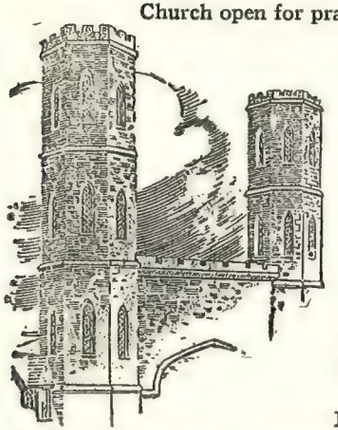
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Jesu, Priceless Treasure ..... *Bach*

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Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 116, page 486

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The Anthem: Lord, Who is my Guide But Thee? ..... *Schutz*
Lord, Who is my guide but Thee? Who is my light but Thee? And there is none beside Thee that I desire; my soul and body, how did they fail! But God is my strength, forever comfort of my heart, and my portion; my consolation and my portion.

The Sermon: "THE GOOD SAMARITAN" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 158 ..... *Puer Nobis*

Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Kathryn Miller in memory of Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey; also by Mrs. Harry G. Hauger in memory of her husband.

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—Mrs. R. D. O'B. (Seattle, Wash.)

SALT

A teacher of mine one day pointed out that Jesus never commanded us to be the sugar of life. Rather, "Ye are the *salt* of the earth." What's on the inside of each of our lives must be salty.

That surprises us a bit, does it not? We thought that Jesus wanted us to make life sweet for other people, as sugar sweetens our morning cup of coffee. But He did not say, "Ye are the sugar of the earth." A Christian, He said, is a salty person.

What is it that salt does? Salt brings out the flavor of whatever you are eating—rice or bread or meat. Some people even put a pinch of salt in a pot of coffee, to bring out its rich taste. Now this is what Jesus did for people—He came into their lives, and brought out the delicious flavor they could have in their lives, right where they were. He did not bid Zacheus to take up a new kind of work, in the 19th Chapter of Luke. He showed him how his dreary, stale job could be changed into a fresh and delicious way of helping people. In the 5th Chapter of Mark, Jesus healed the demoniac, and did not invite him to come along—He said, *"Go home* to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you." He sent him right back to the familiar town, to share the good taste of life lived under God.

There are hosts of people whose spirits suffer from "diabetes"—too much sugar in their lives! When a doctor discovers this physical disease in a patient, he puts him on a sugar-free diet. Too much sweetness can be fatal, to a man's spirit as well as to his body. And sugar chokes the flavor of whatever is eaten. Too much of it in coffee can smother the fragrance, and result in a sort of sticky syrup. Too many sweet words, to some person who has been helpful, turn out to be sticky sentimentality. Too much pleasure-seeking gums up our inner lives so that we no longer can taste the wonderful, tart flavor of difficulty and hardship. Too much luxury dulls our appetite for living. Sugar is dangerous!

Jesus bade us to be filled with the salt-power that gives relish to other people's living. Real concern for the needs of others is a salty quality in you that makes life taste good for everyone around you. Filled with the self-giving way of salt you become a true Christian—the salt of God's earth.

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O. S. L. CONFERENCE

Despite the heat there were over six thousand people who attended the various sessions of the four-day International Conference on Spiritual Healing held in St. Stephen's Church Sept. 10th - 14th, inclusive.

Well over 700 people were registered; they represented 14 Denominations, 38 States, 5 came from overseas. There were 106 Clergymen, 14 doctors and psychiatrists, and 16 nurses. 85 new members were inducted into the Order. 1100 attended the Social Hour periods in the Community House.

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LECTURE-WORKSHOP ON PRAYER

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Bulletin:—Mr. C. Wilson Bates, Helen H. Challenger, Miss Adrienne Hilldale, Mrs. Amelia Johnson, Rev. James H. Mills, Jr., Miss Louise Sadtler, Miss Mary Louise Seltzer, Mrs. Bessie Taggart, Mrs. Eugene G. Wile, Helen M. Volz, Mrs. V. S. Wells, Miss Katherine Barr, Mrs. Jean McComb, E. Schurr, Mrs. Margaret G. Trim.

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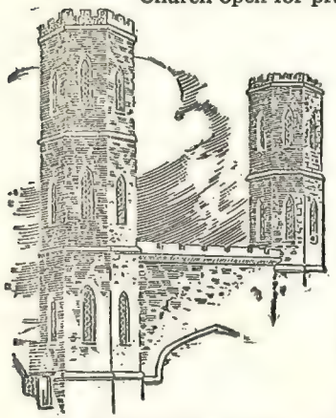
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Processional Hymn 535 .....*Festal Song*
Kyrie .....*Wyton*
The Anthem: In The Year That King Uzziah Died .....*Williams*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high, and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the Altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me.

The Sermon: "THE CHANNEL OF FORGIVING" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 519 .....*Ton-Y-Botel*
Sanctus .....*Wyton*
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The Rector will conduct a healing service in St. John's Church, Washington, Sunday at 7:30 P.M. He will conduct a "Day Apart" program in Bacon Memorial Presbyterian Church, Niagara Falls, Tuesday evening and all day Wednesday, Oct. 3rd and 4th, and preach in St. George's Church, St. Catherines, Canada on Wednesday night.

MISS DOROTHY KERIN

It was back in 1912 that London newspapers carried headlines proclaiming: "The Twentieth Century Miracle." That told the amazing story of the instantaneous healing of a young girl, Dorothy Kerin, whom no less than twenty-eight doctors had in turn pronounced to be dying of an incurable general tuberculosis which had kept her completely bed-ridden for five long years until her emaciated body had become a mere skeleton of skin and bones. All that medical skill could do had been done and therefore nothing but death was expected by the small group of relatives and friends that had gathered around her bed when the end was visibly near. As they watched, they saw a great light all around her bed and then she was raised by unseen hands to a sitting position, and they heard her say: "Do you hear? I must get up and walk. I am well." Thereupon, she got out of bed and stood before them restored to health and by morning, after eight hours' sleep, all flesh had been restored to her body and her doctor could not believe his eyes.

This incredible happening of this twentieth century is no fairy tale; it has every kind of medical evidence to corroborate it. Dorothy Kerin has herself told the story in her book, 'The Living Touch.' "My healing," she wrote, "came from God alone; to Him be the glory. There was no earthly intermediary. What our Lord did in Galilee 2000 years ago, He can and does do now." In this same little book we are told that God brought Dorothy back for a great and privileged work and that through her prayers and faith, the sick would be healed, the sorrowful comforted, and faith given to the faithless.

The story of the stages through which her great ministry has passed has been brought up to date by James Davidson Ross in his biography 'Dorothy: a Portrait.' The call to her life work came in 1929 and in the following years she founded Chapel House, Ealing. To this original Home of Healing, seven other houses were added over a period of years as her ministry became known to an ever-wider circle of sick and suffering people. Her work at Ealing was spiritually sponsored by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, and medically by the late Lord Horder, for Dorothy has always been a loyal daughter of the Church and worked in close harmony and understanding with the medical profession.

During the war Miss Kerin adopted nine children, four boys and five girls, her choice in every case being, she believes, divinely guided.

In 1948 the Home of Healing moved to Burrswood, close to the little village of Groombridge in Kent. It is a State Registered Nursing Home with a dedicated staff of trained nurses and workers. The Bishop of Coventry is the Warden of the Burrswood International Fellowship and recently consecrated the beautiful new Church of Christ the Healer. Two of Miss Kerin's dedicated staff are the Countess of Ypres and Princess Marina Chav-chavadze, who will be attending her services in New York. Also connected with her work has been Baroness Ravensdale, the daughter of the late Lord Curzon.

Two years ago Miss Kerin addressed 2000 people in the Bethlehems Church in Stockholm while there for a mission under the auspices of ministers, pastors, and doctors. Last year Miss Kerin was in Geneva to speak in two French-Swiss churches, the English Church and Emmanuel Episcopal Church. All the services were crowded to hear her God-given message of hope and spiritual power which made a living impact. The Healing Presence of the Divine Physician is felt when she speaks or during the Laying on of Hands.

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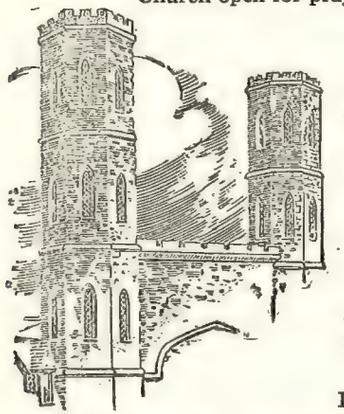
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Fantasia .....*Pachelbel*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Those who follow God's guidance get the most out of life. Obedience to God's will is the secret of true and lasting happiness. They who can truly pray: "Thy will be done" are invincible. They are living the victorious life, for they firmly believe that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Lord, help us to find and follow the true way to Thee. Open our minds and hearts that Thy will for our lives may be revealed to us in unmistakable terms. May we be assured of Thy companionship. Amen.

Processional Hymn 280 .....*Stuttgart*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 40, page 390
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
After Third Collect: "A Canticle of Peace" .....*Clokey*
The Anthem: Bless Thou the Lord, O My Soul .....*Lovelace*
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The Address, MISS DOROTHY KERIN
Offertory Hymn 529 .....*St. Catherine*
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FLOW OF LOVE

There came a day when Jesus and His disciples were traveling through Samaria. Now there were hard feelings between the Samaritans and the Jews. Jesus sent some of His disciples ahead to arrange for hospitality. But when the Samaritans learned that they were a company of Jews on their way to Jerusalem, they could find no room for them in the village. This angered hot-headed James and John (whom Jesus had nick-named "the sons of thunder"!) They asked Jesus if they might pray God for a scorching flame from heaven to burn up these unfriendly people. But Jesus, looking them straight in the eye, said, "No." He would have no part in angry "getting even."

Glenn Clark has pointed out, "Anger and worry, those twin off-spring of the thought of self, have blocked more prayers, ruined more Churches, . . . than all the other vices put together. Anger is the sign that we do not love God, for "in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me . . ." Anything which affects the flow of love toward God blocks the perfect flow of prayer."

Therefore, if we hope to be the instruments of God's love on earth, we must not let angry resentment get a foothold in our hearts. Such a hatefulness blocks our lives —just as grease sometimes blocks your sink-drain. Jesus wasted no time being angry with that inhospitable Samaritan village. He turned away patiently, and went on to the next town. He was keeping His heart clear, to be the channel of God's saving love, at Jerusalem.

When you are angered by someone, you need to turn your thoughts quickly to God, and keep your thoughts on Him until the anger-temptation has passed. God may overcome the anger by reminding you of some lovable qualities in the person you are mad at. Or He may remind you of some of your own short-comings. Or He may simply indicate to you what Jesus would do, in your place. God will always take care of that temptation, if you will let Him.

The exciting miracle is that, the moment you let God into your heart, He pours in His love so abundantly that the anger is crowded out. Because you have surrendered yourself to God's leading, He can overcome the temptation with His infinite power. You are now "free"—free from anger, free to see God, free to let Him use you to save others with His unfailing compassion!

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harry J. Hauger in the release of her dear brother.

The Rector will speak to the members of the Guild of St. Barnabas at St. Timothy Church, Roxboro, on Tuesday evening. He will preach in the First Presbyterian Church, 21st and Walnut Streets, on Thursday at 7:45 P.M.

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AN INTERPRETATION OF THE UNITED FUND

Most of us depend upon others whenever we wish to share our good fortune with those less favored. We seldom directly help individuals or families in trouble, nor provide guidance or education for those who could profit from either. This is not always what we would choose to do, but our complex society and our lack of knowledge or skill in offering our aid wisely compels us to this source of action.

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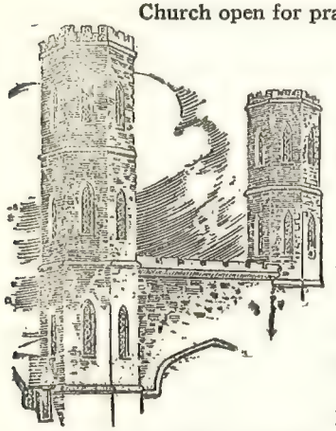
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The Prelude: Nave ..... *Mulet*
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Processional Hymn 517 ..... *All Saints New*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 77, Page 433
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14 — Dr. Mary P. Hitner
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-18 — Dr. Leighton F. Appleman
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: The Voice of Joy and Health ..... *Jannaconi*
The voice of joy and health; the voice of joy is in the dwellings of the righteous. The right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Hallelujah!
The Sermon: THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*
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Realizing the close connection between medicine and faith, and need of fuller co-operation between doctors and nurses, and clergy in the study and performance of their respective functions in the work of healing, we have invited the doctors and nurses in our mid-city hospitals to join with us in celebrating St. Luke's Day. St. Luke was both Apostle and Physician.

"This is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body, that physicians separate the soul from the body."—Plato.

"Sometimes it is more important to know what kind of fellow has a germ than what kind of germ has a fella."—Shattuck.

" 'Tis not the body, but the man is ill."—Dr. Weir Mitchell.

A WONDERFUL WAY TO LIVE

Allen Boone was camping out in the south-west desert of our country, with Little Beaver, his Indian friend, and Dan, the "desert rat", who prospects for gold and loves God's outdoor world. Boone writes:

"One of the desert's most dreaded citizens paid us a visit today—a big, diamond-backed rattle snake. Dan, Little Beaver, and I were lying on the ground in the cool of the day cat-napping. Happening to look in the direction of one of the pack-saddles, . . . I rubbed my eyes and looked again. From 'round the end of it came the snake. And what a snake! It must have been the heavy-weight champion of them all. It moved into the open, formed itself into a nest, and posed there for many minutes. Then it started toward us slowly, gracefully. Within inches of Little Beaver's bare feet, it stopped, raised its head (but without coiling or rattling) and looked us over, appraisingly.

"Little Beaver and Dan watched the snake with drowsy but calm interest. To them it was simply another desert friend crossing their trail and pausing to say "Hello!" The inspection of us was through . . . then, evidently satisfied, . . . it lowered its beady-eyed head, glided around us leisurely, moved down the trail, and disappeared into the desert. Not once did it look back. Not once did it show the least fear. Its confidence in our good will was absolute."

Allen Boone goes on to say that poisonous snakes seem to take pleasure in biting white men, but rarely do they harm the Indians. White men wear high boots, carry guns, and watch where they step. The Indians wear light moccasins or go bare-footed; and pay almost no attention to the snakes. The white man regards the snake as an enemy; the Indian looks on him as a fellow creature—and the snake knows the difference. The Indians and the snakes are at peace with each other; there is no trouble between them. Apparently God meant snakes and people to live together as fellow-creatures; and the Indian understands this, and carries out God's will.

Albert Schweitzer, the great physician of Africa, believes in "reverence for life," and practices it. He feels a deep kinship with all living creatures—human and animal. God made them, and God made him. So there is friendship between them, and Dr. Schweitzer lives as the instrument for God's love for all His fellow-creatures in the jungle, both man and beast. Once we understand that God meant us to live at peace with all God's creatures, we become effective instruments in His hands. We stir friendship in all we meet, because our hearts are full of His caring for all that He has made. It's a wonderful way to live!

STATEMENTS BY LEADING AMERICAN DOCTORS

(In Emily Gardiner Neal's Book, "God Can Heal You Now")

Dr. Howard Craven, Washington, D. C.—"If we are to be honest, we have to face the truth that a large number of remarkable healings appear to be taking place without medical or surgical intervention. Many of these can not be categorized as purely psychosomatic. Experience seems to justify the belief that Spiritual Healing completes the chain that welds the patient into an integrated, whole, happy, well, unit."

Dr. Albert Reissner, Brooklyn Psychoanalyst.—"More and more of us are becoming convinced of two things: First, that man is a trinity, composed of body, mind and spirit; and Second, that the underlying cause of most disease is spiritual. We have observed that unless a healing of the spirit takes place, the cure of the body or mind is not apt to be either complete or permanent."

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Dr. Evarts G. Loomis, of Southern California.—"I have noticed repeatedly in my practice that the extent of a physical healing seems to depend on the change in the spiritual life of the patient which goes with prayer and meditation. On several occasions when a patient was not making satisfactory progress, I have prayed with him, either verbally or silently, whether he be Catholic or Protestant, in office, or hospital room. Almost invariably improvement has followed."

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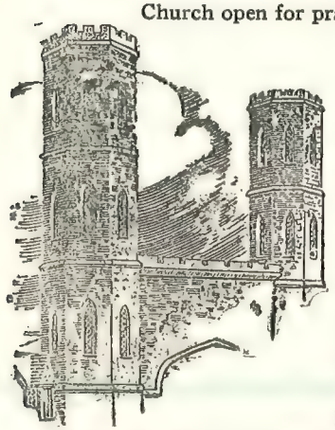
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Sinfonia .....*J. S. Bach*

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Processional Hymn 558 .....*University College*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 107:1-16, Page 476
Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal
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Anthem: "O Sing Unto The Lord" .....*Hassler*
O sing unto the Lord a New Song, all the whole earth. Sing . . . and magnify His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His honor unto the heathen, and His wonders to all peoples.
The Sermon: "LIVING WITHOUT FEAR AND WORRY" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 446 .....*Passion Chorale*
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SURRENDER

Sooner or later in life we discover the joy of yielding ourselves to some vocation of person or cause. A boy becomes fascinated with bugs and beasts, forgets himself and is on his way to becoming a happy scientist. A young woman falls in love with a tall young man, forgets herself, and finds her delight in this lovable person. You become a member of a Church that is radiant with God's loving-kindness, and you forget yourself in the joy of drawing others into that joyful fellowship.

Sooner or later each one of us faces the biggest choice of all—whether we will bend our wills to obey God. As King Hezekiah wrote to his people, "Oh people of Israel, return to the Lord, . . . do not be stiff-necked as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the Lord." Three centuries later, Paul wrote to the Romans, "Do not yield your members to sin, as the instruments of wickedness, but yield yourself to God, . . . and your members to God as instruments of righteousness."

What holds us back from surrendering our wills to God? Simply that we like to do what pleases us. We think that we shall be happiest that way. So we hang onto ourselves, being afraid to give ourselves away to God. Jonathan Edwards had a tough struggle, and, finally, one day in 1723, wrote, "I have given myself, all that I am and have, to God . . . now henceforth I am not to act in any respect as my own. I've given myself clear away." One of the most deeply happy men I have ever known was Doctor Wilfred Grenfeld. He had given himself away to God, and given up the bright prospect of medical practice in London; and had become God's physician along the storm-beat shores of Labrador and Newfoundland. In giving himself away he found the glorious happiness of being used by the Infinite God to bring health and life to a lonely, forsaken people.

Look back over your years and recall those people who were always joyful, no matter what their "luck" or their circumstances. I think of a mother with nine children, who, keeping close to God, has love and wisdom for every one of them; a young man who faced a long, long illness with unwavering courage, finding his strength in God. These people who were outstanding for their joyfulness, first yielded their wills to God.

It does not take long—just a moment of courageous, honest decision. Surrender is the door that opens into the full glory of human life under God. "Yield yourselves to God!"

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The Rector will preach in the Park Methodist Church of Bloomfield, N. J., Sunday at 5 P.M. He will preach in St. John's Church, Palmerton, Penna., Tuesday evening, October 24th.

Mrs. Holly Coors, daughter of our Vestryman, Mr. Hugo Hanson, has an inspiring poem in the October issue of "Sharing" Magazine.

A CALL TO PRAYER AND ACTION

The Rector asks every member of St. Stephen's Church to use the following prayer daily at the noon hour:

"THY KINGDOM COME . . . in my life and in our home; in our parish, and in the whole Church; in America and in all the world. Amen".

Our hearty "Thank You" to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Mattie Bright, Louise Costello, Mrs. Mildred B. Fishburn, Eva Hansen, Isabella Pareton, Mrs. N. E. Pincin, Wilhelmina Sachs, Nicholas L. Todd, Mrs. Eleanora Valentine.

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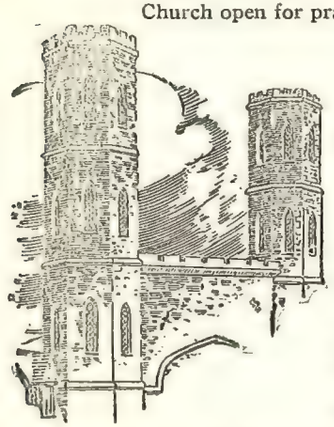
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Processional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 139, page 514
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(Hymn of Praise)
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Offertory Hymn 569 ..... *St. Flavian*
Recessional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

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Dr. Frank Laubach is today revealing that secret, in two hundred and sixty-two languages, in most of the countries of the world. He reports that the teaching of illiterates is proving to be a wonderful way to bring people to Christ. You sit down beside the illiterate, your heart overflowing with love for him, knowing that you are the first educated man who has ever looked at him except to swindle him. You tell him that you want to teach him to read and write. Mystified by your kindness, he explains that he has no money to pay you. Then you say to him, "I do not want any pay. I have learned this from Jesus. He spent all His time helping people, free of charge. From the moment He awoke in the morning, until He closed His eyes at night, He was looking around, asking whom He could teach, or heal, or encourage, or defend, or save. I think that is a beautiful way to live. If we were all like Jesus, this world would be a paradise. So I thought that I would try helping people just because I love them. And I've discovered the secret of happiness! When I am teaching you, it makes my heart sing. When I have finished teaching you, I want you to go and teach your neighbors. And don't take any money for it, and your heart will sing! *Brother, we have found the secret of happiness.*"

So, by this simple picture-language method, ten million people a year are escaping from the ancient bondage of ignorance. This makes them very happy; but they are happiest when they practice "Each One Teach One". When they teach another illiterate to read and write, they have the delight of giving him freedom. Jesus once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," or, as Phillips translates it, "To give is happier than to receive."

If the world could learn that simple secret of happiness-through-loving-kindness, it would become a neighborly world. This would transform life more deeply than all the atomic secrets. If we professing Christians would trust Jesus Christ enough to live by His secret from dawn till dark, we would become radiant with joy. And unbelieving people would be drawn to Him, as illiterates are drawn through Dr. Laubach.

Think of it—you have a secret, happiness-through-giving. Every man, woman, and child you meet this week longs for that secret. Live by it faithfully, and your heart will sing, and your joy will be contagious beyond belief!

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THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

Each Fall the women of the Church are asked to empty their Blue U. T. O. Boxes, and send the contents, either by check or in cash in the Blue Envelope on the Alms Basin. It will be helpful if it were placed there this Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Meckling will be on "leave of absence" for four weeks during which time he will be at Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. for an intensive course in Orientation to the deaf. The Rev. A. Edward Chinn, Rector of All Saints' Church, Torresdale, Pa., will be in Charge of Mr. Meckling's Church Services during his absence.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beautiful Christmas Cards, with a reproduction of St. Stephen's Sanctuary of last Christmas, are available. The cost is $3.00 per box of 20 cards.

We wish to say "Thank You" to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Janie S. Claytor, William A. Johnson, Jr., Rev. Gustav C. Meckling.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Peter's Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, Sunday night through Tuesday. He will speak to the Episcopal Churchwomen of our Diocese on Friday at 10:30 A.M.

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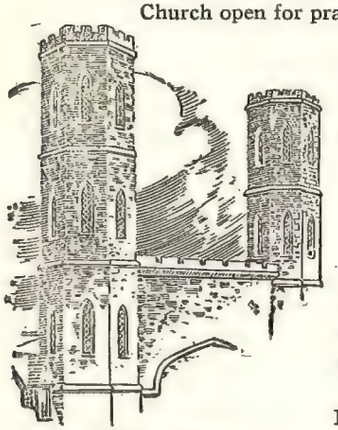
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: O What Their Joy ..... *Matthews*
Gaudeamus ..... *Titcomb*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Perfect peace does not mean freedom from all conflicts. Where there is life there is conflict. God's Word, however, envisages a condition where man's heart is at rest while engaged in a conflict for the right. Peace within is found wherever the soul trusts God and does not stray from Him. O God, Thy peace is the peace that passeth understanding. We thank Thee for the gift of peace of which Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you." Our heart desires this peace. Help us, therefore, to trust Thee for this gift. Amen.

Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sine Nomine*
Kyrie ..... *Oldroyd*
The Anthem: Let Saints On Earth In Concert Sing ..... *Titcomb*

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one. One family, we dwell in Him, one Church above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death. E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before, and greet the ever-living bands on the eternal shore. Jesus, be Thou our constant Guide; then when the word is given, bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

The Sermon: "YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 124 ..... *St. George*
Sanctus ..... *Oldroyd*
Agnus Dei ..... *Oldroyd*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Harry Lyster in memory of his mother-in-law, Josephine B. Scofield.

Flowers for All Saints' Day—Wednesday—are provided by the Girls' Friendly Society in memory of Maria Wilkins.

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SAFELY THROUGH THE DARKNESS

Because we are in the Octave of All Saints' Day, I like to recall the letter which John Todd wrote to his aged aunt, who had let him know that she was very sick, perhaps unto death, and was a bit troubled about it. To this faithful Christian soul he wrote:

"You remember that it is 35 years since my father died, and left me, a little boy 6 years old, without a mother or a home, with nobody to care for me. Then you sent word that you would give me a home and be a mother to me. At length a day was set when I was to go to you, ten miles off. What a long journey it seemed to me, and how disappointed I was that, instead of coming for me yourself, you sent old Caesar, the great black man. How my heart sank when I was told I was to ride on the horse behind him. But he told me, 'Kape was gentle to little boys', and that you said I might bring my little dog with me.

"Before we got to your house, I began to feel tired. My legs ached and I was tired of taking hold of Caesar. Then the darkness came on and I felt afraid. Then we had a long piece of woods to go through. I had heard of bears and tigers and Indians, and wondered how many might be in the woods. 'Caesar, ain't we almost there?' I asked in terror. 'Yes, when we get through these woods we shall see the light in the house.' 'Won't they be gone to bed?' 'Oh, no, they'll be all ready for us.'

"But I trembled and the tears ran down my face, and I wondered why I could not have somebody with me besides black Caesar. But at last, after winding and turning, and going up hill and down hill, a long, long, way, we came out of the woods, and the stars shone, and I was told which light was in your house. And when we got there, you came out and took me in your arms, and gently led me in; and there was the blazing fire, the bright light, and the table spread, and supper ready for me. And that was my home. My eyes filled with tears as I think of it. How you soothed me, and warmed me, and heard me say my prayers, and stayed with me until I was fast asleep.

"Now you see why I have recalled this to your memory. Your Heavenly Father will send for you—a dark messenger, it may be. He will carry you safely through the darkness of the way. He will not drop you, nor leave you, for he is a faithful servant. There the door will open, and your dearest Friend, the Lord Jesus Christ, will meet you and take you in, and the supper will be waiting, and the fires of love burning, and the light and glory of His presence seen. What a welcome you will receive! . . . My prayers will be with you until you are out of sight, and then I shall look forward to meeting you again.—Ever yours most gratefully, John Todd."

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Dear Dr. Price:—Words cannot express my gratitude to God for the miracle of my third set of teeth which have been appearing steadily, since my visits to your healing services. Some of my good second teeth are being pushed out and are putting up strong resistance, thus causing me great pain. Please pray for the relief of this painful condition, and accept my gratitude for this most unusual experience of God's healing power.—Elise Kaessler (New York).

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, D. C., Sunday evening and he will speak to the Women of Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 P.M.

The members of the Hard of Hearing Congregation wish to thank all who contributed to their 23rd Annual Bazaar, given on October 5th. The profit from the Bazaar and contributions totaled $2,425.34.

ALL SAINTS' DAY — 1961

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into life eternal since last All Saints' Day.

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George W. Wolf
Myrtle L. Shreffler
R. Edward Sleight
Theresa M. Metzinger
Basil G. Hepburn
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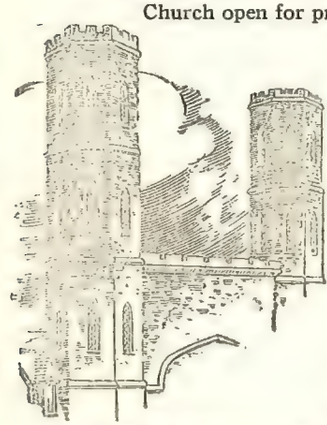
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The Prelude: A Solemn Melody .....*Davies*
Hark! A Voice Saith All Are Mortal .....*Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We live in the present. The past is gone and cannot be changed. If we are anxious for the morrow, we attempt to live the future today. Why add the burden of the morrow to that of today? "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you." We confess, heavenly Father, that we often commit the folly of being anxious and worried. Renew a right spirit within us and endow us with perfect trust. Give us assurance of Thy wisdom and goodness. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Processional Hymn 289 .....*St. Anne*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 62, Page 413

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Ye Who Now Sorrow" .....*Brahms*

Ye now are sorrowful; howbeit, ye shall again behold Me, and your heart shall be joyful; and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon Me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were Mine, but at the last I have found comfort. Yea, I will comfort you.

The Sermon: "NO PERMANENT VICTORY" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 520 .....*Wareham*

Massing of the Colors

Pledge to the Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Country for which it stands. One Nation, under God, indivisable, with liberty and justice for all.

America, 4th stanza: Hymn 141

Prayers; Taps

Postludium Anthem: "Grant Them Rest Eternal" .....*Faure*

Recessional Hymn 143 .....*National Hymn*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 4 and Unit 4; by the Philadelphia Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; and by Mrs. George W. A. Kappel in memory of her parents, William and Mary Shields, and Aunt, Laura Duffy.

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VALUE YOURSELF

Leslie Wetherhead recalls an Edinborough weaver who repeatedly offered this unusual prayer: "O God, help me always to keep a good opinion of myself." And he goes on to point out that Jesus bade us to love our neighbors *as ourselves*; to value ourselves highly, since God made us, and God loves us. We may think of ourselves as trifles, but "when the King picks up a trifle, it is a trifle no longer!"

In the same way, when an ordinary man lets God pick up his life and use it, that life becomes radiant with God's wonder. In the hands of a master, strange and unpromising instruments come alive. Norman Cousins tells how, deep in the African Jungle, he saw the famous Dr. Schweitzer sit down to play the evening hymn on an ancient, battered old piano. "It must have been 50 years old. The keyboard was badly stained; large double screws fastened the ivory to each note. One or more of the strings were missing on at least a dozen notes. The felt covering the hammers was worn thin and produced pinging effects. And Dr. Schweitzer was one of the world's great interpreters of Bach, a man who could fill any concert hall in the world. The best grand piano ever made would be none too good for him. But now he was about to play a dilapidated upright virtually beyond repair. And he went about it easily with the dignity that never leaves him. The amazing and wondrous thing was that the piano seemed to lose its poverty in his hands. Whatever its capacity to yield music was now being fully realized . . . his being at the piano strangely seemed to make it right."

Each of us can reach the high destiny God intended for us. All He requires is that we think highly enough of ourselves to remember that we were fashioned by Him. If we will put ourselves into His hands to use, all our possibilities for harmony will be drawn out of us by Him. Like Albert Schweitzer at the hopeless-looking piano, God knows what is in us that He can bring out!

That was the chief difference between Judas and Peter. Both failed our Lord completely — gave in to their fears and desires, and betrayed Him. Judas forgot that he was of God's making and took his own life. Peter remembered that God had made him to be an instrument from which He could draw glory and healing and peace. Peter put his life back under the hands of the Risen Lord and lived with miracle-filled power.

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There will be a Vestry Meeting in the Rector's study following the Sunday morning service.

The Rector will speak to the Women of St. Paul's Church, Englewood, N. J. at a luncheon on November 15th.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Veteran's Organizations participating in the Annual Patriotic Service today.

The Rector and Dr. Mary Hitner participated in a Panel Discussion on the subject of Spiritual Healing which will be broadcast on November 12th and November 19th, and heard on the following stations:

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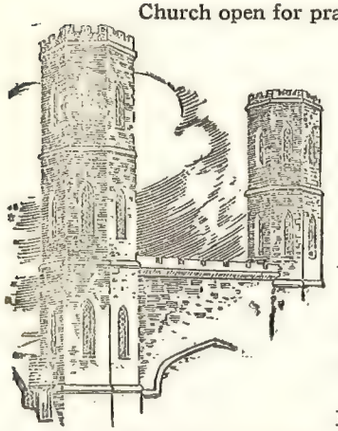
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The Prelude: "Prelude on 'Stuttgart'" .....*Matthews*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Believers are living stones in God's Spiritual House. As the Priests of old brought their material sacrifices, we are to bring our spiritual offerings. Offering one's self, living a consecrated life, and doing good, are sacrifices acceptable to God. Dear Father, we thank Thee for the great Mediator who has made the believer His own Priest. Grant that we may be living stones in the Temple of the Spirit, ever offering up spiritual sacrifices acceptable in Thy sight. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 562 .....*Webb*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 96, page 459

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Behold Now, Praise the Lord .....*Snow*

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord. Even in the courts of the house of our God. The Lord that hath made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Sion . . . Praise the Lord.

The Sermon: "GOD'S CURE FOR NERVES" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 363 .....*Slane*

Recessional Hymn 554 .....*Lancashire*

Flowers on our Altar today are provided by the Katherine Kennedy fund in memory of mother, Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy.

The Thanksgiving Day Altar Memorial is for James Carrigan, long-time beloved Verger of St. Stephen's.

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BREAD OF THE WORLD

The Thanksgiving Altar decoration this year will not be of flowers, but of bread: breads of various national cultures represented in the Melting Pot of Philadelphia. There will be Jewish Challa and Bagels; Italian grissini and spoletti; Swedish knacherbrod and kommisbrod; German pumpernickel; French brioches and croissants; Irish soda bread; Greek frotzola, Italian Kosher egg rolls, Euphates bread from the Near East; Scotch scones; Japanese rice biscuits; Chinese fortune cakes; and American white and whole wheat bread, and hot dog rolls. Worshippers are urged to take a bit of bread home for their own family tables.

A GREATER THANKFULNESS

When Thanksgiving Day dawns, you will find people thankful for such different reasons! If our affairs have prospered, our Thanksgiving dinner will be shining with thankfulness for food, and home, and loved ones. If we are old, and Brother Body is not doing very well, we can be thankful for good care. The original Thanksgiving Day was an expression of gratitude to God for the Pilgrims' first harvest. God's generosity in food and health and prosperity we can thank Him for, easily.

But the writer of Psalm IV was grateful for something beyond prosperity. "Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time when the corn and the wine increased." He is talking about *"a greater thankfulness."* Some of us prosperous Americans have forgotten that there is a "greater thankfulness." Psalm IV, Amy Carmichael says, was written when David fled for his life from Absalom, perhaps, soon after the harvest and the vintage were over. Absalom was rich with corn and wine, while David had little or nothing. She comments, "It was in every way a hard time for David, and it was not surprising that many said, 'No help for him in God' and 'who will show us any good?'" We all know times when the voices within and the voices without talk like that. But David's faith breaks through, and he can honestly say, "Thou hast put gladness in my heart more than when the corn and the wine increased!" It is not difficult to be glad in our hearts when we have what we want . . . but God asks for something more than this. God yearns for us to find our joy, our sure safety, in *Him.* So God must have been greatly pleased with David, whose heart sang because, in his hour of want and danger, he found his security in God.

Some of you will readily understand David this Thanksgiving Day. You have been traveling through a dark valley—the loss of one very dear to you, the heavy burden of old age and illness, rough going in your business, loneliness, far-from-home people. You will quietly look back to other, more abundant Thanksgivings, and remember that the abundance came from God. Behind the turkey and the cranberry sauce, the gathered family and the comfortable home—behind it all was God, your Father. You will suddenly know that the same God travels through the dark valley with you, giving you invincible security of spirit. He will see you through that dark valley. He always does. No darkness, no enemy can overwhelm you, walking with Him.

You can see why this thankfulness is really greater. Those who can be thankful only for prosperity are forever threatened by adversity. But, once you accept God's Companionship as the richest possession, and you travel humbly and obediently with Him, then nothing can rob you of your deep safety. Then your Thanksgiving Day will end as David's did, with "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety."

THE THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERING goes to the Episcopal Hospital which serves this Church in many ways, in which we have two endowed beds, and in which the Rev. Jerry E. Carpenter of this Church is Chaplain.

Robert D. Keller, our valued Flag Bearer, is for the third year, a leading halfback on the U. of P. varsity soccer team. He is a mainstay of the Quaker squad and, according to Coach Charlie Scott, he is a "tremendous competitor!" Robert is expecting to graduate this Spring from Pennsylvania.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Christ Church, Waterloo, Iowa, Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, through Tuesday, the 21st.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Thursday, November 23rd, at 11 A.M. Choir; Sermon by the Rector.

HOW DO PEOPLE GET STARTED ON TITHING?

The husband and wife agree, in a spirit of deeply shared gratitude to God, that they would like to be Tithers. They estimate how much they think they can give as a *beginning* Tithe. The beginning Tithe may be less than five percent, as long as it is a *definite percentage,* carefully thought out, and represents the return to God of a grateful proportion of what they are receiving from His bounty. They take this amount, whatever it is, and put it at the top of their weekly or monthly budget, so that *God is placed First.* When they make their annual pledge, they have the privilege of indicating that they are Tithers. At every Sunday Service, they offer a part of their Tithe. As they Tithe, they discover the many blessings of Tithing, including the ease and simplicity with which God helps them to do it. They wish that they had discovered Tithing long before!

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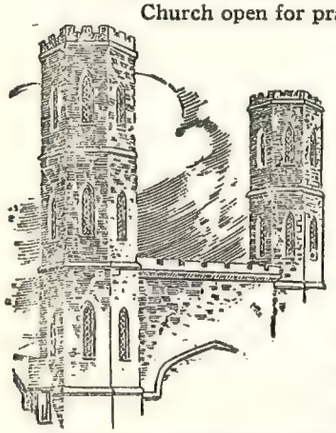
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The Prelude: Come, Savior of the Heathen ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There is peculiar satisfaction in being equal to one's task. As Christians, however, we need to remember that our highest duties are found in the fellowship of service for the Master. The experiences of this fellowship teach us to say: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Lord Jesus, Thy gracious promises encourage us to expect great things from Thee. We are weak and sinful and cannot do what we ought, except Thou give us strength. Therefore we pray that Thou wouldst give us a full measure of Thy enabling power. With humble, yet confident hearts, we ask it, O Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 119:14, 15, Page 497

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: He Comes To Us ..... *Marshall*

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside He came, He came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, the same word: "Follow, Follow Me!" and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, He will reveal Himself, in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn, in their own experience Who He is.—CHORALE: "O Morning Star . . ."

The Sermon: "THREE REASONS FOR GIVING" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 153 ..... *Ratisbun*

Recessional Hymn 318 ..... *Hosanna*

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FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

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Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the annual rededication and pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

YOUR MIDDLE NAME

Perhaps you never knew that your middle name is "Moses." No? But I think that you will find that it *is*!

Pharaoh saw that the people of Israel were having a population-explosion. They were increasing so fast that he was afraid that they would rise and overcome the Egyptians. So he ordered the Egyptian mid-wives to drown every Jewish boy-baby, and only let the girls live. There came a day when one Jewish mother had a boy-baby she thought was so sturdy and wonderful that she hid him for three months. Then, when she could no longer conceal him safely, she made a little basket for him, and put him where Pharaoh's daughter was accustomed to come down to the river to bathe. Pharaoh's daughter was so taken by the baby that she had him cared for by a Hebrew woman. Then, one day, when he had grown up, she adopted him as her own son, and she named him "Moses" (which means "Removed"), for, she said, "I removed him from the river."

As you look back over your life, do you not find many places where the love of God, through some human being, "removed" you from a hopeless situation; and lifted you into life? Have you not, at times, found yourself as helpless as that baby in the bulrushes? Then some unexpected powerful aid took hold of you and rescued you from your trouble. Most of us can trace this rescuing hand right through our lives. This is what is called "Grace"—the wondrous Love of God, who comes to our aid when we have nowhere else to turn. I recall those moments in my own life with humble gratitude.

How many experiences you can recall, when God came into your helplessness and lifted you out of despair into confident hope—because you trusted the wonder of His Love.

Isn't it a glorious thing to have "Moses" for your middle name!

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THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—I went forward at your healing service a few months ago for what the doctor thought was cancer. When you laid your hands on my head, I felt very hot and I experienced a spinning sensation in the pit of my stomach. My constant prayer was that God would heal, and I thanked Him for the faith I had and to help my unbelief. He healed me then, for the next Sunday, just four days before I was to go to the hospital my body regulated itself and I haven't been like this since I was a teenager. The doctor performed the biopsy and it was negative.

—Mrs. J. T. H. (Wilmington, Del.)

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Today there are	12,000,000	German Refugees
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And countless others.

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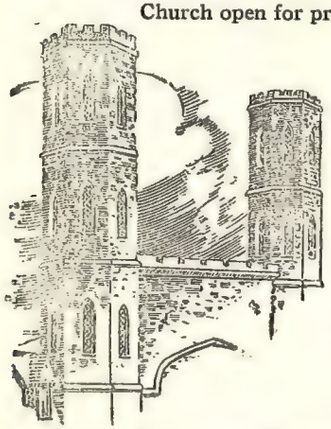
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Processional Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

Kyrie ..... *Oldroyd*

The Anthem: He Is Blessed, from The Requiem Mass ..... *Mozart*
He is blessed that cometh, O Lord, in Thy holy name . . .
Hosanna in the highest.

The Sermon: "TWO PARABLES" ..... The Rector

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Sursum Corda, Hymnal 734

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Hymn in place of Gloria in Excelsis, No. 211 ..... *Jesu, Joy . . .*

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THE RIGHT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

One day last Summer I went into a grocery store in a little Maine town. The country-man ahead of me was making a most interesting purchase: books of matches and a bottle of lighter-fluid. So I said to him, with a grin, "You look to me like a good, regular Maine Republican!" He looked thoughtfully at his purchases, and smiling, replied, "You're right, son—if the lighter doesn't work, the matches do!" He and I went off, chuckling. The Maine people are famous for being very cautious in little ways.

But the true native isn't that way about God. You can't be cautious about God. It doesn't work if you try to sit on the fence, trusting God *and* some other power, like prosperity or selfishness. You need to put your whole trust in God, if you want His Grace, His miraculous aid which enables you to do anything He wants you to do.

Already we are looking forward to Christmas. Some of us may be thinking that we do not have adequate resources for Christmas—not enough money to get the presents we've thought of for our loved ones; not enough sparkle or caring to make Christmas glorious for others. But St. Paul reminds us of God's promise: "My Grace is enough for you: for there there is weakness, My power is shown more completely." (Phillips).

Into our doubts come those ringing words, "My Grace is enough for you." His resources are certainly adequate to make Christmas shining and glorious, if we'll trust Him. So we begin to ask Him to help us with our Christmas presents, and miracles always begin to happen. He reminds us of a box of old letters, and in it we find a letter that was written many years ago, from a young man who wrote glowing words about a young woman he had just met—whom he married a little later on. They are celebrating their 30th Anniversary in January. So we spent four cents and sent them that letter for their Christmas present; and it is precious to them beyond anything money could have bought. His Grace *is* sufficient, isn't it! So we go through our Christmas list with God, lifting up each person in prayer, and asking Him that we can give them that which would make them happy.

How exciting it is to be able to have the infinite resources of Almighty God at work on picking the right Christmas presents—precious gifts, bringing great joy. Yes, His Grace *is* sufficient for us!

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TITHING BRINGS MANY SURPRISES

There is nothing new about tithing. Many members of the Church tithe. I believe that almost all our Bishops and clergy tithe. Thousands of people in every Church and particularly in the Churches which have the most remarkable record of per capita giving, tithe.

The only factor which I know that sometimes prevents a person's becoming a tither is his fear that he will not be able to meet all his bills and personal obligations with the remaining nine-tenths. Actually what usually happens is that he not only is able to meet his personal obligations with the remaining nine-tenths but, when an appeal comes in, he finds that he's able to give promptly and cheerfully without having to squeeze the gift out of something else as is so often the case when one does not set aside a definite tithe.

One of the most telling facts about tithers is that I have yet to talk with one who is not enthusiastic about tithing. He usually is surprised that he did not adopt tithing as a method of giving earlier in his life.

A person who has practised tithing for many years says that if any Christian tithes, he will have six surprises. He will be surprised:

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2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
3. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and a wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

If your Church becomes a tithing parish, there will be no worry about meeting the parish budget or being able to increase your giving to the Diocese or General Church.

—By the Rev. Gardiner M. Day, D.D.

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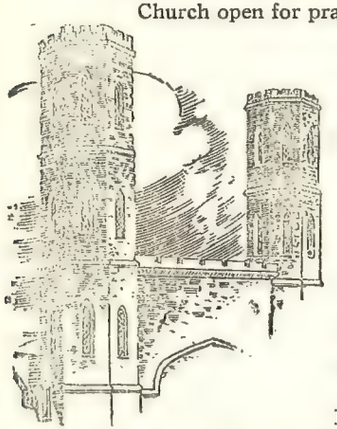
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The Prelude: An Advent Psalm ..... *Weinberger*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Various tests are applied as to who is a true Christian. Some insist upon pure doctrine, some upon simple honesty. St. Paul goes further; the Spirit of Christ must dwell in the true Christian. Christ is the Master. The disciple must seek to be like Him. We thank Thee, O God, for Thy Son Jesus, who came in the flesh as a servant. Teach us to humble ourselves. Make us ready to love and sacrifice in His name. May we walk humbly with Him, led by His Spirit. Amen.

Processional Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 50, page 401

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "O Thou That Tellest . . ." ..... *Handel*

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O Thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! . . . Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

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The Rector will speak to the clergymen of the Diocese of Newark, N.J., on December 11th, in Boonton, N. J.

WHAT GOD IS LIKE

As you read your Old Testament, you will be reminded that, in those days before Jesus, people did not know *what God was like*. Even after the great Prophets and Priests, at the end of those Old Testament days, men were still groping in the dusk, trying to discover the Character of God.

Then came His great Act of Grace, of amazing Love—God made Himself known in the down-to-earth life of Jesus. Now, when a child asks his mother what God is like, she replies, "He is like Jesus." But how about all the adult people in our world who do not know Jesus Christ and have no knowledge of God? How is God going to make Himself known to *them*? In John 14, Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father. Jesus patiently explains once more that, once a man has seen Him, he *has seen* the Father. The character of God was made clear in Jesus. Then Jesus went on to say something which must have startled His friends: "I assure you that the man who believes in Me will do the same things that I have done; yes, and he will do greater things than these . . ." In other words, God would make Himself known through the lives of those disciples. Or, to bring it up-to-date, God can make Himself known to people through you — THROUGH YOU. Through what you think, what you are, what you do!

If you want a memorable Christmas, just ask God what He wants you to do in making His Love known. If there is anyone you need to forgive—then see them, and forgive them, or, if they are far away, write your forgiveness to them. The healing, forgiving God will make Himself known through you. Is there a child who is lonely and fearful, needing the warmth of God's caring to make him blossom in joy—then the right picture-book, with a few heart-warming words of love written by you on the fly-leaf, can make the life-saving God known to that child. Is there a lonely woman, telling herself that no one really cares whether she is alive or dead? You might part with some treasured little possession and send it to her, and God will become known to that woman. This is a venture. It is costly. But it has always been costly when God made Himself known, on Calvary long ago, or through you, in 1961. Costly — and precious!

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YOU can let someone else see, at Christmas, what *your* wonderful God is like!

Mrs. Wilson Leithead, the United Thank Offering Custodian for St. Stephen's Church, reports that there were 88 contributors to the Fall In-Gathering which amounted to $243.25. The Diocesan offering was $32,000.00.

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CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give their families the fullness of Christmas cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special CHRISTMAS DINNERS Envelope.

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

Yes, I want to pledge to the Church as a Thank Offering for God's goodness to me and mine. I undertake to give for the

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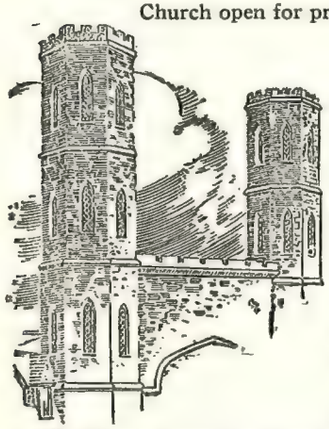
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Processional Hymn 256 ..... *Melcombe*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 86, Page 447

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Blessed Are They" ..... *Blair*

Blessed are they, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching, They shall go into life eternal. They shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and shall be their God.

The Sermon: "PREPARATION" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 219 ..... *Hamburg*

Recessional Hymn 595 ..... *Passion Chorale*

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—Christine Steen (Ann Arbor, Mich.)

CHRISTMAS CRECHE

If, right now, you were in Provence, in the South of France, you would find the children of each family getting out their Christmas Creche and arranging it on a table in the best room of the house. The tiny figures in these simple Manger-scenes are the "santons" (little saints), little clay figures of those on the way to the Manger.

These little statuettes of Mary, Joseph, and the Child, the Wise Men and the Shepherds are fashioned from hand-made moulds and brightly painted. You may be surprised to find that the group of pilgrims at the Manger does not stop with the familiar people found in every Creche. *They include all the people in the village.* There is a small boy, very eager; a plodding fisherman; the parish priest in black; the young woman with her baby; an old couple, heavy with years; a farm-boy hurrying; a woman riding a donkey; a basket-maker busy at his trade.

Each of these people is bearing *whatever he has to give,* to the Christ-Child. The boy his duck; the fisherman, his catch; a farmer, some hens; the farm-boy, some fruit and vegetables; a baker, a basket of his fresh bread; a garlic dealer, some of his pungent vegetable. Every last one in the village has something to give, and each comes to offer it to Jesus. The knife-grinder will offer his tools to Jesus, that his knife-sharpening may be honest and good. The mother offers her baby to Jesus, that he will grow up belonging to the loving Master. The drummer offers his drum to Jesus, that he may drum to the glory of God! There is great joy in each home of Provence as the children carefully and reverently arrange the little figures. For they can see that each of the travelers to the Manger, young and old, truly has something for Jesus, something precious to Him, that he can give. So they are thinking, "What have I that would make Him happy?"

No matter how young or old YOU are, no matter what your circumstances, you have some treasure that would give Him great delight. It could be your thoughts, as you sit in a wheel chair or lie in a bed, or on watch on board a vessel at sea—give Him your thoughts that they may be ruled by His loving Spirit. It might be your day's work, that it may be done in the Spirit of Jesus as He worked in the carpenter-shop. It could be your house-hold work—each day you would do first what would most please Him, and thus make your home a place of gentle, strong kindness. It might be that you would give Him your friendships, that they would be filled with His patience and compassion, His healing concern.

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Dec. 10th—Michael Kenneth Shaw

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"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"

Sept. 2nd—Ernest A. Tracy
Marie V. Pintavalle
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The Prelude: "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling" .....*J. S. Bach*

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Processional Hymn 2 (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 7) .....*Veni Emmanuel*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 116, Page 486

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 & 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "WAKE! AWAKE!" .....*Nicolai-Christiansen*
Wake, awake! for night is flying: the watchmen on the heights are crying; Awake, Herusalem, arise, arise! Midnight's solemn hour is tolling, his chariot wheels are nearer rolling; He comes; prepare, ye virgins wise. Rise up; with willing feet, go forth the Bridegroom meet; Hallelujah! Bear through the night your light, your well-trimmed light; speed forth to join the marriage rite. Hear Thy praise, O Lord, ascending from tongies of men and harps and psaltery. By Thy pearly gates in wonder we stand and swell the voice of thunder, in bursts of choral melody: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! To praise Thee ages all along.

The Sermon: "NO ROOM IN THE INN" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 440 .....*Watchman*

Recessional Hymn 391 .....*St. Flavian*

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The Prelude: Pastoral Symphony .....*Handel*
A Child Is Born .....*Titcomb*
Processional Hymn 12, Stanzas 1, 3, 6 .....*Adeste Fideles*
Kyrie, Hymnal 714 .....*Oldroyd*

Anthem: "Today Christ Is Born" .....*Willan*
Today Christ is born: Today the Savior hath appeared: Today on earth the choirs of angels sing: Archangels together rejoice: Today the righteous rejoice together, saying: Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Alleluya!
The Sermon: "LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 22 .....*From Heaven High*

Sanctus and Agnus Dei .....*Oldroyd*

Gloria in Excelsis 739 .....*Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 27 .....*Mendelssohn*

CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

A Merry Christmas to all our readers, is the earnest wish of St. Stephen's Bulletin. May the Spirit of Christ rest upon your homes and in your hearts, and fill to overflowing any voids caused by trouble or sorrow. Christ was a Man of sorrows; He bore all the suffering that is common to man, and much that we can never know. But He was also the living expression of God, and God means victory, and joy, and eternal life. Let us make our Christmas a joyful celebration of God's great gift of His Son. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

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—N. M. (St. Catherines, Ontario)

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"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, 'I hate to', duty giving says, 'I ought to', and thanksgiving says, 'I want to'. The first comes from constraint, the second from a sense of obligation, the third from a full heart. Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving, since 'the gift without the giver is bare'. Sometimes more happens in duty giving, but there is no song in it. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God."

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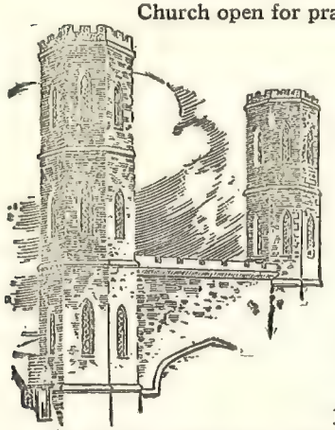
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Jesu, Priceless Treasure ..... *Bach*

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Processional Hymn 16; Stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6 ..... *Yorkshire*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 146, Page 522

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Come, All Ye Who Weary ..... *Elmore*
Come, all ye who weary, life's pilgrimage dreary, now hasten, your fears cast aside. In manger so lowly, by Mary so holy, the Christ Child, your Savior did hide. The Magi who sought Him (their rich gifts they brought Him) did follow His star, ever bright; with cattle attending (His love never ending) He lay there that hallowed night. But hasten, nor tarry; the gift that you carry, be sure that He'll cherish alway. The Babe in the manger, no longer a stranger, will bless you and guide you each day.

The Sermon: "THE STRAIT GATE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*

Recessional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*

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LOOKING INTO THE NEW YEAR

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The practicing Christian will give neither of the first two reports, I believe. Whether it be a prosperous year or not we leave with God. Whether there be giants and night-mares ahead, we can also leave to Him. But a practicing Christian has experienced the boundless goodness of God, and he will declare that, no matter what awaits us, "we are well able to overcome it." In other words, we know that God always gives us sufficient resources to meet evil, and dark days, victoriously. Some of us may have to go through a Calvary—but there is always an Easter, beyond. God never runs short of miracles!

Amy Carmichael recalls that, when she was a child, she wished that she could touch something that Jesus had touched, or seen something that He had seen. Suddenly, to her delight, she thought "but I *can* see something that He saw. He saw the very same moon and stars that I see . . . But how much more wonderful it is to think that we have, for our own use, the very same sword our Lord used when the devil attacked Him. We have the same Book that He had, and we can do as He did." So she counsels us to let the great words of prophet apostle and saint deep into our hearts, especially the words of Jesus Himself. Then, when the devil attacks us, we shall be able to fight back victoriously, using God's word faithfully and confidently, just as Jesus did. Miss Carmichael pictures the Bible as "Our Sword which never grows dull or rusty, but is always keen and bright. So, once more, I say, let us not expect defeat, but victory! Let us take fast hold and keep fast hold of our Sword, and we shall win in any assault of the enemy."

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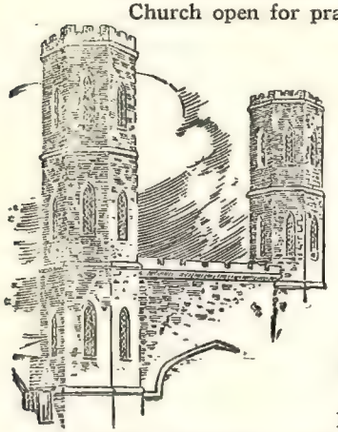
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—A thankful heart looks not only backward, but also forward with confidence. The metal mirror may dimly reflect the image, or even distort it, but the perfect knowledge shall come when we see face to face. Our past and present experiences shall then appear in a new light. Heavenly Father, from Whom, for Whom and to Whom are all things, help us to realize anew that without Thee we can do nothing. Cleanse our hearts from all sin and impurity. Let us look forward hopefully to the fulfillment of Thy promises concerning those things that are to be. Amen.

Processional Hymn 46 ..... *Morning Star*

Kyrie ..... *Oldroyd*

The Anthem: Through The Dark The Dreamers Came ..... *Daniels*

Through the darkness the dreamers came, Melchior, Balthasar, Caspar, following the flame of a Star, Via, Via, De profundis Via.

But the way did not seem shadowy or long; it was brightened by a dream and a song: "Gloria, in excelsis Gloria."

It was worth the journeying to the weary end; for they found their dream; A King and a Friend; Maxima, Gloria Die Maxima!

The Sermon: Pilgrimage of Faith ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 47, Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 ..... *Puer Nobis*

Sanctus and Agnus Dei ..... *Oldroyd*

Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 52 ..... *Dix*

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You need only to be child-like, claiming God as your Father—God Whose deep desire is to fill your life with His treasures. Not with some of the trinkets that you have been asking of life, but with His own great gifts which are precious beyond belief. What are they?

First—each morning He calls us out to live *in His world.* To rejoice in a dark pine against a crimson sunset. To see His handiwork in the beauty of sky and sea and land. To praise Him for each new sunrise which puts to flight the darkness of the night. What a treasure—to move through life among His handiwork.

Second—He surrounds us with people who have Him in their hearts and deeds, channels of His infinite and gentle love. What a joy to know these rare people, whose friendship is as trustworthy as the daily rising of God's sun.

Third—He holds up before us the golden opportunity to offer our lives to Him each morning, that we may be usable to Him. How wonderful that we can respond to Him all through this day, all through this year—to be employed by Him to bring joy to the heavy-hearted, comfort to those wracked by pain, forgiveness to the unforgiven, sure love to the insecure.

What a memorable year 1962 can be! Your hands carrying out God's desires—becoming the hands of God. Your feet traveling to someone who is lonely—becoming God's feet. Your heart reaching out in tenderness and healing, to become God's heart.

It is a large and rather terrible world. But it is still God's world, and He is stronger than all terrors, and can mould it into a brotherhood. God, in you, can work miracles and make this the Year of our Lord, 1962, and draw the world into His abiding peace.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Canons of the Church require that the financial reports of all Parish Organizations should be included in the Annual Report which each Parish is requested to make to the Bishop. This report is made for the Calendar Year. We would appreciate it if all our organizations would plan now to have such a financial report ready for the Rector not later than January 10th.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscriptions to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. Some 733 are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of our States, and in addition, to people in Canada. It goes not only to members, but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It cost, this past year, $40.44 a week to print and mail this publication. There are some 44 issues a year, at a total cost, each year, of about $1,940.00. For the year just about over, 1961, our receipts toward expenses of publishing the Weekly Bulletin will come to something like $750.00.

If every family would give $2.00 per year the cost would be met. Of course a great many on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so a generous check or two from those who can afford it will go a long way toward paying for those who are financially unable to subscribe. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing, a higher mailing rate, make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

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Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Sine Nomine*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 71, page 425

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 646, Hymnal

The Anthem: Praise ..... *Rowley*

To the Master of music and loveliness: Praise, Power, Dominion forever. To the Lord of the Word of creation be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Master of movement, color and light: Praise, power, dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator, be praise. To the Theme of all song, Inspiration of love: to the Artist of life, to the greatest and least: praise. For He is the greatest upon His high throne, and He was the least as the Child of a maiden; Praise, then, to Jesus whose mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring, we come to Thee: give us Thyself both in time and eternity. Offering all that we are or can hope to be; Lord of all beauty: Praise, Power, Dominion forever!

The Sermon: "Drops and Grains of Ecstasy" ..... Rev. Andrew W. Mayer

Offertory Hymn 393 ..... *St. Catherine*

Recessional Hymn 300 ..... *Winchester New*

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—C. W. Y-Q (Boston, Mass.)

PRAISE THE LORD!

We all like to win. But there is something even more exciting than winning—something more than conquering.

Bryant Green tells (in "Christians Alive") of an aunt of his, a most unusual woman. She was plain to look at, and her talk was loaded with pious expressions. But she had a Bible Class of London Policemen who came with eager regularity. She spoke, one afternoon, to a group of plush young socialite women, and they hung on every word she spoke. Why?

One day she was hurrying for a train in Paddington station, London. Just as she reached the gate, the gateman slammed it in her face. As she came to a very sudden stop, her face broke into a grateful smile, and she exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!" A half-hour later she was back for the next train. The gateman recognized her, and eagerly inquired, "What was it, ma'am, that you said when I slammed the gate in your face?" "I don't recall saying anything," she replied good-naturedly. "Well," he insisted, "it sounded like 'Praise the Lord!'" "Oh, yes," she laughed, "it probably was that. You see, when I miss a train, or something like that, I've found that the Lord always has a reason for it; so I just praise Him, and wait to find out what it is." "If you wouldn't mind missing another train, I'd like to talk with you," he continued. "Gladly," was the cheerful reply. So she missed the next train, and she and the gateman went out to a quiet corner of the waiting-room. She told him how she had learned to live every hour of the day in God's love, and how wonderful life is when it is filled with that love, the strongest power in the world. Then the gateman told of his marriage, almost on the rocks; and of his troubled, defeated life. To make a long story short, he learned from her that there is more joy in the companionship of the Loving God than there is in dominating your wife, or getting the better of anyone in life. So he became more than a conqueror, also; and his marriage became Christian, fused into unity by the companioning Love of God.

The most awful fate in life is separation—separation from other people by my selfishness, separation from God by my self-will. I can get my way in life for a time, become "successful," a conqueror, near the top of the ladder. But there is no security there—someone is always climbing up from below to pull me down. Conquerors are never really safe.

But, once you know the Love of God, you can lose trains without dismay, because God's Love stays with you, and you find a gateman who needs God. What can separate us from that Love? Nothing! Even each defeat opens a door to some adventure of discovery. What a glorious life this is—to be "more than conquerors!"

1961 REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

During the calendar year 1961 we completed and returned 6770 pieces of sewing to the Hospitals as follows:

Jefferson 6,525 — Visiting Nurses 60 — Episcopal 185
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At Christmas each worker received a box of candy and a gift from St. Stephen's Church, also a bonus from the Benevolent Society.

—Anna W. Hauger, President

The combined Morning and Evening Branches of the Women of St. Stephen's will stay after Church together, and then go for an inspection tour of the new Seaman's Church Institute, on Sunday, January 14th. Everyone is invited to go along with the ladies.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Miss Hebe Bulley, Mrs. Martha Coleman, Sara E. Hunt, Sylvania MacVaugh, Mabel Meek, Mrs. Zelda F. Rawlins, Mrs. R. C. Reese, Mrs. Helen Schmidt, Mae Snedden, Miss Nadia Watson, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, Sara E. Hart, W. H. Charles, S. H. Chestnut, Miss Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Theodore Durholtz, Edith M. Frazier, Mrs. John C. Funck, Mrs. Christina Leight, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Elmer Newkirk, Jr., Marie E. Person, Ida Pouton, Wilhelmina P. Sachs, Mr. & Mrs. William L. Scherzer, Mrs. Jane S. Smith, Mrs. Bertha Tillotson, Emily E. Weber, Stella Weber, Mrs. Arthur Worner, Mrs. Marie Pintavalle Tracy.

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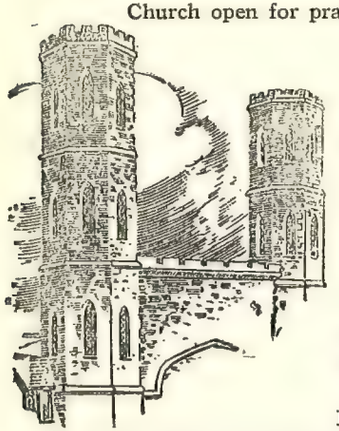
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Devotion ..... *Bossi*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Amidst constant change and shifting standards, we have one abiding hope; that we shall eventually become sons of God and daughters of God. It is this invincible hope which has brought mankind this far in its upward march; it will eventually lead us to God. Hope drives us on when reason bids us stop. Dear God, and Father of us all, make us to know that when we stop hoping we stop living. Teach us to realize that despair and doubt are suicidal. Give us a sense of expectancy that brooks no defeat. Amen.

Processional Hymn 544 ..... *St. Cecelia*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 105:1-20, Page 470

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 646, Hymnal

The Anthem: Blest Are the Pure in Heart ..... *Thiman*

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King; still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, and for His dwelling and His throne chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we Thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for Thee. Amen.

The Sermon: "ON HAVING A SENSE OF HUMOR" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 328 ..... *Belmont*
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TESO

In modern alphabetical terms TESO means Theological Education Sunday Offering, now a major source of income for the support of the eleven Theological Schools in the United States. By proclamation of the Presiding Bishop in 1958, this falls on January 28th this year. The leaflet enclosed in this Bulletin shows pictures of the Rector's School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The offering from St. Stephen's Church will be divided between the Cambridge School and the Philadelphia Divinity School. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

LOCKED DOORS

Charles L. Allen writes of a man who puts his keys into one of his shoes each night when he goes to bed. The next morning, that shoe is the last thing he puts on. He takes out those keys, holds them in his hand, and says something like this, "Lord, this day I will come to certain doors that are locked, but I shall use these keys to open those doors. And may I remember this day that there is a key to every situation, a solution to every problem. May I never surrender to one of life's locked doors. Instead, may I use the keys of the key-ring of prayer until I find the right key and the door will be opened."

In order to pray victoriously, we must remember one thing—God, being infinitely and wholly loving, can only give us what is needful and precious to us. No good father can give hurtful or trashy gifts to his children. It is not in God's nature to give anything but the best.

Several times Jesus promised that God will answer our prayers; will give us the key that opens the door of our problem. He expects that we will pray as He has taught us in "The Lord's Prayer" (Matthew 6,-9-15). We are always to pray saying "We" or "Us" or "Our"—always to include the needs and the welfare of others. Our prayer must be in a forgiving spirit. Our prayer must begin by humbly, gratefully bowing before God with ready obedience. Our prayer must be in tune with the coming of His Kingdom among men. We *are* able to pray in that Spirit. Jesus would not have commanded us to do so unless it were possible. All that is required of us is the willingness to pray in that loving, humble, grateful Spirit. And we *can* be willing—in fact, we better be, if we want to find the glory of answered prayer!

After all, there is a *key to every situation*—God's key. Even to the situation in which you find yourself this minute. Before we can pray victoriously, we have to be very quiet, and remember what God is like—like Jesus! Then we need to ask Him for His KEY, His answer to our need, for His answer is always the best, even though it may call for some changes in us!

Before He can answer my prayer to reconcile my friend and me, I will have to give up my self-righteousness, my attention to my friend's mistakes; and look at my own. We can establish contact with God only when we are in tune with Him, just as I can only listen to the concert broadcast when I tune in on the right wave-length. Once I choose the right wave-length in prayer, and approach God humbly and thankfully and obediently, *then* I find the exciting adventure of answered prayer.

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BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are grateful for the response to our annual appeal for subscriptions to the weekly Church Bulletin which goes to all on our mailing list. The following letter is especially welcome: "Dear Dr. Price:—Enclosed is our subscription for your Bulletin for 1962. Just to send in the subscription without a word about it hardly seems adequate. Not only ourselves but our friends who see the Bulletin in our home comment on the inspirational messages always found in each issue. Among Church Bulletins or weekly letters, this one is clearly outstanding."—A. D. K. (Wayne, Pa.)

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BEQUESTS

The Will of Mrs. Mary S. Sinnamon provides for a legacy of $1,000.00 the income thereof to provide memorial flowers for the Altar on each anniversary, Christmas, January 6th, March 21st, June 24th and August 8th, in memory of Dr. Sinnamon and Mrs. Mary S. Sinnamon.

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The Prelude: Andante ..... *Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Only those who approach God in the right spirit can truly worship Him. If we seek to live as in the sight of the Eternal, we experience a great joy, and find it easy to serve Him on the pathway of life. Temptations will be overcome and our constant communion with God will be a blessing unto us. O God, grant us a double portion of Thy Spirit. May we be able to worship Thee as we ought, with the right and the true motive. Use us as instruments in Thy hand to spiritualize life in our own circle of friends. Make us faithful to all that is fine and noble. Amen.

Processional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 132, Page 508

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 646, Hymnal

The Anthem: Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round ..... *Malin*

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets singing on their way; Guide of the nations from the night profound into the glory of the perfect day. Rule in our hearts that we may ever be guided and strengthened and upheld by Thee. We are of Thee, the children of Thy love, the brothers of Thy well-beloved Son; descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove into our hearts, that we may be as one; as one with Thee to whom we ever tend; as one with Him, our Brother and our Friend. We would be one in hatred of all wrong, one in our love of all things sweet and fair, one with the joy that breatheth into song, one with the grief that trembleth into prayer, one in the power that makes the children free to follow truth, and thus to follow Thee.

The Sermon: "WHY DO GOOD PEOPLE SUFFER?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 564 ..... *Lyons*

Recessional Hymn ..... *Ora Labora*

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PRAYER EVANGELISTS

We now have 130 men and women in St. Stephen's Prayer Fellowship. They are our Prayer Evangelists. They are committed to a disciplined prayer activity that goes on around the clock—twenty-four hours of continuous prayers for persons in need of God's healing of body, mind and soul. Each person is thus lifted up in prayer twenty-four hours a day for a period of four weeks. Chronic cases are renewed for longer periods.

During the year 1961, 17,869 persons requested our prayers. We are grateful to these intercessors for their ready and willing co-operation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing. We have members who get up at two, three, four, five in the morning to take part in this chain of prayers. We have business men who have a quiet time in the midst of their business day to hold up these needy persons for God's richest blessings of body, mind and soul.

Many people wonder what difference it can make to others when we pray for them. We only need to see what prayer is to answer that question, and the more we understand what it is, the more we realize that it would be just as short-sighted of us to ask what difference it makes to others if you love them, or if you are unloving toward them. We see that it makes a tremendous difference. If we have the feeling of unlovingness, we know that it means misery, and we can see the ill effect it has on others: love in the spiritual sense can make a tremendous difference, because it is a definite influence and a definite power for good.

How often we hear people say, "I am going to do so and so; do give me a thought." What difference is a thought going to make? All the difference in the world. Thought has a dynamic influence, and if the thought you give is a good one, it is going to be fruitful of good. But you say, that is a simple and easy way of getting things done, if all we have to do through life is to be giving one another good thoughts. You try it—try it for a day—try to hold nothing in your mind but good thoughts, and then sit down at the end of the day and look back, and just reckon up how many other thoughts forced their way through and you will see that it is not such an easy or simple thing as it at first seemed.

And spiritual thoughts, thoughts about others, about the world, about God, only come when our lives have been wonderfully transformed by Christ being in us. So in the same way, when we are praying for others and wonder what good it can do, what change it can bring, we only have to remember the infinite Love of God is the power behind. We pray for others, we pray for things that need changing in the world because the life-giving Holy Spirit of Christ is behind our minds and hearts. That is why it makes all the difference to others if we are praying for them or not.

We believe in prayer, that is why we pray. We unite with the Spirit of Christ so that He may speak to us, and make known to us those things which He will to be made known.

The New Testament speaks about the good, acceptable and perfect Will of God. That makes clear the ministry of prayer—that the Good Will of God shall be done, that through prayer what is not good shall become good. Prayer is going to do that, as well as uplift the soul to Christ. We must all, in simple faith and trust and confidence, join in prayer for healing, perfect, complete healing of every disease, every sickness, every sorrow and every trouble, until this world is free as heaven is free, from all such things.

No one can fully assess the results of prayer, but the letters of gratitude continually coming to the Rector, an average of 80 per week, are an evidence that the need in the lives of many people is being met. Many of the testimonies received are reported in the monthly meetings of the Prayer Fellowship, and in the weekly report to the members, all progress and cures are reported. There is no limit to what God can do through prayer, and while thanking Him for the evidence of His Love and mercy in the past, we would look to Him with faith and expectation for greater things to be done in His name in the future. The need, therefore, for more intercessors, those who in humble dependence on the Spirit of God will seek to have power in prayer, is apparent.

It is good to remind ourselves that God has a special promise for those who meet in this way: "If two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven . . . for, where two or three are gathered, in My name, there am I in the midst of them." The value of St. Stephen's Fellowship of Prayer can never be over-estimated!

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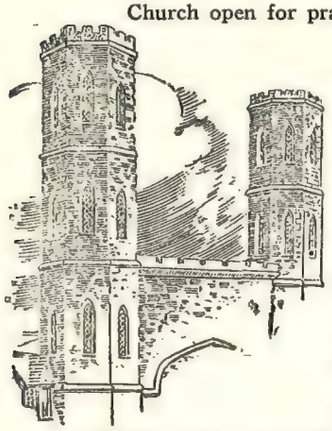
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Processional Hymn 310 ..... *London New*
Kyrie ..... *Oldroyd*
The Anthem: "O Sacred Feast" ..... *Willan*

O sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluya!

The Sermon: "WHY DO GOOD PEOPLE SUFFER?" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 556 ..... *St. Andrew of Crete*
Sanctus, Agnus Dei ..... *Oldroyd*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 446 ..... *Passion Chorale*

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Dear Dr. Price:—This is to report on the progress of my 14 year old daughter, Julie, who is suffering from a medically incurable blood condition. Ever since our conference with you in April in the Cathedral in Indianapolis, she has made truly amazing improvement. Her mental attitude has completely changed, and she has steadily gained in strength, although the doctors had predicted otherwise. When you saw her she was almost completely house-bound, and had difficulty walking to the Altar. Now she is up and dressed every day, meals at the table, gained five pounds, goes for outings, and even takes walks. She has been taking a strong drug which the doctor felt would have to be increased. Two weeks ago, he was able to discontinue it. You can see, we have so much to be thankful for!—M. F. (Indianapolis, Ind.)

THEY RISE AGAIN

Henry Sloane Coffin was once walking with William Howard Taft in Washington. Dr. Coffin asked the ex-President what he thought of the prospects of the League of Nations, then clearly feeble and apparently collapsing. Mr. Taft stopped abruptly, squared around to face his companion, and said: "You ought to know that in this world the best things get crucified; *but they rise again.*"

Puzzling as it may seem, that is true. The great figures of history are largely those who have suffered deeply. Read St. Paul's account of what he had been through (in II Corinthians 11, 21-33)—". . . countless beatings, . . . ship wrecked, . . . danger, . . . cold and exposure, . . . anxiety." Yet, out of this life of constant hardship, his voice rises exultingly with, ". . . My grace is sufficient for you", ". . . more than conquerors." Looking down through history, you find the same story. The shining figures are those who have come through great suffering—St. Francis of Assisi, Joan of Arc, Martin Luther, John Wesley, The Pilgrim Fathers, Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandi.

It is not difficult to see why the finest people suffer the most. If you love others with all your heart, you will rejoice greatly in their prospering, and you will also be wracked with pain when they come upon rough and hurting days. Someone has said than when you have children of your own, you "give hostages to fortune". It is certainly true that life can hurt you more (as well as bless you more) because you care so much about the victories and defeats of your children. We are willing to accept crucifixion—pain in the life of love, for the joy of it is richer and stronger than the pain!

Beyond this, however, is a fact that is harder to accept. The finest lives seem to get *beaten,* as if the pleasure-loving world is against those who live for the more arduous way of love and self-giving. Savonarola dies in flames. Stephen is stoned to death. Lincoln leads the North to victory in war, but the hand of an assassin prevents him from binding up the wounds. Woodrow Wilson, champion of the League of Nations, dies a lingering death, his hopes smashed by little men. Above all of these, Jesus hangs on the Cross, the sign (in His day) of those who have lost in the battle of life.

But the glorious fact remains—that genuine love is always victorious in the end. It is victorious because it is God's way of life, and He backs it up with His infinite power. Beyond every cross lies an Easter. ". . . in this world the best things get crucified; but they rise again."

— MEMORIAL —

A beautiful Chancel Prayer Book, in memory of Miss Lilian Jeffries Hay, will be dedicated by the Rector on Sunday, February 4th at 11 A.M. This memorial, given by a number of her friends, is beautifully inscribed in polychrome lettering by Mr. James Ashbrook. It will be in use on the Prayer Desk near the pulpit.

Mrs. George Bridgman has remembered St. Stephen's Church in her will, along with the Episcopal Hospital, Memorial Hospital, Roxboro, and Children's Heart Hospital. At the death of a life tenant, St. Stephen's will receive one-fifth of the residuary estate of a half million dollars, or one hundred thousand dollars.

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— THE GOOD LIFE —

The Episcopal Church has a new radio Program Series, THE GOOD LIFE, which is on Sundays at 8 A.M. over Station WJMJ. This is series of 15 minute interviews with prominent women (Eleanor Roosevelt, Margaret Mead, Lily Dache, Catherine Marshall, Margaret Chase Smith, etc.) with the aim to help the modern woman realize her own potentialities and to grow as an individual and in her faith through honest exploration of the problems she faces in her daily life.

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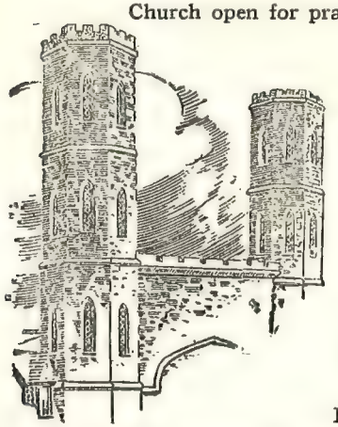
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The Prelude: Fantasie ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men. He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hatred and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man could commit. He who was pure would have us watch our words and deeds so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and Merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee; in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domine*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 57, Page 409

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 646, Hymnal

The Anthem: O God, When Thou Appearest ..... *Mozart*

O God, when Thou appearest darkness flies, Thy light and Thy glory shine forth on the earth, and Thou art exalted above all gods, We worship Thy glorious name, O Lord God Almighty. Thou only art my rock and my salvation, and my defence, and I shall not be moved; my glory, my refuge, the rock of my strength. O Lord of all power and might. O praise the Lord, all ye people, and praise Him all ye lands; His merciful kindness endureth forever. Praise Him in songs of joy, we praise Thee, O Lord our God, we worship Thy glorious name . . . Be Thou exalted above all heavens, Thy glory above all the earth. We worship Thy glorious name.

The Sermon: "OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

Recessional Hymn 54 ..... *Dulce Carmen*

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Tomorrow is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, who has been called the "spiritual center of American history."

As you read Matthew's account of the temptation of Jesus, you see that it was a time of tremendous inner struggle for Him. He had just come from His baptism by John the Baptist, when He accepted His task to carry out God's purpose. His Father was to stand above all other "gods;" was to be worshipped and obeyed. As soon as any life undertakes to be God's servant among men, the struggle is under way! In Jesus the battle was so terrific that it drove Him out into a lonely place in the hills, where He could meet temptation with His Father's strength. In each of His three temptations, He closed the matter by proclaiming God's desire was His own choice. In the wilderness He overcame the lesser, more pleasant gods; and cast in His lot as the humble slave of the One Almighty God.

On the long train-trip from Springfield, Illinois, up to the White House, Abraham Lincoln again and again told the crowds that "Reliance on the Divine Will was the nation's real strength and that the American people and the President were instruments in the hands of the God of history." (William J. Wolfe—"The Almost Chosen People.") When small men came to Lincoln seeking to use God to back up their wishes, Lincoln reminded them that his concern was not to get God on his side, but to get himself—and his nation—on God's side. William Wolfe comments, "Lincoln's battle was to read 'signs of the times', to learn what the will of God actually demanded in the conflicting events of his day."

What a grand way for us to spend Life—each one of us to "learn what the will of God demands of us, and our land, in the conflicting events of *our* day." Abraham Lincoln was "led up into the wilderness" day after day, as he took an hour or so each morning to be alone with God, and learn His will for him in the day just ahead. This is the spring-board for all spiritual victory—take time, first, to see how you can best please God. How you do it, how long, and where—these are important details for you to work out with God. But, whatever your exact way, do it, you must! You will need to be willing to change some of your habits of mind and body; to let God root out some habit of pleasing yourself without regard for Him. Jesus found it a tough struggle—so you need not be surprised if you do, also.

The point is—look at what God did with the life of Jesus, Who put His Father first. Look at what God did with the life of Abraham Lincoln, "the humble instrument of the Almighty." Think of the love and joy; think of the joy and peace in your heart as you find what God can do with you, right where you are, as His willing servant.

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—A. S. (Aberdeen, Ohio)

The Rector will speak to the Clerical Brotherhood of the Diocese of Pennsylvania on Monday at 11:30 A.M. He will speak to the Lancaster County Methodist Ministerium on Tuesday morning. He will have a Retreat with the Kensington Ministerial Association in the Cathedral in Roxboro on Wednesday morning and he will speak to the Young Couples Club of the Abington Presbyterian Church on Thursday night at 8 P.M.

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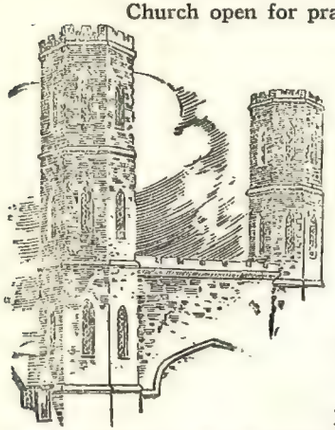
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The Prelude: Benedictus ..... *Reger*

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Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 91, Page 454

Benedictus Es, Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 646, Hymnal

The Anthem: Blessed Are All They That Fear the Lord ..... *Sowerby*

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, and walk in His ways. For thou shall eat the labors of thine hands: O well is thee and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine upon the walls of thine house; thy children like the olive branches round about thy table. Lo, thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee, that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

The Sermon: "THE LAW OF GOD" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 524 ..... *Manheim*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

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THE TOUCH OF JESUS

You remember King Midas, whose touch would change anything into gold. Reading the Gospel, one finds that Jesus' touch was even more amazing. It brought new health and hope. Further more, He could touch any event—such as the nasty, dirty incident of the smug men who dragged the adulterous woman before Jesus—and transform it into something beautiful beyond words. He was stronger than "the world". As St. John puts it, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith."

One way to please God is to learn this touch of faith, so that we can touch men's fears and griefs and ills with His transforming power. This does not mean that we are to go about chattering to people about Jesus. It does mean that we are going to let Him into our hearts every time we meet a person in need—and let Him touch their need through us.

So we shall need to start each morning by inviting Him to dwell in our hearts and minds all through that day; and work in us, and through us. So long as He is living within us, nothing can ever dismay us, for nothing is stronger than He! We may have to go through a dark and scarey valley, but He lights the way through. We may have to endure pain, but He undergirds us with fortitude. Always He is able to transform tragedy into glory, despair into hope, defeat into victory. You can form this habit of a few minutes at the beginning of every day, to invite Him to travel through that day with you.

Stanley Jones tells a story of a Japanese prisoner, awaiting sentence of death:

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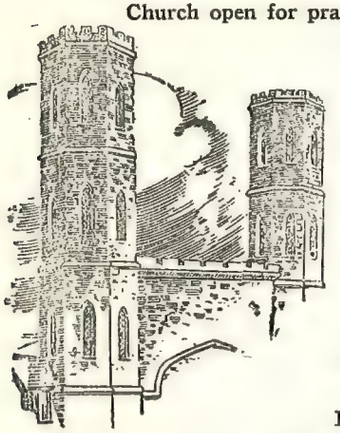
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The Prelude: Prayer ..... *Boellman*

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Processional Hymn 558 ..... *University College*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 119:V and VI, Page 492

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 646, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Psalm 86" ..... *Holst*

To my humble supplication, Lord, give ear and acceptation; save Thy servant that hath none help nor hope but Thee alone. Send relieving gladness to my soul opprest with sadness, which, from clog of earth set free, winged with zeal, flies up to Thee. Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, hear me; for I am poor and needy; preserve my soul for I am holy O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee. Be merciful unto me O Lord; for I cry unto Thee daily. Rejoice the soul of Thy servant for unto Thee O Lord do I lift up my soul. Thou Lord art good and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto them that call upon Thee. Give ear O Lord unto my prayer and attend to the voice of my supplication. I will praise Thee O Lord my God with all my heart and I will glorify Thy name for ever more. To Thee, rich in mercies' treasure, and in goodness without measure, never failing to help those who on Thy sure help repose. Heavenly Tutor, of Thy kindness, teach my dullness, guide my blindness, that my steps Thy paths may tread which to endless bliss do lead.

The Sermon: "THE LAW OF GOD" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 315 ..... *Kremser*

Recessional Hymn 448 ..... *Trust*

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"I suppose that this is my cross," says an acquaintance, with a sigh, referring to an aged mother who is a bit difficult, or some slight physical handicap. This person hasn't the faintest idea of what Jesus meant by a cross.

Jesus, as He turned His steps toward Jerusalem told His friends that He was going there to take up His cross. By that He meant that He was going in great love to confront His enemies, and to give His life that men could see the mighty Love of God. His life meant a good great deal to Jesus—so much that He sweat blood in the Garden of Gethsemane, before He could say "Yes" to God, and be willing to leave His disciples, and the joy of teaching them the wonderful ways of God. Taking up His Cross meant going forward to give away His life. "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Taking up your cross, therefore, is not bearing irritating pin-pricks, but being willing to endure agony for others. We are not to dodge around, seeking to evade our cross, until it blocks the way in front of us. We are to go forward and take hold of it, as Jesus did when He set His face to go up to Jerusalem.

Perhaps you have not even "seen" your cross, your great opportunity for the working of God's will through you. Perhaps you are a woman who deeply craved children of your own, and have never been married. Deep within you, it has lurked as a bitter disappointment, like a strong acid. I know a woman who—at thirty or so—faced this cross of hers, and took hold of it. God promised her a more wonderful family of children than she could ever have had through her own body. Today she is in charge of a Sunday School of hundreds of children. Every one of them loves her, and learns the secrets of Jesus through her. She is one of the most richly happy people I've ever known. She took up her cross.

There are all sorts and conditions of crosses—being severely paralyzed by polio; failing to become a noted preacher; being sorely tempted by alcohol; being heavy with years and illness; being pregnant out of wedlock; suffering because of the color of your skin; being saddled with a task beyond your human powers. I know people with these exact crosses. They have taken them up, and are bearing them victoriously. Because Jesus took up His Cross, you and I know the greatness of the Love of God; and we want to please God, and do His will.

Thomas A'Kempis once wrote, "Jesus hath now many lovers of the heavenly Kingdom, but few bearers of His Cross . . . If thou bear the Cross cheerfully, it will bear thee, and lead to the desired end, namely, where there shall be an end of suffering . . . If you bear it unwillingly, thou makest for thyself a burden and increaseth thy load . . . If thou cast away one cross, without doubt thou shalt find another, and that, perhaps, a heavier one." So, good friend, dare to take up your cross—it leads to triumph!

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—Mr. & Mrs. W. K. H. (Philadelphia)

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The Annual Appeal for contributions to the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches is now at hand and a special envelope is enclosed herewith. The Council is responsible for a high degree of co-operative services and programs that no single denomination or Church is able to perform. The Council includes five departments through which forty services and programs are managed. Many present services need to be extended and other needs await further Christian co-operation. Your generous response is solicited.

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Processional Hymn 279 ..... *Praise to the Lord*

Kyrie ..... *Oldroyd*

The Anthem: Like As The Hart Desireth the Water-brooks ..... *Novello*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trist in God.

The Sermon: "THE NEW COMMANDMENT" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 488 ..... *Gardiner*

Sanctus, Agnus Dei ..... *Oldroyd*

Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

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GLAD GIVING

In Lent we are seeking to orient our lives with God's will—to live so as to please Him. Jesus once said that giving is happier than getting, or "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Why, then, do we make such a fuss about "giving up something for Lent"? In Jesus' mind, self-sacrifice is a joy—like that of the expectant mother who is giving herself to the forming of a new life within her. She does not go around feeling grim pride that she is suffering discomfort for the new baby. She goes about so radiant that she hardly thinks of sacrifice at all.

It is a doctor, Erich Fromm, who points out this truth vividly. He speaks of the common misunderstanding which assumes that giving is "giving up" something, or being deprived, or sacrificing . . . some make a virtue out of giving, as if it were a painful self-sacrifice, and, therefore, a duty. The real truth, he says, is altogether different —"for the productive character, giving has an entirely different meaning. Giving is the highest expression of potency. In the very act of giving, I experience my strength, my wealth, my power . . . I experience myself as overflowing, spending, alive, hence as joyous. Giving is more joyous than receiving, not because it is a deprivation, but because in the act of giving lies the expression of my aliveness."

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The teaching of Jesus is not preaching, "Do-gooder" idealism. Far from it—it is the simple, realistic truth; so simple that most people miss it. Children go through a stage when they think that the happiest way is to grab, to get what I can—but children (mostly) grow up and discover the more exciting joy of giving happiness to others. No one has ever been disappointed who sincerely tried out Jesus' statement that giving is happier than getting. God so made the world that giving is the surest source of abiding joy.

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, D.C. Sunday evening and speak to the Ministers' Retreat of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Lima, Ohio on March 6th. He will be the preacher at the United Churchwomen of Woodstown, N. J. World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 9th.

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The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A.M. He will preach at 12:30 P.M. and will celebrate the Holy Communion at 5:30 P.M. Dr. John R. Hart, of Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, will preach on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 12:30 P.M.

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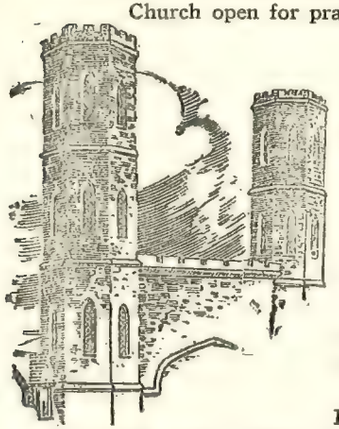
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Processional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 57, Page 409

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: Blessed He ..... *Franck*

Blessed he, who, from earth's dreams awaking, turns his heart from worldly pride; who every other joy forsaking, of wealth the golden fetters breaking, treasures of heaven spreads around on every side. Then when the awful trumpet soundeth, let him rejoice! Blessed is he, in whom God's grace and love aboundeth, angels for him heaven's gates fling open wide.

The Sermon: "LIFE OF ST. PAUL, NO. 1 — CONVERSION" ....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 411 ..... *Grace Church*

Recessional Hymn 61 ..... *Spires*

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THE WAY HOME

You may have heard of Trevor Huddleston, the courageous English clergyman in South Africa, who fearlessly insisted that Negro people must be recognized as God's children—not as "problems" but as people, fashioned by God Himself. After 15 years of Christ-like care for their needs, the government demanded that he leave South Africa; and he had to go. Among the many grateful letters he received on the eve of his departure was one from old Miriam, in Sophiatown, saying,

"We will miss that patting hand which reminds us of a certain King who had people who did not seem to know the way home. The King left his royal seat and came to live as one of them for 30 years, and for three years He tried to show them the way home. When He was satisfied that they knew the way, He left them . . . May heaven bless you, and if you do not come back to South Africa again, we will meet at Jesus' feet."

It is important to know the way home. In fact, it is necessary. So many people in this world have no idea what "Home" is. They think that they are strong and big enough to make a place that is safe and secure, themselves. They forget that, in this vast and mysterious universe, they are only very small children of the Creator of it all. They forget (or they have never learned!) that they can be truly at home only with the infinite and compassionate God.

One of the chief reasons for the turmoil of men's spirits is that they can find no feeling of being *at home,* of being loved and provided for as they were by a human father when they were young. Thus people buy thousands of copies of a book called "Peace of Heart" in hope that they may discover the secret. We all crave a place where we can come in out of the storm, sit by the fire, and find nourishment and rest before we go out again, refreshed and renewed.

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In these days any sincere Doubting Thomas can learn the way home—how to find the companionship of the God who is like Jesus. Since He *is* like Jesus, we can know Him and love Him so much that we will want to do His will. A child always wants to please the father he loves. It is urgent that you know the way home. For there are others who look to you to show them the way. What a Lent it can be, given each day to being at home with Him. *Then,* when we have surely learned that, when people follow you, they will not end up in blind alleys, but in the warmth and light of the closeness of God!

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—Mrs. E. K. (Bowling Green, Ohio)

We extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Crittenden of Erie who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher this week, Monday through Friday; a welcome also to the Rev. Hendrik B. Koning who will preach on Saturday.

We appreciate these Bulletin subscriptions: Helen Challenger, Frances Tinsley Kalich, Dorothy E. Kohl, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Eda M. MacPhee, Dorothy A. Morrison, Mrs. Margaret Nachtigall, Miss Ottilie Stein, Helen Volz, Mrs. V. S. Wells, Mildred White.

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There are two ways to become a member of this Parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church you become a member of this Parish by asking the Rector of the Parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church. The second way is by Confirmation. Classes of Instruction for Confirmation will soon be underway, in the Rector's Study, Sunday mornings. Attendance on these lectures does not commit you to Confirmation. Any who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church are welcome to attend. The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday May 6th.

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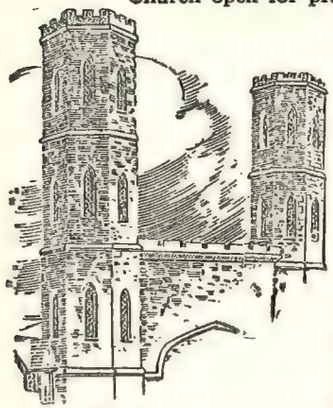
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Jesus, Lover of My Soul .....*Matthews*

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Processional Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal

Psalm 91, Page 454

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God
He Was Despised
Surely He Hath borne Our Griefs .....*Handel*

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world . . . He was despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. He gave His back to the smiters, and His cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; He hid not His face from shame and spitting . . . Surely, He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

The Sermon: LIFE OF ST. PAUL — II; NEW BEGINNINGS ....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 471 .....*Petra*

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PLANT YOUR APPLE TREE

Sooner or later, every Church member ought to try his hand at putting down on paper what Christ means to him. Margaret Applegarth points out that some may go about it in a round-about fashion—as Martin Luther did. When every authority in Germany was up in arms to silence him, he managed to write calmly, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, *I would still plant my apple tree!*"

That's a great springboard to start Lent from—No matter what happens, I will keep on planting apple trees for the generations to come.

But someone may say, "With the atom bomb in the world, and all the terrific tribulations man has devised, there may not be any generations to come! What's the use of keeping on?" Of course you can't prove it, but, with God in the picture there is always a wonderful future of some sort ahead. So I'd better do what I can; do my part—and leave the outcome in the hands of the Lord God. For there is nothing—according to the triumphant voice of Paul in Romans 8—that can separate us from the Love of Christ.

But can't tribulation separate us from His Love? St. Paul says, "No!" And Miss Applegarth points out that another great Christian hero, Martin Niemoeller, also says, "No!" in ringing tones. And he proved it by continuing to plant his tree even in the dark time when the Nazis were keeping him in solitary confinement, in the concentration camp, for eight long years. Separated from his congregation, maybe. But in no way separated from the Love of Christ. See him daily moving his table under the high windows of his cell. See him placing his chair on that table. See him climbing upon his chair to stand on tiptoe, in order to get as close as possible to the grating on the window above his head. See him waiting for the moment when the strange sound of shuffling would arise from the courtyard far below,—the crunch of feet on gravel which told him that now the prisoners were out for their daily airing. So slow and so silent that he could sense their hopelessness from the drag of their footsteps as they walked 'round and 'round in a circle, totally unconscious that they had been adopted as ground for a future orchard. Totally unaware that seeds were being planted at that very moment, as Pastor Niemoeller stood on tiptoe and began to whisper stirring passages from the Bible. Day by day he waited for this brief interval, searching for life-giving passages, practicing the art of learning to whisper powerfully enough to reach the scufflers, and yet not loud enough to attract the guards. He never was certain that they could hear him and the winged words—but, as soon as he began to whisper the good news, the shuffling on the gravel became less noisy; and it might well be that they were treading more lightly just so they could hear!

No matter what happens, God always provides a way in which you can plant your apple tree, and let the Love of Christ come through you to others. Let Him use your whispering voice to pass on the Good News, use you, to save the world. There will be peace in your heart as you repeat, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree!"

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—A. G. N. (Toronto, Ont., Canada)

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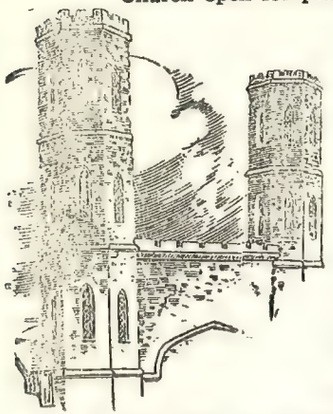
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—"Have I been so long time with you and yet hast thou not known Me?" It is not always easy to see God in Christ. Even long acquaintanceship and familiarity with the Gospel may blur our vision. We need a new revelation, a fresh approach each day, to behold the brightness of His Glory. [illegible] the grace of recognition; may we see Thee in every experience of our lives; no matter if the sun shines brightly on our path, or if the clouds of sorrow hang over it. May we never doubt Thy presence as a living Savior. Amen.

Processional Hymn 59 ..... *St. Flavian*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 119: V, VI, Page 492

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

The Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "When Jesus Wept" ..... *Billings*
When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

The Sermon: LIFE OF ST. PAUL—III, BY FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST
THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 410 ..... *Martyrdom*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

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—E. E. Frame (Fruitland Park, Florida)

WEAPONS OF LOVE

What *are* Jesus' weapons of love, which He passed on to us? Read the Sermon on the Mount, and you will find a careful description of them, very different from the weapons of the world!

Eight weapons He gave us: Poorness of spirit (humble-mindedness); mourning (those who know what suffering means); meekness (claiming nothing for one's self); hunger and thirst for goodness; pureness of heart (cleanness and singleness of purpose); the merciful spirit and peace-making (eager, stubborn desire for peace); being persecuted (willingness to suffer for God, for people). What a strange arsenal that seems! But Jesus proved, in this world where you and I live, that His arsenal is mightier than any other. Those *fiery* young disciples watched Him with question-marks in their hearts, until they saw Him use these weapons of love to conquer Hate and Death, and, as their risen and triumphant Lord, win His throne in the hearts of growing hosts of believers.

They saw Rome set out with sword and chain and torch to wipe out the Christian faith, to overcome Jesus. But in three short centuries of terrible persecution, the weapons of the world grew dull with use, and, in 312 A.D., the Roman Emperor in desperation reached for the Christian sign, put it on the shields and banners of his armies, and made it the official religion of the Empire. The weapons of Jesus had proved stronger than those of Caesar.

In our own century we have seen Jesus' weapons overcome a great empire. In a swift thirty years, Gandhi taught his people to use Jesus' ways so faithfully that they won their freedom from the British Empire. They learned to be humble, to learn God's ways. They were willing to suffer to gain their freedom. They were meek, enduring for the sake of others. They struggled for that goodness, that discipline of spirit which can be patient in the face of provocation. Their lives were possessed by one clean hope. They wanted peace, not strife, and they were willing to be persecuted in order to witness to the rightness of their cause. Because they used Jesus' weapons they could not be subdued!

Jesus is not an impractical dreamer, as so many pro[illegible] believe. After all, He consulted the God who made the universe, and He certainly should know what will work in His world! History proves that Jesus was right. His weapons work, not only between nations, but in your family circle—with that difficult and stubborn teen-ager, or that mixed-up parent at his wit's end. They work with that shut-in whose spirit is imprisoned in self-pity, and with that weary nurse who is about to "blow her top" at the sick person.

Jesus *knew*. His weapons of love are guaranteed forever. Keep on loving that trying person—sooner or later understanding will grow. Be "poor in spirit," know that it is not your clever brain but God's infinite wisdom that gives the real answers. Keep on loving that frosty person—warm understanding will grow. Be practical—use Jesus' weapons alone!

The Rector is giving a series of addresses on Spiritual Healing in the Church of The Mediator, West Philadelphia on Thursday evenings during Lent.

We extend a hearty welcome to Dean Weaver of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, who will be our Lenten Noon-Day preacher Monday through Friday. A hearty welcome also to the Rev. Stanley A. Powell, Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, who will preach on Saturday.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is being asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you and you need the Church. Confirmation Service will be held on May 6th at 11 A.M. Instruction Class meets in the Rector's study on Sundays at 10 A.M.

Corporate Communion for the Women of the Diocese will be held on Monday, March 26th at 8 A.M. in Christ Church, Second Street above Market. Bishop Stark of Newark will be the speaker. Breakfast tickets are priced at $1.00.

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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: O Man, Bewail / Thy Grievous Fall ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—In a very specific sense sonship with God depends upon accepting Christ. The indwelling Spirit enables us to come into the possession of a power that brings triumphs over the temptations of life. With God we are always able. We can do all things through Him. Forgive us, O Master, whenever we have resisted Thy gracious invitation to us. When Thou dost approach us in the moments of this day, grant us receptive hearts. Thou art anxious to come into our hearts to become a living reality, a vital power. Amen.

Processional Hymn 335 ..... *Caswall*

Kyrie 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Cast Me Not Away ..... *Wesley*

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy Spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart Thou wilt not despise, O God. Make me to hear a joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

The Sermon: LIFE OF ST. PAUL—IV: ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 337 ..... *Rockingham*

Sanctus 736 ..... *Lutkin*

Agnus Dei 712 ..... *Willan*

Hymn instead of Gloria, 211 ..... *Jesu Joy . . .*

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THE WAY THAT WINS

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Luke 18:31). "So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem . . ." (Acts 11:2). "When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed. But . . ." (Act. 15:4). Jerusalem was a place where the Master and His truest friends went, sooner or later, whether they wanted to, or not.

For, Jerusalem, is always the place where the enemies of Jesus are gathered. During His ministry, they were the Church "stuffed shirts", who thought that religion was a matter of proper customs and respectable conduct. They hated Jesus because He told men that this was all rubbish; that God's real religion is simply learning to be loving. He showed them how to give one's self in loving obedience to serve God; how to give one's self for one's neighbor in infinite kindness. Peter found the same kind of hostility gathered against him at Jerusalem. Guided in a dream by the wideness of God's mercy, Peter, the Jew, had sat down and eaten supper with the newly converted Cornelius, the Roman Centurion. But, back at Jerusalem, James and others stubbornly argued that Christians must continue under the ancient Jewish rules. Again, Paul and Barnabas announced to the people of Antioch that God had opened the door of faith to gentile as well as to Jew; and those two daring young men were summoned to Jerusalem to explain themselves to the shocked faithful at Jerusalem.

But see what Jesus and His men made out of their Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas defended their wide-hearted Gospel with such confident good will that the old conservatives yielded to their risen Master as He spoke through those two. Peter, in his turn, told them with serene honesty that he had simply done what God told him to do, and "who was I that I should withstand God?"; and the opposition folded up. All true Christians who have gone "to Jerusalem" have been able to meet hostility with love because they could look back to Calvary. There they could see One who, nailed to a Cross, looked down at His tormentors and prayed, "Father, forgive them". Hate could not overcome God's Love in Jesus, or in any one of Jesus' men and women since then.

You may have your Jerusalem—the place where you must meet the enemy with only the weapons of love. Try Jesus' way, as Peter and Paul did. That Way always wins, if you are surrendered to Him. It is the only hope of our day. No towering stock-piles of guided missiles and stupendous bombs will ever bring peace. But God's Love, let loose through His people, could draw all men unto Him; and begin the Peace of God.

ABOUT CONFIRMATION

Ever since the days immediately following Pentecost—the 50th day after our Divine Redeemer rose again from the dead—the vast majority of Christians have been confirmed, as well as baptised. Today, possibly 75 percent or more modern Christians are confirmed persons having received the blessing for the most part from the hands of a Bishop in apostolic succession. Each candidate has been more or less carefully taught the fundamentals of Christian truth and life and has knelt in public to receive the "laying-on-of-hands" and the attendant blessing described in the New Testament. This has in each case signalized the beginning of the Christian's communicant life which is the only kind of life Jesus Christ intends that His people shall live.

SOCIETY HILL HOUSE TOUR

A tour of 17 Colonial Homes will be held on Sunday, April 8th from 1 to 5 P.M. Tour $3.00 including Tea at Nurses Residence, 8th and Spruce streets. Tickets may be obtained at the Nurses Residence on day of Tour or at any of the houses on the Tour.

The Rector will preach in St. John's, Washington, Sunday evening. He will preach and conduct healing services at Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, at noondays Monday through Friday. He will preach in St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, on Tuesday evening; St. Stephen's, McKeesport, Wednesday evening and at the Church of the Ascension in Pittsburgh on Thursday morning.

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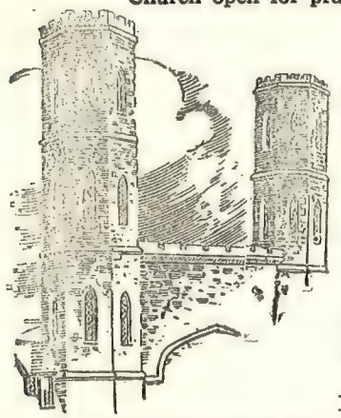
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The Prelude: "Vexilla Regis" ..... *Titcomb*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Upon being asked to perform some service, our first question often is, "What shall it profit me?" The Apostle Paul reminds us that Godliness inevitably brings profit. In this world it assures peace, happiness and contentment; in the world to come, the greatest of all profit: life eternal. Dear Lord, help us to overcome the temptations of this day and walk in the Master's footsteps, ever keeping in mind our ultimate goal: eternity. Amen.

Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulf*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 75, Page 431

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626

Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 640, Hymnal

The Anthem: "I Would Beside My Lord Be Watching" ..... *Bach*

I would beside my Lord be watching, that evil draw me not astray; for my sake He to die will undertake; His sorrow joy for me secureth. The griefs that He for us endureth, how bitter, yet how sweet, are they.

The Sermon: "ACCEPTING JESUS" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*

Recessional Hymn 64 ..... *Winchester New*

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—F. A. (Cortland, N. Y.)

WHO IS THIS?

The dread day had come—and the disciples started into Jerusalem with Jesus. They were frightened, for they knew the savage enmity of the Temple authorities against Him. Yet they felt that He was doing something great. So they went with Him, singing their praises, and stirring others in the Passover crowd to find hope in this majestic, lonely Man, riding into the Holy City. Apparently the enthusiasm was loud enough to make many in the city curious, asking, "Who is this?" Of course most of Jerusalem was largely indifferent to Jesus' arrival. "Men still talk of the price of wheat and about the Roman occupation." But some were stirred. Who *was* this young Man? The commonest answer was, "This is the Prophet, Jesus . . ." It is still the commonest answer. Most people who have heard of Jesus think of Him as one of the great teachers and prophets of all time. But their lives are not changed by Him.

There were other answers. Hundreds of tea-tables in Jerusalem buzzed with excited talk that afternoon—many of them had heard of His miracles of healing, and of His fearless defiance of the Temple authorities. To these people He was just a thrilling conversation-topic—the next day they would be talking of someone else. Too many people today still think of Him as a rather interesting subject for tea-time talk.

A few thought of Him as someone who might be useful to them. One of the explanations of Judas' strange and tragic behavior is that he wanted Jesus to be the long-hoped-for Messiah of Israel, who would make that nation the top power in God's Kingdom on earth. It is possible that he betrayed Jesus in the hope that this would force Jesus' hand, make Him start an insurrection, and, with an armed force, begin Israel's glory. Many, many people today hope that Jesus will make their dreams come true. You and I have sometimes thought of Him as helping us to get our hearts' desires—someone we could "use" for our purposes instead of letting Him use us for His purposes!

But there were a few, like Peter and Mary Magdalene, who thought of Jesus as their Lord—and wanted to be used by Him in the building of His Kingdom. They had sunk their lives in Him, and in His mission. They were His servants, His tools, to be utilized as He saw best. They were willing to *let Him fit them*.

So, once more, the great question rings out, "WHO IS THIS?" Each of us must answer that question for himself!

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rt. Rev. Allen J. Miller, Ph.D., D.D., Bishop of Easton, Maryland, who will be our Lenten Noon-Day preacher during Holy Week.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

The Holy Communion will be celebrated Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. and on Maundy Thursday at 1:00, 5:15 and 8:00 P.M. Music by St. Stephen's Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening service.

HEALING SERVICES at 1:15 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.

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Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
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Gloria in Excelsis, 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
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We are grateful to these Bulletin subscribers: Eva Hansen, James O. Lyman, Edith Oliver, Mrs. Eleanor Phillips, Mrs. Edith S. Taylor.

RISEN WITH CHRIST

The friends of Jesus had been feeling like death—their hearts burdened with despair. They had loved Jesus, and set all their hopes on Him. Now He was beaten, executed like a criminal—and dead. Then Easter Day dawned, and they were amazed to find that He had overcome death—and was still alive! They could go on with Him, their hearts alive and responsive to His unseen companionship.

The difference between "life" and "death" is not a matter of the beating of a physical heart. There are plenty of people whose physical hearts keep on throbbing as reliably as ever, but whose spirits are dead with boredom or discouragement or self-centeredness. Their physical eyes may see a glorious sunset, but their inner being does not "see" it or enjoy it at all. They may meet a friend that loves them dearly, but they are so absorbed in themselves that their hearts do not respond. God is about them on every side, but they plod grimly on, unaware of Him. A nine-year-old boy encounter a pretty girl, but find no interest in her. Then, one day, there begins to be an inward change in this boy. He begins to become a man—and he immediately begins to become aware of pretty girls. The self-centered person may suddenly realize what a sacrifice this friend has made—and, the next time, respond with joy and warmth. We discover that the glorious sunset is part of the handiwork of the Creator who has filled the world with treasures for His children—then we "see" the sunset, and praise God for it. The bored man may get converted, and learn that Jesus suffered and died to show us what the Love of God is like—certainly, the boredom vanishes, and he becomes alive to Christ, and to the wonderful plans Christ has made for his life. In every case, there is an inward change—and the changed life becomes alive to friendship, and beauty, and love, and God.

St. Paul, in his memorable letter to the Romans, pictures that inner change, called conversion, which makes life tingle with joy and love and freedom. St. Paul shows us that we must sink our lives in Jesus Christ, and become His loving and obedient followers. When we have done this, we are willing to become "dead unto sin" unresponsive to the old self-willed temptations. We are strong with the power of God now, for we have Christ in our hearts, and He enables us to resist sin, and respond to His big demands. We become "alive to God in Christ Jesus"—responsive to Him!

May your Easter be joyful in the knowledge that you have risen with Christ—and that He, dwelling in your heart, can keep on lifting you to newness of life, and love, and peace—forever!

Mrs. Bertha S. Martin, a valued member of St. Stephen's Church, and whose house was included in the recent tour, tells us that the Society Hill House Tour was an unqualified success. Nearly two thousand people made the tour.

EXCHANGE OF HOMES

A young professor from one of the Southern suburbs of Los Angeles called Costa Mesa is coming to Philadelphia to do some graduate work at Temple. He is interested in trading homes for the Summer with someone in Philadelphia. He has a wife and one child.

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Processional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 139:1-16; page 514

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH } ..... *Handel*
SINCE BY MAN CAME DEATH }

The Sermon: "THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE TO COME"
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Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

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—M. B. (Ridley Park, Pa.)

FOLLOW THOU ME

C. H. Robinson writes, "Monsieur Lepaux on one occasion confided to Tallyrand his disappointment at the ill-success he had met in his attempt to bring into vogue a new religion which he regarded as an improvement on Christianity . . . He asked Tallyrand's advice as to what he was to do. Tallyrand replied that it was indeed difficult to found a new religion, so difficult that he hardly knew what to advise. "Still", he said, "there is one plan which you might at least try. I should recommend that you be crucified and rise again on the third day . . ."

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Tallyrand was being sarcastic, of course, in his advice to his friend. Perhaps his sarcasm made Mr. Lepaux do some thinking. But, actually, Tallyrand was not far from the truth. You and I will not found a new religion. But, in carrying out our Christian faith, we *shall* be crucified many a time, and—every time we trust Him—rise from the dead! It works out that way when Jesus Christ lives in your heart and prompts your actions. This is what our strife-torn world needs so sorely—to learn the way of losing ourselves in loving God and others. People, losing themselves in happy service of their neighbors. Powerful nations, losing themselves in meeting the needs of their needy neighbor-nations. Jesus blazed the way, and left it in history for the world to follow.

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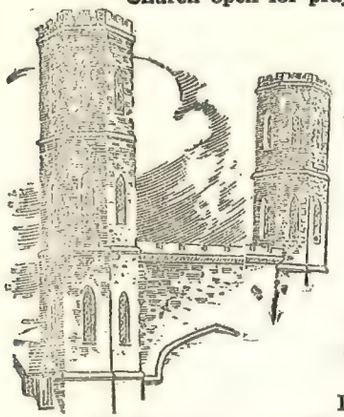
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The Prelude: "Air" ..... *Handel*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We, too, would now make this same declaration of an unbroken succession of Divine Deliverance, and, with Samuel, give our testimony to the enduring faithfulness and mercy of our Lord. "He who hath helped thee hitherto will help thee all thy journey through." Dear Lord, whatever hath befallen us by way of trial and sorrow—we have never lost confidence in Thee, even though in our weakness we would have had it some other way. Give us ever the assurance that all things work together for good unto those who love Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 577 ..... *Christmas*

Creed and Prayers

Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1 & 2 ..... *Nova Vita*

The Order of Confirmation, Page 206, Prayer Book

Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3 & 4 ..... *Nova Vita*

The Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring ..... *Bach*

Jesu, joy of Man's desiring, Holy Wisdom, Love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, Soar to uncreated light. Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, 'round Thy throne.

The Sermon: THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG, D.D.

Offertory Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstans*

Recessional Hymn 553 ..... *Lancashire*

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, D.C. on Sunday at 7:30 P.M. He will preach in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, on Wednesday at 12 Noon. He will give the Invocation at the Boys' Club Federation Convention in the Bellevue Stratford on Thursday evening.

THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

Or The Laying on of Hands Upon Those That Are Baptised and Come to Years of Discretion.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Holy Confirmation are always considered together. One is the sacrament of Christian re-birth, and the other is the crisis sacrament of adult Christian decision. Confirmation complements the work of the Holy Spirit regarding Baptism.

Since the early days of the Church, Baptism has been administered by Bishop, Priest or Deacon in infancy—usually within four weeks after birth. Confirmation has been traditionally placed at the age of discretion, "so soon as sufficiently instructed," when the person is mature enough to make a responsible decision to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Only the Bishop administers Holy Confirmation in the primitive Church.

In infant Baptism a child is not aware that any choices, decisions, or commitments are being made. Parents and God-parents make the vows and promises for the child, just as they make decisions about food, dress, training, and friends for their child until he is old enough to decide for himself. In this way, a child has a share in the life of Christ and in His Church from the beginning of his life. When the child is mature enough, he is asked to confirm the promises made for him at his baptism. It is from this *confirmation* of vows and promises that the Sacrament receives its name.

This arrangement seems so natural and right that people sometimes wonder why it is not the universal practice in all parts of the Church today. There is a reason. At the time of the Reformation, many Christian leaders felt that the abuses of power by the Pope and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church could only be corrected by discontinuing the office of Bishop. Thus, within a few years all of the followers of Calvin, Zwingli and most of the followers of Luther had no Bishops. In all of Protestantism only the Anglicans and Swedish Lutherans maintained the historic Episcopate.

Those Protestant Churches without Bishops had to make a decision on what they should do about Confirmation. Some Churches chose to continue the Sacrament but changed the one who administered it. Thus in the Lutheran Churches it is the local pastor who confirms people. Other Churches felt that without the Bishop to administer Confirmation, the Sacrament would be meaningless. These Churches abandoned Confirmation. Yet without Confirmation, infant baptism did not contain the element of crisis and decision. So most Churches without the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation deferred Baptism until after adulthood.

The Episcopal Church, however, is richly blessed. It has the full three-ordered ministry of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and the full Sacramental system, including Holy Baptism administered in infancy and Holy Confirmation administered by a Bishop in Apostolic Succession at the age of discretion.

Mr. & Mrs. I. Smith Raspin celebrated their 43rd Wedding Anniversary on April 23rd. They were married in St. Stephen's Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Matthews of Collingswood, N. J. celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary on April 18th.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Spring In-Gathering of the Women's United Thank Offering will be held on Sunday, May 13th at the 11 O'Clock Service. All the women of the Parish are asked to bring their offerings in the Blue Envelopes, which have been sent out to them. Extra envelopes will be found in the pews. This is a great opportunity to support the Missionary Work of the Church, both at home and abroad. The Diocesan Presentation Service will be held at the Valley Forge Military Academy on Wednesday, May 16th at 10:30 A.M. Bishop Mosley of Delawere will be the speaker.

CONFIRMATION

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"Ye Shall Receive Power After That the Holy Spirit Is Come Unto You."

Bennett, Thomas Martin
Bevins, Constance Sherwood
Cooper, Esther May
Cudd, Dianna Julia
Friedman, Carol
Green, Edmund Robert
Green, Miriam M.
Leight, Margaret Elsie
Roller, William Howard
Waite, Pamela Noelle Cameron
*Wehle, Field

** Confirmed in Bishop's Chapel*

We wish to thank these Bulletin Subscribers: Mrs. Elizabeth Baral, Mrs. Samuel H. Burke, Edith J. Craig, Lucile Cutler, Gladys Given, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Mrs. Walter J. Hunt, Charles S. Lindenmayer, Mrs. John Pratt, Harry F. Seltzer, Miss Mary L. Seltzer, Mrs. Clara Stephens.

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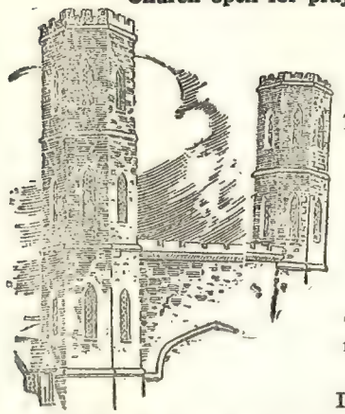
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The Prelude: The Blessed Christ is Risen .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—There are times when it is hard to understand the mystery of God's ways. We are, indeed, unfortunate in calamity, misfortune and sorrow; unless we can say with confident faith, that we know our God is directing our ways. If we discern clearly we can experience the Presence of the Lord in all the trials of life as well as in its joys. Our Savior, help us ever to feel Thy nearness and Thy Presence wherever we may be, and when we are alone. In grief or defeat help us to see Thee clearly, and from the vision, to receive strength and peace. Amen.

Processional Hymn 90 .....*Neander*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 67, Page 418

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 16; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: All Men Living Are But Mortal .....*Rosenmuller*

All men living are but mortal, yea all flesh must fade as grass; only through death's gloomy portal to eternal life we pass. This frail body here must perish ere the heavenly joys it cherish, ere it gain the free reward for the ransomed of the Lord. Jesus for my sake descended my salvation to obtain; death and hell for me are ended, peace and hope are now my gain. Yea, with joy I leave earth's sadness for the home of heav'nly gladness, where I shall forever see God, the Holy Trinity.

The Sermon: "INTO ALL THE WORLD" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 351 .....*Sleepers Wake*

Recessional Hymn 599 .....*Vigiles et Sancti*

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WHICH WAY TO TURN

One of the big decisions of life is WHICH WAY TO TURN.

Elizabeth Burns, in her autobiography, "The Late Lize," tells of a turning-point in her life. Her marriage had broken up, and her inner life was in a turmoil of self-pity and need-of-God. So she had gone West, to be with friends, in a beautiful spot in the Sierra Madre mountains. When she got there, they had been called away by an emergency. She could have the house, all to herself. But she had counted on the companionship and sympathy of friends. "This was the moment", she writes, "to determine whether to go on a binge of self-pity." She had just about made up her mind to shed a quiet tear for poor Lize, when something diverted her. "Above me sprawled a big avocado tree and from it swooped a humming-bird the size of a lapel brooch . . . It considered me for a landing-place, and almost came to rest on the tip of my boot. There it hovered, tiny, the most exquisitely jewelled object. I dared not breathe. Slowly I raised my eyes and everywhere was the beauty of God's creations, waiting to be enjoyed . . . I, who once had thought that to find happiness in the conquest of men and more men, was close to overwhelmed by the thrust of one small bird. It was a feeling identical to prayer; the swift awareness of man's glorious and everlasting indebtedness."

So, in a few moments, Lize Burns had TURNED — turned away from the peevish self-pity to joyous gratitude to God. She *could* have shut her eyes to that jewelled humming-bird, and turned her mind back to her own hurts, both real and fancied. But, in the weeks before, she had been coming closer and closer to God. She had been trying, more and more, to please Him. So, in this moment of decision, she wanted to TURN her thoughts away from herself to the glory of God. This is one of the prime secrets of life. We are helpless to "Make ourselves" into nobler people. We have to *be* transformed by the wise and mighty power of God. But we can decide which way we TURN — to sin and its lonely separation, or to God that we may be mouldable under His hands. We can surrender ourselves to be re-shaped, re-created by Him.

Lize Burns decided that she would TURN away from pleasing herself. So she turned her face to God, and gave herself into His directing. In that clear moment, she moved out of the power of sin, and into the freedom of God. So each one of us can TURN "to God from idols, to serve the true and living God."

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in All Saints' Church, Rochester, N.Y. Sunday night through Tuesday, May 13th - 15th.

On Sunday, May 20th at 3 P.M. the Rector will conduct a Memorial Service in St. Stephen's Church for the late Murray Cheston Boyer who was promoted into the higher life on March 8th, aged 90. An Altar Prayer Book or Missal will be dedicated in his memory.

RECTOR'S ANNIVERSARY

The Community House Auditorium was taxed to capacity for the Annual Parish Meeting on April 29th when the Rector celebrated his 20th Anniversary in St. Stephen's. Miss Arrah Lee Gaul exhibited 70 of her paintings including the portrait of the Rector. Mrs. Keller and her efficient Committee provided a fine luncheon with a huge birthday cake. The Rector was presented with a wonderful wrist watch, a summer surplice and an attaché case and brief case. Mr. Raspin presented a beautifully inscribed tribute scroll and all present signed their names in the booklet. It was a grand family occasion and the Rector is truly grateful for all the love showered upon him. He is eternally grateful that God has permitted him to serve this wonderful parish.

Mrs. Kershaw, of the Bishop's Committee for the Philadelphia Divinity School, will speak to the Woman's Aid of the Chapel for Hard of Hearing at their meeting on May 15th at 3 P.M. on the work of her Committee. One of the students of the Divinity School will show slides of the School. You are welcome. Guests are expected. Tea will be served.

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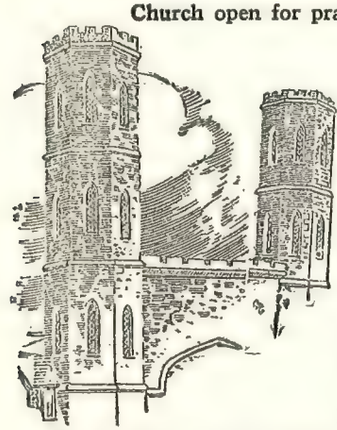
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Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 103, page 466

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The Anthem: "Lord, Who Hast Made Us For Thine Own" .....*Holst*

Lord, who hast made us for Thine own, hear as we sing before Thy throne. Alleluia! Accept Thy children's rev'rent praise for all Thy wondrous works and ways. Alleluia! Waves, rolling in on every shore, pause at His footfall and adore. Ye torrents rushing from the hills, bless Him whose hand your fountains fills. Earth, ever through the power Divine, seed time and harvest shall be thine. Sweet flowers that perfume all the air, thank Him that He hath made you fair. Burn lamps of night with constant flame, shine to the honor of His name. Thou sun whom all the lands obey renew His praise from day to day: Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Sermon: "AFTER EIGHT DAYS — THOMAS!" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 101 .....*Kingsfold*

Recessional Hymn 588 .....*Paradise*

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EYES TOWARD GOD

The King of Syria rightly feared the Prophet Elisha, and determined to be rid of him. So, one day, Elisha's servant got up early to do the chores, and found, to his horror, that the city was surrounded by an armed host, sent to capture his master. He rushed back into the house, panic-stricken, crying out to Elisha, "Alas, my master, what shall we do?"

This is the way so many people tackle life. They see, right in front of them, the enemy. They see the *problem*; and the more they think about the problem, the bigger and more frightening it becomes, and they cry out, "Alas, what shall we do?"

Elisha felt no panic, and startled his servant by observing, "Fear not, for those that are with us are more than those that are with them." Yet, not a handful of friendly soldiers in sight! So the Prophet talked quietly with the scared servant, and prayed, "Lord, I pray Thee, *open his eyes* that he may *see*." By this time the servant began to understand. The infinite, invisible forces of God were on their side, so why be frightened!

The Prophet refused to be fascinated by the power of the enemies he could see with his physical eyes. Instead, he turned his attention to the mighty sustaining power within him. After all, what gets your attention gets you! So Elisha, absorbed in the invincible, supporting power of God, was not alarmed by the outward forces hemming him in. *Instead of battling the problem, Elisha turned to God.* He was God-centered, rather than Problem-centered—and thus was filled with God's liberating strength.

In the long-run, the God-centered way always comes out on top. As Jesus was being nailed to the Cross, "Common sense" commented that His problem was now too desperate to solve—He was done for! But Jesus' faith, centered in God, still believing in the God to whom He had committed His life. Easter Day dawned—and, once more, "common sense" was wrong; and faith was right!

This does not mean that when we get into a jamb, we can suddenly call on God for immediate rescue, as a citizen calls the fire department. It does mean that, if we are putting our lives on God's side, and living for His purposes, He will always carry us through every jamb, victoriously. He may lead us through very dark valleys, and up rugged steeps; but He will never let us down if we are "given" to Him and His Kingdom.

So, when life gets grim for you, and you are tempted to cry out, "What shall we do?", just smile at the enemy, lift up your eyes to your God. His forces will always overcome the foe!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

This Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. the Rector will conduct a Memorial Service in St. Stephen's Church for the late Murray Cheston Boyer who was promoted into the higher life on March 8th, aged 90. An Altar Prayer Book will be dedicated in his memory, presented by his family.

The Rector will participate in a Commission on Healing Meeting set up by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to be held in Wheeling, West Virginia on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Bishop Campbell is the Chairman, with three other Bishops, a number of Clergymen, Doctors and lay people making up the total Committee.

The Annual Patriotic Service will be held on Memorial Day Sunday, May 27th at 11 A.M.

VESTRY

The Officers and Committees of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church are as follows: David L. German, Esq., Rector's Warden; Edwin S. Heins, Esq., Accounting Warden; I. Smith Raspin, Esq., Accounting Warden Emeritus; Frederick Schmid, Jr., Clerk of the Vestry; Edwin S. Heins, Esq., Treasurer of the Burd School. *Music Committee*: Messrs. German, Sr., Armstrong and German, Jr.; *Executive Committee*: Messrs. Raspin (Chairman), Heins, Armstrong, Leithead, Lyman, Hay, Carll, Hanson and German (Secretary). *Insurance*: Messrs. Leithead (chairman), Heins and Carll (Consultant). *Church Property*: Messrs. Heins (Chairman), German, Jr., Garrett, Jr., and Schmid. *Community House Activities*: Messrs. Hay (Chairman), Lyman, Garrett, German, Jr. and Schmid. *Burd School Committee*: Messrs. Heins (Treasurer), Leithead (Secretary), Raspin, Carll, German, Sr., Hanson and Lyman.

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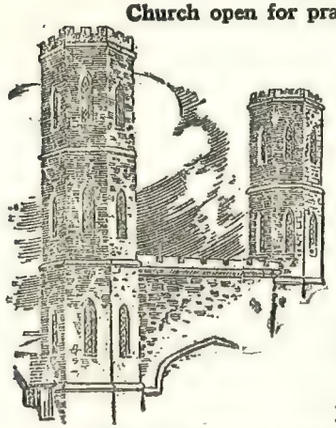
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: In Paradise ..... *Mulet*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—To pray for the coming of God's Kingdom is to dedicate yourself to the task of bringing it about. The first duty is to bring your own life into conformity with the principles of the Kingdom, then to use your God-given talents in His service. Lord, help us to make our prayers genuine and not a mere repetition of words. Amen.
Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal
Psalm 121, Page 502
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal
Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal
The Anthem: O Lord, Our God ..... *Faure*

O Lord our God Jesus Christ, Thou all-Glorious King, deliver Thou the souls of Thy servants from earthly bondage, and from the death of this mortal flesh. Deliver Thou the souls of Thy servants from death's dark valley, and from the shadows of the deep abyss. God, be Thou merciful; save Thou them from lasting darkness. Unto Thee we offer, Lord, this sacrifice; unto Thee this prayer and praise: do Thou receive it for those beloved and honor'd whom we bless this day, whose memory we recall: Lord, let them pass from the death of the body to life eternal, as of old Thou didst promise unto Abraham and his seed.

The Sermon: "MEMORIAL DAY" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-y-Botel*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge to the Flag
America, 4th Stanza: Hymn No. 141
Prayers and Taps
Postludium Anthem: In Paradise ..... *Faure*
Recessional Hymn 590 ..... *Alford*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Chapter 4 and Unit 4, Military Order of the Purple Heart; The Phila. Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers; Commander and Mrs. Albert Kail, in memory of Lt. Maxwell McKeen Brown; and by Miss Nadia Watson, in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Watson.

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Dear Dr. Price:—In April I wrote asking prayers for N. R., a young mother with inoperable cancer, and a young Presbyterian minister who also had an inoperable cancer. Here is an excerpt from a May 16th letter to me: "You will be thrilled to know that N. R.'s doctor is amazed to report that the spots in her X-rays are growing smaller—it is a miracle. She has fought a good fight and has lived her faith, and God is richly honoring it." The following is from a letter just received from the father of the Presbyterian minister: "Our son looks better, the distention is receding and we are more than hopeful."—G. W. H. (Longboat Key, Florida).

THE TURNING POINT

This business of where you center your life is often the turning point—toward disaster or triumph.

Peter Marshall, in picturing the disciples at the Crucifixion, writes: "Then, in the awful words of Matthew:

"And, sitting down, they watched Him there." There, before their eyes, was being enacted the tremendous drama of the redemption of mankind . . . and they only sat and watched. They were unwitting actors in the supreme event of which the Prophets had dreamed . . . They were witnesses, standing at the crossroads of history. And they saw *nothing*!"

But, when Easter Day came, they discovered that, all the time, the invisible God had been stronger than all His impressive-looking enemies. All they had to do, now, was to put themselves squarely on His side; and leave the rest to God.

Before long they themselves were standing before the enemies of Jesus. The Temple authorities, alarmed over the wondrous healing of a cripple, were asking these humble men, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" With joy they answered that it was "By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified." "Now, when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, . . . uneducated, common men, they wondered; and they recognized that they had been with Jesus. But seeing the man that had been healed, standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition." (New English translation).

So they sent Peter and John outside, and went into executive session, wrangling over what to do with these fellows. They could not come up with an answer, so they called the two back, and told them to shut their mouths about Jesus—no more witnessing that He was the answer to life! Peter and John listened quietly, and shot back: "Is it right for us to obey God or you? — you tell us! Anyway, we cannot stop telling men about the wonders we have actually seen Jesus do, and say!" Power came mightily to these men, for they raised their attention above the immediate problem to the limitless power of God!

When Katharine Marshall finished Peter Marshall's biography, there seemed to be something missing. Something central, that lighted up her husband's life, was lacking. She pondered and searched—until, at last, she had it! All the glory of his living was due to the greatness of God living within him—God welcomed into Peter Marshall's heart, and alive there. She had written the book as if Peter Marshall were the hero. He wasn't! *The hero had to be God!*

U. T. O.

Mrs. Wilson Leithead, Custodian of the United Thank Offering reports that 97 of St. Stephen's Church contributed the amount of $203.10 at our Spring In-gathering.

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The Rector will speak at a Seminar on Science and Religion at Christ Church, Woodbury, N. J. on Saturday, June 2nd.

A REAL MUSICAL TREAT IF YOU ACT QUICKLY

There are good seats available at the Academy of Music for a fine concert Saturday evening, May 26th; from $1.50 to $5.00. The National Symphony Orchestra, Dr. Mitchell Conductor. Robert Elmore, Organist. This event is part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Phila. Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, the Guild's oldest Chapter.

Our hearty congratulations to Robert Keller who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania on May 21st with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Miss Jean V. D. Price has been initiated into the Honorary Music Fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota, at Susquehanna University.

Miss Evelyn E. Price has had three of her poems printed in the recent issue of the Crimson and Gray Literary Magazine of St. Joseph's College.

The Morning Group of the Women of St. Stephen's closed their monthly meeting on May 17th with a celebration of Mrs. Price's 20th Anniversary with the Church. She was happily surprised with a card, gifts and a cake, for which she thanks the members and urges new ladies to join the Group in the Fall.

Staff Sergeant, John A. Price, Distinguished Pistol and Rifle Shot was top man in a recent Trophy competition in the Marine Corps.

The Hard of Hearing Auxiliary is having a Gerden Party at the home of Miss Gertrude Bergen on Saturday, May 26th from 1:30 to 5:30 P.M. at 203 King's Highway, Haddonfield, N.J. Bus on Market St. # 55 to Jersey.

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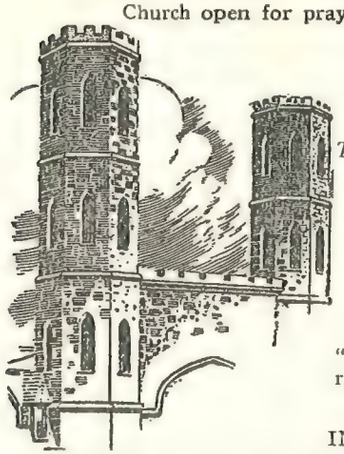
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The Prelude: Prelude in D Minor ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—What will the day bring forth? Thus, we may well ask, in the face of the uncertainties of life. But life has its certainties, also: God, for example, and His care of His people. He "restores", and He "leads". A path is sunny when these divine certainties accompany us on our way. O Thou Divine Shepherd of our souls, in all the uncertainties of life, Thou art our GREAT CERTAINTY. Restore unto our souls the knowledge of Thy divine goodness, and lead us ever on the paths of righteousness. Amen.

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 86, Page 447

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: O Lord Most Holy ..... *Franck*
O Lord most Holy, O Lord most Mighty; O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; Father, guide us and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And in temptation's hour, save through Thy Mighty Power; Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favor so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

The Sermon: "THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 271 ..... *Moscow*

Recessional Hymn 276 ..... *Nun Danket*

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LIFE IN HIM

Back in the early 19th century, a Monk named Ugo Bassi preached the Good News of God in Italy. One of his greatest sermons has been preserved for us—"The Sermon in the Hospital."

To these sufferers on their beds of pain, he spoke of the true Vine and the branches—the assurance of Jesus Christ that we can find life only in Him, just as the branches find life only when joined to the vine, the main trunk. He showed that the grape vine does not grow "like the wild trailing weeds, wither it willeth, flowering here and there . . . rejoicing in its own luxuriant life." Rather, ". . . as it grows, it is not free to heaven, but tided to a stake; and if its arms stretch out, it is but crosswise, all so forced and bound." Then, as the vine pushes out its shoots lavishly in the Springtime, ". . . the husbandman comes early, with the pruning-hooks and shears. And strips it bare of all its innocent pride, and wandering garlands, and cuts deep and sure . . . the bleeding limbs are hardened into wood; the thined-out bunches ripen into fruit."

Finally, "Then comes the vintage, for the days are right, and surely now in its perfected bloom, it may rejoice a little in its crown . . . but Ah! the hands are ready to tear down the treasures of the grapes; the feet are there to tread them into the wine-press, gathered in; until the blood-red rivers of the wine run over and the land is full of joy. But the vine standeth stripped and desolate, having given all . . . and next year blooms again . . . and so fulfills itself in love once more."

Ugo Bassi's Sermon gives a fresh understanding of the Parable of the Vine and the Branches—a fresh insight into life. For life is no merry-go-round, no happy-go-lucky picnic on a Summer's day. No, life as Jesus showed it forth means the training of our lives to be bound to His pattern; it means the cutting away of many harmless pleasures so that His strength may flow more surely into us and our fruitfulness. It means discipline—for love's sake, for His sake. It means, finally, that our pruned lives can only be strong and productive if we live in Him—joined to Him as a branch is to the main trunk of the vine. It also means that He promises a rich harvest from our lives, if we are willing to live in Him, letting God cut wherever He knows we need His knife. Those who accept the eternal truth of the vine and the branches have one incomparable joy which overshadows all the pain—their lives give abundant joy to many!

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. John's Church, Charleston, West Virginia, Sunday evening, June 17th through Tuesday.

In Newark, N. J. the Church has opened a store-front center for shoppers and business people. A bulletin available at the center says this: "The Episcopal Church is uniquely a synthesis of Catholic experience and of Protestant criticism of that experience. This explains that in the life of the Episcopal Church you will find people from many varied denominational backgrounds, and people of every national and racial origin expressing their love of God together."

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To Continue Christ's Faithful Soldiers."

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"Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord."

Dec. 20th—Mary S. Sinnamon
Jan. 31st—Ida T. W. Leach
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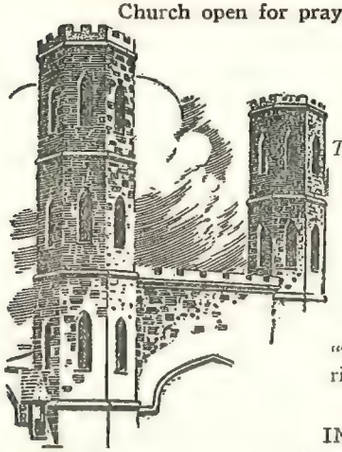
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The Prelude: "Credo" ..... *Titcomb*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Jesus made much of the motives of men. He held that the sins of a man's heart and mind, such as hate and greed, were as great as any other sins which a man might commit. He who was pure would have us watch our words and deeds so that we may be fitted to help build His Kingdom. Almighty God and Merciful Father, give us the grace to examine the innermost thoughts of our hearts and minds. May we purge them of all that would dishonor our lives and keep us from serving Thee; in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 366 ..... *Sine Nomine*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 116, Page 486

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11 ..... *Thiman*

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Blest Are The Pure In Heart ..... *Thiman*

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God, the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King; still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, and for His dwelling and His throne chooseth the pure in heart. Lord, we Thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple for Thee. Amen.

The Sermon: "HOW FAR WOULD JESUS GO?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 280 ..... *Stuttgart*

Recessional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

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—O. H. (Waverly, Iowa)

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AS A CHILD

Jesus once called a little child, set him before the disciples, and said, "I tell you this: Unless you turn around and become like little children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." (New English translation). What did He mean?

A wise Christian doctor writes: "The most characteristic thing about a child is his glorious capacity for disobedience." Dr. Seabury does not mean that a child disobeys God, or nature. He means that a child rebels against stodgy, cautious customs that limit one's friends to "respectable" people; or taking care not to be crazily generous with one's possessions. A child loves lovable people on both sides of the tracks; and gives her expensive new doll away to one of them, with a warm and happy heart, if stuffy parents do not stand in the way. A child wants to disobey the old, close-fisted ways; wants the wide freedom of being as loving as God.

Jesus declared that we must take on the attitudes of a child if we want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. "He Himself lived up to His own teaching, disobeying as steadily as a child does, the drab regulations of the day. . . . He dared to live as He taught. He sent His disciples to do likewise. So He broke the flint-hearted law that forbade healing on the Sabbath Day, and laughingly reminded the Scribes and Pharisees that their stupid law allowed them to work hard enough on the Sabbath to rescue a farm-animal that had fallen into a pit; but not to rescue a human child of God who had fallen into illness. He defied their heartless old regulations in such a courageous and lovable way that people began to say that Jesus was right; and the old ways, wrong. So the Scribes and Pharisees swore vengeance against this disobedient, upsetting Teacher people loved so much.

Dr. Seabury points out the wonderful freedom of living in Jesus' way. "Jesus was free, the child is free . . . no matter what the circumstances or their odds, they enjoy life. The child in the gutter looks up at the London fog and calls gleefully to his companion. They laugh and play as if their gutter were a street of gold. The same happiness bubbles in the little native babies in the African jungle, or in the South Seas. The free spirit of childhood brings them joy. They do not make prisons for themselves out of the act of living."

It's interesting to find psychiatrists "agreeing" with Jesus. Just recently there have been at least four notable books from these physicians of the mind, which "discover" Jesus' way of love is the way that the universe backs up, the most practical way there is! These highly trained men are beginning to obey One Who bade them to "turn around and become like little children"!

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR IN JULY AND AUGUST

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8th — Mr. J. S. Leeds in memory of parents and Sister Elsie
15th — Mary McEwen Fund in memory of Mrs. Mary McEwen and Son Walter
18th — Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of Margaret Quigley Fleischer
22nd — Mr. James K. Lewis in memory of his family
Mr. & Mrs. Sylvania MacVaugh in memory of mother, Mrs. Anna MacVaugh
29th — Mrs. Mary Varallo in memory of her father

August

5th — Mr. Samuel Ellinger in memory of Katherine Lewis
12th — The Sinnamon Fund in memory of Dr. & Mrs. George Sinnamon
19th — The Rev. Dr. Alfred W. Price in memory of his father and mother
26th — Mrs. Fannie Sackett in memory of Miss Matilda Maulsby

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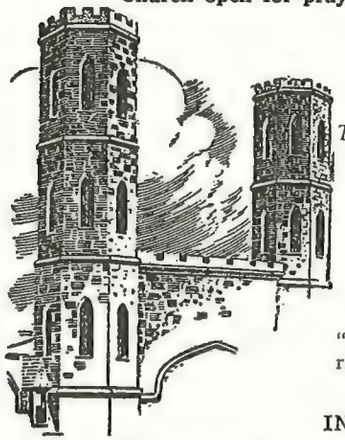
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Processional Hymn 155 ..... *Melcombe.*
Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring ..... *Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashion'd with the fire of life impassion'd. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

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The Sermon: "THE LIMITS OF FORGIVENESS" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 455 ..... *St. Peter*
Sanctus, Agnus Dei ..... *Willan*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*
Postlude: Chaconne ..... *Couperin*

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—M. B. (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada)

THE HIGHER LEVEL

Did you ever feel so utterly fagged in body and spirit that you knew you were licked? It's a great place to begin a new life!

I once knew a man who had night-mare moments like that, for many years. He kept coming to that grim place where you just know that you "don't have it".—Don't have enough brains, or patience, or talent, to win out. He would wallow onward, sluggish, hopeless, pitying himself, not doing the good that he wanted to, and doing evil he did not admire. Then, like Paul, he made a breath-taking discovery. Like Paul, he said, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ!" He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. Through Christ's Spirit in his heart came strength from God sufficient for every need. Through trusting completely in God, he began to find that God can do anything needful, through him. He began to live by the Words "He is able . . ." He had worried his way through heavily-loaded days for half a century, and had his sleep broken through nagging anxieties. Suddenly, now, he found peace. He has not worried, once, in the last seven years. This new freedom gives him the joy and the gaiety of a child. Whenever he tackles a stiff task for God, he leaves the outcome in God's hands, with confidence.

You may ask, "Had this man never read the command of Jesus, 'Be not anxious . . .'?" He surely had, but he never dared to obey it until he learned that God takes care of every need, for every child committed to His Kingdom. Then it was, at last, that he ceased from his struggling and striving to win life's victories through his skimpy strength. He began to *let* God win the victories, and to give God the credit. Quite recently this man found a parable which tells the secret of this freedom from worry. Bryan Green (in "Christians Alive") tells it:

"The sea, it is imagined, was one day feeling discontented. Disillusioned, it hated living at its low sea-level when, above it, were drifting some delightful little white clouds scudding along before the wind. The sea grumbled to itself, "I don't see why I should be living down here at this low level. Why can't I live higher up, up where the clouds are?" So, in its anger and discontent, the sea began to lash itself into fierce high waves, flinging the foam of its spray high in the air, yet always it fell down again to the same low level of living. Then one day the sun smiled on the sea and said kindly, "You want to live on a higher level? then don't fret yourself, strain and struggle. Lie still, and look up." So the sea lay still—very still—and looked up. A warm wind arose, and the sun came down and carried some of the water up nearer to heaven, and presently there were seen some fresh white clouds, moving overhead."

Just be still, and look up—and your strength will come from God to live on that higher level.

— ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER —

We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Cherry Rhodes who succeeds Mr. John Henzel on September 2nd as St. Stephen's Organist and Choirmaster.

Miss Rhodes began her organ studies at the age of twelve with Berj Zamkochian, organist of the Boston Symphony. While studying in Boston Miss Rhodes gave numerous recitals in the North Shore area. Several of these, sponsored by the Bsoton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, were broadcast over F.M. Radio.

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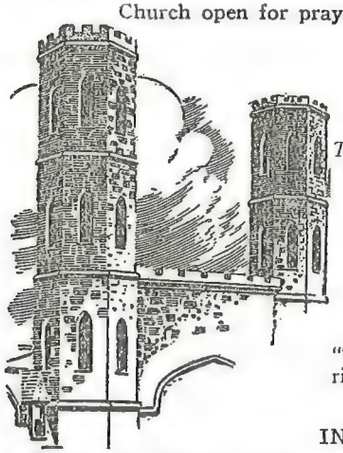
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Prelude: O God, Thou Faithful God ..... *Karg-Elert*
Adorn Thyself, O My Soul

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, have mercy on all ignorant souls, and instruct them; on all deluded minds, and enlighten them. Have mercy on all broken hearts, and heal them; all struggling with temptation, and rescue them; all that are fallen from Thee, and raise them; all that stand with Thee, and confirm them. O blessed Jesus, who didst shed Thy blood for us all, shed Thy Holy Spirit on all, and heal them: for Thy pity's sake. Amen.

Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 46, page 397

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14
THE REV. CANON RICHARD LIEF, D.D., Los Angeles, Calif.

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 10:1-24
WILLIAM STANDISH REED, M.D., Henderson, Texas

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Strengthen For Service, Lord, The Hands ..... *Healey Willan*
Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; Let ears that now have heard Thy songs to clamor never waken. Lord, may the songs which "Holy" sang keep free from all deceiving; the eyes which saw Thy love be bright, Thy blessed hope perceiving. The feet that tread Thy holy courts from light do Thou not banish; the bodies by Thy body fed with Thy new life replenish.

The Sermon: "THE POWER THAT HEALS"..THE REV. WILLIAM H. FULLERTON

Offertory Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*

Recessional Hymn 517 ..... *St. Matthew*

Postlude: Fugue in C ..... *Bach*

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4:00 P. M.—Reception in the Community House.

7:30 P. M.—Address and Induction Service for the Junior Order of St. Luke by the Rev. Tracy F. Walsh, Chaplain of the Junior O.S.L.: "Seekers, Disciples, and Friends."
Address by the Rev. John H. Park, Rector of St. James Church, Newport Beach, California: "Spiritual Cleansing."

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia is one of the great medical centers of the world and the home of the first hospital in America. The city is rich in historical tradition. The birthplace of freedom and liberty.

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Astronauts may be going to the moon any day now. But did you ever stop to think that America's first flight into space or into the vast world of the forces of nature, was the ascent of Ben Franklin's kite from the Philadelphia Common? St. Stephen's Church was built on the exact site where his kite ascended.

Ben Franklin dared the lightning to prove the force of electricity, which it did. We remember Ben's advice in the precarious August weather of Philadelphia: "Dangerous, therefore, it is to take shelter under a tree during a thunder-gust."

St. Stephen's Church was the first electrically lit Church in the City. Some feel that its healing ministry may prove the most electric of all experiments at this location. In its larger context that ministry has helped to change the Church. And, by recalling it to the fuller work of Christ, it may help to change the world.

We sincerely welcome the delegates to this Conference and hope that inspiration and greater knowledge will be your reward for being here.

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DR. CARL GUSTAVE JUNG

Among all my patients in the second half of life . . . every one of them fell ill because he had lost what the living religions of every age have given their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook.

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Practical medicine is and has always been an art, and the same is true of practical analysis. True art is creation, and creation is beyond all theories. That is why I say to any beginner: Learn your theories as well as you can, but put them aside when you touch the miracle of the living soul.

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Personality is the highest realization of the inborn distinctiveness of the particular living being. Personality is an act of greatest courage in the face of life, and means unconditional affirmation of all that constitutes the individual.

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We have in all naivete forgotten that beneath our world of reason another world lies buried. I do not know what humanity will still have to undergo before it dares to admit this.

HEALING CONFERENCE

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the Order of St. Luke the Physician, and to the many interested people who are attending our four-day Conference on Spiritual Healing. We hope everyone will enter into the joy and inspiration of these days ahead. We are extremely indebted to the leaders of this Conference. The Rev. William H. Fullerton who comes to us from Dublin, Ireland; Bishop Herbert Spaugh, one of our valued Episcopal Sponsors, from Charlotte, N.C. The Rev. Tracy Walsh, Chaplain of the Junior O.S.L. Mrs. Ethel Banks, Editor of "Sharing" Magazine. Dr. William S. Reed, M.D., Founder of the Christian Medical Foundation, Henderson, Texas; Rev. Canon Richard Lief, Associate Warden, of Los Angeles. The Rev. John H. Park, Newport Beach, California; The Rev. Laurence Christenson, San Pedro, California, will be our headliners. The Rev. Ira G. Zepp of Jarrettsville, Maryland; the Rev. Curtis W. Dubble of Westminster, Maryland; the Rev. Jarvis S. Morris of Franklin Park, N.J.; Mrs. Donald Hibbard and Mary Light of Vancouver, B.C., will also participate.

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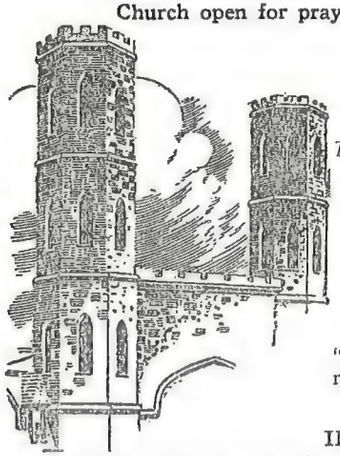
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THE PRELUDE: Let All Together Praise Our God .....*Bach*

Processional Hymn 279 .....*Praise To The Lord*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 81, Page 442

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise .....*Thiman*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as night, nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest to both great and small; in all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 553 .....*Lancashire*

Recessional Hymn 560 .....*Pentecost*

Postlude: Maestoso .....*Boellman*

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A SURRENDERED CHANNEL

Sometimes we actually try to do what Jesus couldn't do! It's hard to believe that we could be so foolish—but we *can* be!

Birnie Warfield, the great Baptist preacher, learned this, some years ago. He was having a rough time in his Church. He had been working to put the nearby red-light district out of business, and his work was beginning to be felt. He had even sought to convert some of the women, and a few were wavering. His Christian resourcefulness and courage alarmed the forces of evil; and they were trying to put Birnie out of business. They even induced a few bird-brained members of the congregation to try to get their minister dismissed. It was tough sledding. Suddenly, to his dismay, Birnie began to feel the sources of his inner inspiration drying up. His sermons were becoming dull and wooden, his spirit, leaden and sluggish. One Sunday the sermon never got off the ground, it was so heavy. After the congregation had gone, Birnie slipped to his knees in one of the pews and, in a moment of clear insight, he poured out his heart in prayer:

"Lord, now I know what was wrong. I have been so busy asking You to bless me, to increase my wisdom, that I closed the door myself. I forgot to be just the pipe through which the water comes. I got busy asking You to make me the water. But You've shown me this morning. I see that I was trying to polish up the Birnie. Forgive me, O Dear Lord; do forgive me . . ."

Jesus Himself had said, "The Son can do nothing without the Father." He, the Son of God, had made it clear to His disciples that His part was to be the Pipe for the Grace of God. He had to depend on His Father. So many of us, like Birnie, have gotten mixed up. We have tried to out-do Jesus, to be more than a humble, surrendered channel. When we try that, we fall flat on our faces, don't we! Needless to say, God led Birnie to victory—to a cleansed neighborhood, to a congregation which knew that God spoke with authority through their pastor. Today, Birnie is more than ever the channel for God's redeeming Love, in that Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

"Do-it-yourself" religion always ends up in a blind alley. We have to turn back and offer ourselves as open channels for the Grace of God. If your spirit feels "dry" today, perhaps you have drifted into this common and disastrous mistake. Then take Birnie's prayer, above, and pray it with your whole heart — and leave the rest to God. There will come a great serenity into your heart, and your whole being will know that

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Not by our power, but by the power of God."

BISHOP HART

The plans for the observance of the 20th Anniversary of Bishop Hart's Consecration as Bishop to be held on Tuesday, October 16th, are about complete. At 10:30 A.M. there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church. Bishop Noble C. Powell of Maryland will preach. At 6:30 that evening there will be a Reception at the Sheraton Hotel preceding the Anniversary Dinner at 7 O'Clock. The Presiding Bishop will be the speaker of the evening. Applications for dinner tickets at $5.50 should be made through the Rector.

The enclosed envelope is for the purse to be presented to Bishop Hart at the dinner.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—My daughter, Erma, must undergo drastic surgery on Wednesday morning. Will your group please pray for her, and for her surgeons and those of the hospital staff and personnel in whose care she must be, that the outcome may be successful? Your prayers in the Fall of 1957, for Erma's twin sister, Norma of San Francisco (at a time when she had been a victim of more than a year of what was diagnosed as fear-neurosis — fear of cancer after what was a completely successful operation for a non-malignant growth), I am convinced, is what cleared her troubled mind. She has been in perfect mental and physical health ever since.

—H. H. Walker (Ashland, Wisconsin)

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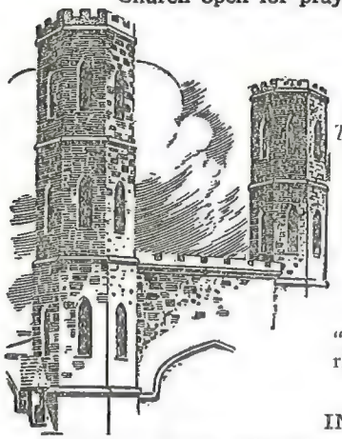
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The Prelude: Now We Ask of Thee .....*Buxtehude*

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Processional Hymn 309 .....*Creation*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 112, Page 483

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above .....*Whitlock*

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love. The God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul He fills, and every faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory. What God's Almighty power hath made His gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth: within the Kingdom of His might all is just, and all is right: To God all power and glory. Then all my joyful way along I sing aloud Thy praises, that men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises; be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part! To God all praise and glory!

The Sermon: THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 361 .....*St. James*

Recessional Hymn 551 .....*Ein Feste Burg*

Postlude: The Agincourt Hymn .....*Dunstable*

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So many people think of prayer simply as asking God for something. Sometimes it is this, of course—Jesus, in the Lord's Prayer, taught us to ask God for our needs. But, more often still, prayer is praising and thanking God, lifting up some struggler into His love, offering one's self to Him to use, or simply just being quiet to listen to Him.

After all, it is rather childish of us to tell God what we want, and expect Him to give us just what we ask. Who are we to know just what is best for us? Does not God know better? Besides, God often expects us to do something about our requests, before He can grant it—otherwise we would become very lazy indeed.

It was a famous doctor, William Sadler, who spoke strongly of people's neglect of prayer. He pointed out that, when we neglect prayer, we are "neglecting the greatest single power in the healing of disease; and that there are three steps in the art of prayer—1. Listen; 2. Learn; 3. Obey." As Isaiah said, "Hear, and your soul shall live."

So we learn to stop rushing into God's Presence with a head full of demands. Instead, we learn to be as quiet as a little boy in the presence of a master-fisherman. The small boy listens for those hints, those secrets of brook and pond which will lead him into the art of catching fish. That boy looks up with silent reverence to the fisherman —who—knows, his whole mind surrendered to the wisdom of his veteran friend.

Once we understand this necessity for silence, eager listening, we shall have less difficulty with our praying. We shall want to hear His voice, rather than our own—and we shall begin to learn His secrets, and be informed by His infinite "know-how".

Someone asked Kagawa, the heroic Japanese Christian, what was the first thing in prayer, and he answered, "Surrender!" It is the surrendered prayer that finds God, and His answers!

O.S.L. CONFERENCE

Close to 7,000 people attended the various sessions of the four-day International Conference on Spiritual Healing held in St. Stephen's Church September 9th-12th, inclusive.

Well over 700 people were registered. They represented 22 Denominations, 28 States, four came from overseas: Ireland, Haiti, and Australia. Canada was well represented. There were 120 clergymen, 18 doctors and psychiatrists, and 16 nurses. 75 new members were inducted into the Order, including 18 clergymen. 1100 attended the Social Hour periods in the Community House.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Mrs. Madeline Keller who had the responsibility of the Social Hours and the Dinner on Tuesday night. 185 people enjoyed the dinner. 140 attended the Tuesday Breakfast and 120 attended the Wednesday Breakfast. Miss Hazel Bainbridge did a magnificent and flawless job in managing the ushers, offerings, healing services and Communion services.

Seven were inducted into the Junior Order of St. Luke. Some of the children came from as far away as Long Island.

A CLERGYMAN in one of our Eastern Churches had a very devoted Church worker who left to be married somewhere in the West. She received a telegram from him to be read at the wedding breakfast "Psalm fifty-five, verse 15." A Bible was found and the message was found and read out, to the horror of the guests and the mortification of the bride. What he meant was "Psalm fifty-five, verse fifteen" in the Prayer Book version. Don't look now, but when you get home, first read it in the Bible, then read it from the Prayer Book.

WHERE ARE YOU?

Whenever we think of the Church, our feelings about it are a composite of our own experience, our knowledge of its work, and our view of its necessity. We may be impersonal, guilty, or pleased, all depending upon our relationship to the Church.

But as Church members we must be concerned with its progress, and it is here we must be realists.

The fruits of extended research in the Episcopal Church, conducted in co-operation with the Metropolitan Insurance Company, and covering a period of 13 years, from 1943 to 1955, showed these sobering facts.

Nearly one out of every six persons baptized is never confirmed.

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In other words the Church, like the Red Queen, must run as fast as it can to stay in the same place.

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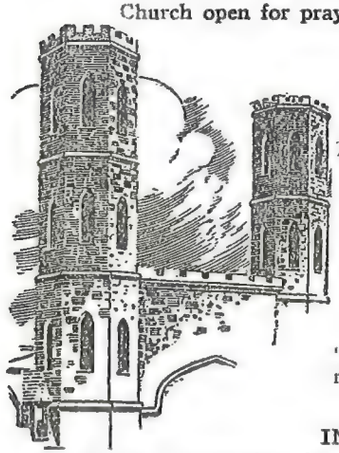
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Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 146, Page 522

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The Anthem: Bless Thou the Lord, O My Soul ..... *Lovelace*

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul: Who forgiveth all your iniquities; Who healeth all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit. Bless thou the Lord, Who crowns you with love and mercy.

As a father pitieth his children; so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

The Sermon: FAITH AND FORGIVENESS ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 310 ..... Tune, Hymn 397

Recessional Hymn 288 ..... *Hanover*

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THREE FEET MORE

Some years ago the famous blues-singer, Ethel Waters, wrote her autobiography, calling it, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." It was a deeply moving book, radiant with her belief that God had watched over her lovingly down the years; seen her through poverty; and opened the doors of opportunity to her. She spoke of God's love through her wonderful mother. She declared her belief that God would always keep His eye on her, His trusting sparrow.

It is not too difficult to write a book with such great faith when you are prospering and all goes well. But how about the day when, once more, the wheels of life drive heavily? Recently there came word that Ethel Waters is old, sick, and penniless. She had not saved any money out of those prosperous days. A reporter interviewed her; and she responded to his questions with a sigh:

"Where I come from, people never got close enough to money to get up a working acquaintance with it, so I didn't know how to keep it." The sixty-year-old ex-songstress admitted that she was dead broke. Then her face lighted up, and she told how she was living with good friends, and had never been happier. "I'm not afraid to die, honey", she said. "In fact, I'm kinda looking forward to it. I know that the Lord has His arms around His big fat sparrow."

This has been the experience of all deeply trusting people, from the great Apostle Paul, down to the distinguished blues-singer. God never forgets one of His sparrows. He does allow them to get themselves into painful and hard circumstances; but always He sees them through victoriously if they just keep on trusting.

You may be going through a dark valley, darker than you have ever known before. Then remember Ethel Waters. Remember Paul, constantly in trouble. Remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. God did not forget them. He will remember you, and keep at your side.

Elizabeth Burns, in "The Late Liz", speaks of one of the blackest moments in her life, when she was reaching out for a gift of God which would have flooded her life with joy and peace. Suddenly she realized that God was not going to grant this prayer. She writes, "Into this stillness there popped a memory . . . that the ancient Greeks did not have street flares; each man supplied his own light by affixing tiny lamps to the toes of his shoes. These tiny lamps shed light three feet ahead so when he walked three feet, there was light for three more feet. And so on. Three feet, and three feet more."

The trusting child of God can be sure that there will always be light enough for "three feet more."

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We want to thank these recent Bulletin subscribers: C. Wilson Bates, Mrs. Patsy Bawden, Eva Hansen, Mary C. Kutzer, Miss Louise Sadtler, Nicholas L. Todd.

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MARRIAGES

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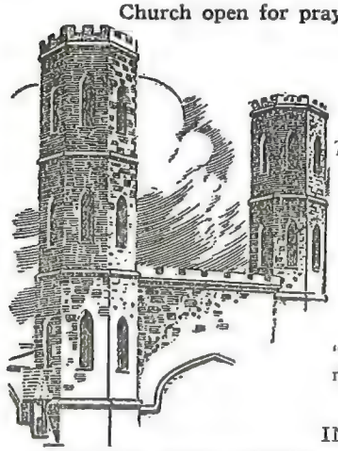
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Processional Hymn 267 ..... *Regent Square*
Kyrie, Hymnal 708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: O Sacred Feast ..... *Willan*

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluya.

The Sermon: "THE SOWER" ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 401 ..... *Weymouth*
Sanctus 711 ..... *Willan*
Agnus Dei 712 ..... *Willan*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
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The Postlude: Grave ..... *Walond*

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—A. G. T. (Washington, D.C.)

SURRENDERED TO HIM

Dr. Fosdick once pointed out that some people "make goodness attractive". Others, by their self-righteousness, repel others from honest, generous living.

During our American Civil War, Charles Sumner was one of the leading advocates for the abolition of slavery. He had high ideals and great courage but he had a genius for arousing the wrath of his opponents, for making his cause and himself hated. Carl Sandburg writes, "He was perhaps the most perfect impersonation of what the South wanted to secede from. No other man in the Federal Government so thrust at the sin and guilt of the South while evading the issues of sin and guilt in the North."

Abraham Lincoln, on the contrary, walked humbly with God, and sought to draw all men to the cause of preserving the Union. He was alive with compassion for all who suffered—regardless of whether they lived in the North or in the South; regardless of skin or party or creed. He launched out on each day's work determined to serve God, and to please Him as much as possible. As a result, Lincoln drew a rising tide of men to the cause of the Union.

The Love of God, working in Lincoln was even able to transform Lincoln's enemies into friends. Seward had resented Lincoln's beating him out for the Presidential nomination. After he became Secretary of State, he often opposed Lincoln in the Cabinet, once resigning for a time. But, at the tragic moment of Lincoln's dying, Seward turned from the death bed to cry out, "Now he belongs to the ages." Lincoln had made goodness and compassion so attractive to Seward that he was willing to work under Lincoln's leadership.

There are few people who see us ordinary people, and are either drawn towards Christian faith, or driven away from it. The humble Fishermen—disciples of Jesus—lived so warmly and strongly in His Spirit that people were ready to worship them as gods. But the disciples protested, "We are only human beings, no less mortal than you. The Good News we bring tells you to turn from these follies to the Living God." They let God live so powerfully in them that people were attracted to Christ.

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An account of the Healing Ministry of St. Stephen's Church appeared in the September 28th issue of Time Magazine.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE UNITED FUND

Most of us depend upon others whenever we wish to share our good fortune with those less favored. We seldom directly help individuals or families in trouble, nor provide guidance or education for those who could profit from either. This is not always what we would choose to do but our complex society and our lack of knowledge or skill in offering our aid wisely compels us to this source of action.

In the community we can turn to over 250 agencies ministering to nearly every need of our neighbors that cannot be supplied by our Churches. We express our concern for these neighbors whenever we contribute to the United Fund Torch Drive. Without the money we give to the United Fund, many of our neighbors would suffer.

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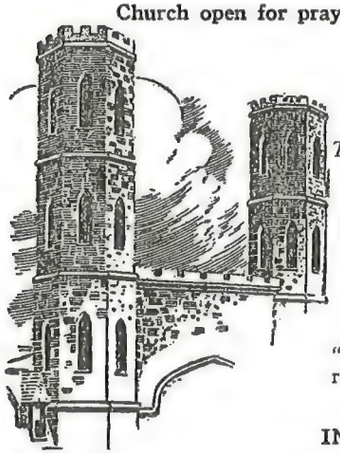
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The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in C ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and most holy God, we confess to Thee with humble and contrite hearts, that we have often forgotten Thee, and Thy purpose for us. While professing to be Christians, we have neither wholly believed nor followed Christ. Increase our penitence, we pray Thee, and turn our wandering footsteps back into the path whereunto we are called, by the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Professional Hymn 536 ..... *Old Hundred Twenty-Fourth*

The Venite, Page 9, Prayer Book; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 72, Page 426

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The Anthem: Be Still, My Soul ..... *Whitlock*

Be still, my soul, for God is near; the Great High Priest is with thee now; the Lord of Life Himself is here, before whose face the angels bow. To make thy heart His lowly throne thy Savior God in love draws nigh. He gives Himself unto His own, for whom He once came down to die. I come, O Lord, for Thou dost call, To blend my pleading prayer with Thine: to Thee I give myself, my all, and feed on Thee, and make Thee mine. Amen.

The Sermon: "JERICHO" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

Recessional Hymn 519 ..... *Ebenezer*

Postlude: Ciacona ..... *Pachelbel*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Walter B. Walker in memory of his father, Frederick Gordon Walker; and by Mrs. Margaret Nachtigall in memory of her husband.

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A general invitation is extended to the members and friends of St. Stephen's to attend this service.

ONE-BY-ONE LOVE!

Charles Sumner was too often "a stuffed shirt", being most aware of his own importance. Entirely sincere in his concern for the freedom of the slaves, still he spoke out with a cold wrath and scorn which infuriated his opponents to fight all the harder against him and his cause.

Worse still, such a self-importance loses sight of *people*—of suffering human beings, one by one. Sandburg tells how the gracious Julia Ward Howe invited Sumner to meet some friends of hers at dinner. He said he wasn't interested, and, "really, Julia, I've lost all my interest in individuals." Her quick answer was, "Why, Charles! God hasn't got as far as that yet!"

Jesus assured us that God never gets "that far"; that He is forever interested in His human children, one by one. "Not a sparrow falls to the ground . . ." God in Jesus was interested even in outcast Samaritans, one by one. God in Jesus, on the Cross, reached out to a wretched thief who had the grace to recognize in Jesus the majesty of God.

How thankful each of us is to God for His one-by-one Love—for it includes *me*! No matter how hard life goes, we know that He will not forget us, that He is ever preparing new treasures for us.

Our New Testament passage today vividly pictures this Divine One-By-One Love: for the little daughter of the Ruler; for a sick woman in the crowd; for two blind men, and for a man governed by an evil spirit. Jesus incarnates God's Love for the humblest individual!

Most of us have little gift, and little opportunity, to witness to crowds. But we *can* channel His Love to particular people, weighed down with pain and guilt. There are some people whose only chance for God's saving Love is through *you*. What a magnificent opportunity—to be the agent of His infinite, One-By-One Love!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—Two months ago my niece, M.H., attended your healing service and had a personal consultation with you. We praise the Lord for His healing touch on her body. She has had no epileptic seizures since then, her general condition and attitude are both greatly improved. We do thank you for your compassion and help through our Heavenly Father. I, too, went to the Altar Rail for prayer for a condition of coronary deficiency. I have no more heart pain and my doctor has had earlier prescribed medicine discontinued. For this, I too, thank and praise our wonderful Lord.—L. A. (Scranton, Pa.)

The Rector will speak in the First Baptist Church, Wildwood, N. J. on October 20th at 4 P.M.

THE CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND CENTER will hold their Annual China Night at the Julia Westerman School Auditorium, 17th and Spring Garden Streets, on Friday, October 19th at 8 P.M. The Play is "Three Daughters."

On Sunday, October 21st we celebrate St. Luke's Day in St. Stephen's Church, with a service at 11 A.M. when we will have as our guests the doctors and nurses of our mid-city hospitals. A card with the information is available for those who would like to invite their medical friends to the service. These cards are in the vestibule of the Church.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for the Season of Late Trinity (October 7th to December 1st) is now in stock in the Parish Office. Copies of these daily meditations sell for 15¢.

The Vestry of St. Stephen's will hold their stated meeting after the morning service this Sunday.

BISHOP HART

The plans for the observance of the 20th Anniversary of Bishop Hart's Consecration as Bishop to be held on Tuesday, October 16th, are about complete. At 10:30 A.M. there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church. Bishop Noble C. Powell of Maryland will preach. At 6:30 that evening there will be a reception at the Sheraton Hotel preceding the Anniversary Dinner at 7 O'Clock. The Presiding Bishop will be the speaker of the evening.

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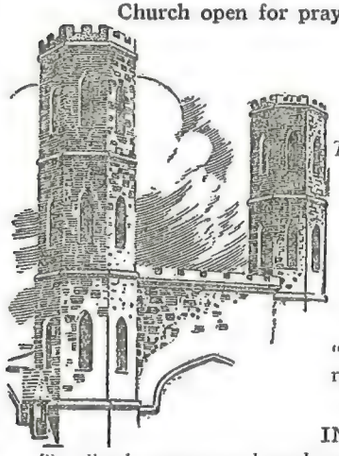
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Processional Hymn 516 (Tune to 416, 2nd) ..... *Beatitudo*

The Venite, Page 9, Prayer Book; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 105, Page 470

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14—HENRY A. SPANGLER, M.D.

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The Anthem: The Voice of Joy and Health ..... *Jannaconi*

The voice of joy and health; the voice of joy is in the dwellings of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Sermon: "SPIRITUAL HEALING" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*

Recessional Hymn 517 (Tune to 549) ..... *All Saints New*

Postlude: Fantasie ..... *Buxtehude*

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DOCTOR - CLERGY CO-OPERATION

The first step towards co-operation between doctors and clergy is the recognition of, and respect for, their different contributions to the well being of patient or parishioner.

Once when seriously ill a friend of mine asked for Communion. His doctor was afraid it would be too much for him, as he was too weak even to feed himself. However, he insisted. When the doctor came the day afterwards he found my friend very much better and said: "Well if Communion has that effect on you, you can have it every day!" His reply was that if he sought it for that, it would not have had such an effect.

The inner attitude and condition of a patient is primary. Doctor or priest are secondary, and it is for them to facilitate the integrity necessary to respond to and draw upon such resources as are available both physically and spiritually.

A further level of co-operation between doctors and clergy involves this field in which a spiritual ministry may have startling physical results. There is no need here to quote examples. They are wide-spread, and more clergy and ministers are realizing a responsibility for developing and extending a healing ministry. More doctors also are finding that results which go beyond what they have expected from their own approach do at times occur. Many doctors are skeptical, suspecting faulty diagnosis, or that the symptoms were hysterical or the cure due to suggestion. They have every right to be cautious in the interest of their patients. Clergy, ministers, or lay healers with a charismatic gift need to be careful in their claims if we are to win credence for the reality of further reinforcement through the spirit that can profoundly modify psychosomatic conditions, in organic as well as functional conditions. Doctor Alexis Carrel, however, won the Nordhoff-Jung Medal for cancer research, and therefore he is not likely to be mistaken in his diagnosis of cancer. Yet he claims to have seen cancerous sores disappear very rapidly under his eyes after earnest prayer. He said it seemed to involve a speeding up of cicatrization. He is convinced from his own experience that healing through prayer is a reality, and that prayer is "a most powerful form of energy one can generate."

STATEMENTS BY LEADING AMERICAN DOCTORS

DR. CARL GUSTAVE JUNG: Among all my patients in the second half of life . . . every one of them fell ill because he had lost what the living religions of every age have given their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook.

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DR. ALBERT REISSNER, Brooklyn Psychoanalyst: "More and more of us are becoming convinced of two things: First, that man is a trinity, composed of body, mind and spirit; and, Second, that the underlying cause of most disease is spiritual. We have observed that unless a healing of the spirit takes place, the cure of the body or mind is not apt to be either complete or permanent."

DR. WILLIAM REED, Henderson, Texas: "Today there is a new awareness that in the close co-operation between the Church and medicine, lies a new, great kind of care of illness that brings Christ into His proper place in the thinking and activities of both groups. We are learning through Spiritual Healing that Christ has a message for physicians which must be listened to."

DR. EVARTS G. LOOMIS, of Southern California: "I have noticed repeatedly in my practice that the extent of a physical healing seems to depend on the change in the spiritual life of the patient which goes with prayer and meditation. On several occasions when a patient was not making satisfactory progress, I have prayed with him, either verbally or silently, whether he be Catholic or Protestant, in office, or hospital room. Almost invariably improvement has followed."

DR. CHARLES H. MAYO, who conducted an investigation on Spiritual Healing several years ago, reported: "Christian Healing has passed beyond the stage of experiment, and its value cannot be questioned. Spiritual Healing no longer is the hope of the few, but the belief and practice of a large and rapidly increasing number of persons."

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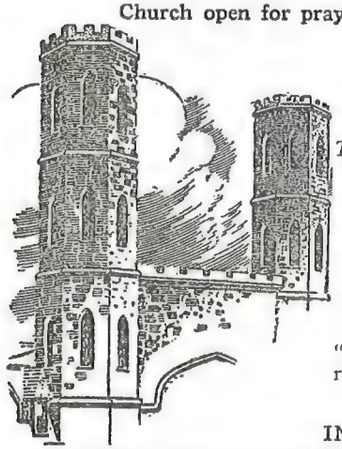
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The Prelude: Two Choral Preludes ..... *Willan*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Strengthen our hearts, O Lord, that we may rise to our full stature as Thy faithful sons and daughters. Make us brave. Give us courage—courage to think clearly about the meaning of life, even though understanding means bidding farewell to cherished illusions; courage to blaze the way for new truth, even though acceptance shatters the pleasant little world of make-believe; courage to love the right, even though that love means sacrifice and service and ceaseless longing; courage to fight the wrong, even though battle means wounds and weariness and heartache. So fill us with Thy Spirit, O Lord, that we may be more than conquerors through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Processional Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*

Kyrie ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Let Saints On Earth In Concert Sing ..... *Titcomb*

Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one. One family, we dwell in Him, one Church above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death. E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before, and greet the ever-living bands on the eternal shore. Jesus, be Thou our constant Guide; then, when the word is given, bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

The Sermon: "ALL SAINTS" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 549 ..... *All Saints New*

Sanctus ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn 197 ..... *Picardy*

Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles et Sancti*

Postlude: For All the Saints ..... *Williams*

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The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington, D.C., this evening at 7:30.

CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Today is the Octave of All Saints' Day, when we remember that great "cloud of witnesses", those cherished people whose lives have spoken to us of God. We thank God for them! And some of them were not very talkative about God. Nor were they especially clever in arguing for Him and His way of living. But they followed that Way. They *lived it*. By watching them, we could see what God meant us to be. Remembering them helps us to get back on the Way.

Dr. Alfred Schweitzer came to a point where he had to decide how he could best witness to Jesus Christ. He had finished his training for the ministry, and then suddenly was made Head of the Seminary. But he found that he was expected to teach the fussy, complicated doctrines which had grown like weeds in the Church—and he did not believe some of them at all. He thought that they got so much in the way that people could no longer see Jesus. He could not honestly teach what he did not believe. What to do? He writes:

"I decided that I would leave the Seminary. Instead of trying to get acceptance for my ideas, involving painful controversy, I decided to make my life my argument. I would advocate things I believed in terms of the life I lived, and what I did. Instead of vocalizing my belief in the existence of God within each one of us, *I would attempt to have my life and works say what I believed.*" So he has taught the love of God eloquently with his life; as he could never have done through doctrines.

In the lives of our own saints, we remember how God spoke to us through what they did, and what they were. A woman, crippled by polio, cheerfully doing all her cooking and house work for the family from her wheelchair. A wife, who had been unusually dependent on her husband for fifty years, at his death gallantly learning to do for herself in the spirit of adventure. A minister whose sermons were often mixed up and stumbling, whose life spoke of God through playing first base on the town baseball team, and through befriending broken lives forgotten by "proper" people. An uncle who turned from the open grave of a deeply loved wife, and asked if anyone had a ride home. You have your saints, who remind you how great God is!

For some people, YOU will become one of their cloud of witnesses. Now is the time to let God make your witness glorious!

TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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Will You Be One of "10"?
Will You Pray With Us For Our President And His Advisors?
Will You Pray For the Secretary Of State and The Secretary of Defence?
Will You Pray for the Senate and the House of Representatives? To Give Them Wisdom and Strength At This Time of Crisis?
Will You Pray With Us For World Leaders (without condemnation, and let not hate enter your heart)?
Will You Pray For Peace In The World At Home today, tomorrow, and often?
See 2 Chronicles 14:7, "If My people which are called by My name shall humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways—then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
Are You Interested In Furthering Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men? Then join us at the Noonday Services at St. Stephen's Church, 12:30 P.M. to 12:55 P.M. Tuesday through Friday. We hope you will find it in your heart to consider this the most important thing you have ever taken part in in your lifetime.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The Fall In-Gathering for the United Thank Offering of the Women of St. Stephen's will be at the eleven o'clock Service on Sunday, November 18th. Blue Envelopes have been mailed to all our families, and extra ones will be found in the vestibule.

We acknowledge, with our thanks, these Bulletin subscriptions: Miss Elizabeth B. Bowne, Eva Hansen, Miss May M. Hoffner, Francis L. Marion, Mrs. Jean McCoomb, Wilhelmina P. Sachs, Mr. Edwin A. Schurr, Mrs. John T. Troth, Mrs. Valentine, Miss Ottilie Stein.

ALL SAINTS' DAY — 1962

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into life eternal since last All Saints' Day.

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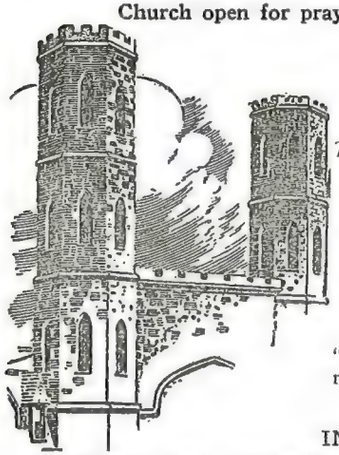
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The Prelude: In Peace and Joy I Now Depart ..... *J. S. Bach*
O How Blessed, Faithful Spirits, Are Ye ..... *Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord God, out of the mystery we have come. Across this little landscape of our life we wend our way. We come to Thee in utter sincerity, as eager questing spirits, that in this holy hour some revelation may be given. Make radiant the darkness, kindle our hearts with a flame of love, send us forth into the future in confidence and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 57, Page 409

Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Let Us Now Praise Famous Men ..... *Williams*

Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, men renowned for their power, leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge. Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: all these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth forevermore.

The Sermon: "THE CRACK IN THE BELL" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 520 ..... *Wareham*

Massing of the Colors

Pledge to the Flag

America, 4th Verse: Hymn No. 141

Prayers and Taps

Postludium Anthem: Rest in Peace ..... *Schubert-Dickinson*

Recessional Hymn 148 ..... *Duke Street*

Postlude: Fugue on the Kyrie ..... *F. Couperin*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Chapter 4 and Unit 4, Military Order of the Purple Heart; the Phila. Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers; by Mr. Thomas Watson in memory of Susanne E. Kennen; and by Mrs. George W. A. Kappel in memory of her parents, William and Mary Shields and aunt, Laura Duffy.

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PRO DEO

Followers of Jesus give a great deal of thought to the "Two Great Commandments." So did the lawyer who quizzed Jesus about them, and got the story of "The Good Samaritan" for his answer.

Jesus, in those two mighty commandments, was teaching a simple truth—if you love God, you will love His children in their need. You will love them *for Him*. Jesus made this clear in His great judgement-parable (Matthew 25:31-46). "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

In Allen Patton's wonderful and heart-breaking book, "Cry, the Beloved Country", the dark-skinned Mr. Kumalo asks Mr. Carmichael, one of South Africa's top lawyers, if he will take the case of his son, accused of murder. Mr. Carmichael answers, "I shall take it for you, Mr. Kumalo. I will take it 'Pro Deo', as we say." Mr. Kumalo is very grateful, but does not understand "Pro Deo." So he says to a well-educated friend, "I do thank God . . . but tell me I have one anxiety, what will it cost? My little money is nearly exhausted." The friend replies, "Did you not hear him say that he would take the case 'Pro Deo'"? "Ah, yes, you have not heard of that before. It is Latin, and it means, "For God". So it will cost you nothing, or at least very little." Mr. Kumalo still does not quite grasp the meaning. "He takes it for God?" And the friend explains, "That is what it meant in the old days of faith. Though it has lost much of that meaning. But it still means that the case is taken for nothing." Mr. Kumalo stammers "I've never met such kindness."

What a glorious opportunity rises before us—to do some costly kindness for someone each day "Pro Deo", "For God." Someone may be deeply resentful against you, and making things difficult—so you turn to God and tell Him that you will keep on loving that person, "Pro Deo". So, with God's help, you continue a deep concern for that difficult person. You show them "Calvary-Love" in your actions. You do it "Pro Deo"! This "Calvary-Love" is simple to understand—very difficult to live. It means that "the old man", your own self-will, must die in you as truly as the body of Jesus died on the Cross. You have to be willing to have your old demanding self die, so that your better self can live in response to God. Simple—and very tough! But glorious, because it is done "Pro Deo."

Possibly there is some decision in your life right now which has not been settled—a hard decision in which you are pulled two ways. The deep peace comes in your heart at last, when you decide to please Him, to take the loving way, "Pro Deo".

MARRIAGE SURVIVAL

A teen-age bride, a low-income groom, combined with differences in religion and the chances for the marriage to endure are about 50-50.

Professor Lee Burchinal of the University of Iowa and Loren Chancellor of the State's department of health, went to work on Iowa's records of marriage and divorce and came up with that interesting fact, among others.

Their research also shows that a marriage between a Catholic and a Protestant has a better chance to last if the wife is the Catholic and the husband the Protestant—why they didn't say.

When two Church-going Protestants of different denominations get married in Church it doesn't affect the chances of marriage survival, one way or the other. But if two Protestants who do not attend Church marry, the survival rate is much lower.

When two Roman Catholics marry, according to the Iowa records covering a seven-year period, the odds that the marriage will last are 24 to 1. This figures out at 96.2 percent.

But couples belonging to other Churches have high survival rates too—but only when the bride is over 20—that teen-age bride will knock all these figures down about 10%.

Lutherans are tops with 97 percent survival. Methodists are 95.6; Baptists are 95.4; Presbyterians, 94. No figures were given for Episcopalians but probably—like our giving to Missions—the figure is low.

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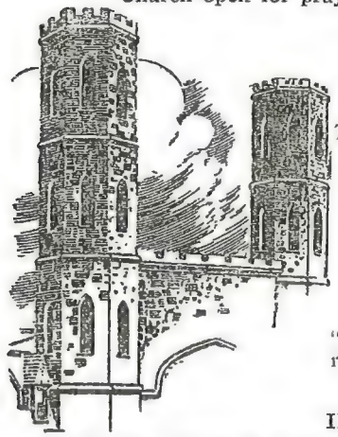
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O Thou of God the Father ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, we thank Thee for the sweet refreshment of sleep and for the glory and vigor of the new day. As we set our faces once more toward our work, we pray Thee for the strength sufficient for our tasks. May Christ's spirit of duty and service ennoble all we do. May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done and we go to our long home to meet Thee face to face. Amen.

Processional Hymn 1 ..... *Stuttgart*

Kyrie, Hymnal No. 708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth ..... *Darst*

Come, Thou redeemer of the earth, and manifest Thy virgin birth; let every age adoring fall; such birth befits the God of all. Begotten of no human will, but of the Spirit Thou art still the Word of God in flesh arrayed, the promised Fruit to man displayed. From God the Father He proceeds, to God the Father back He speeds; His course He runs to death and hell, returning on God's throne to dwell. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, and darkness breathe a newer light, where endless faith shall shine serene, and twilight never intervene. All laud to God the Father be; all praise, Eternal Son, to Thee. All glory, as is ever meet, to God the Holy Paraclete.

The Sermon: "WHAT HAS CHRISTIANITY TO OFFER . . ." ..THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

Sanctus, Hymnal No. 711 ..... *Willan*

Agnus Dei, Hymnal No. 712 ..... *Willan*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal No. 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 318 ..... *Hosanna*

Postlude: Chant for Advent ..... *Hermann Contractus*

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—K. McC. (Parnia, Michigan)

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets or the equivalent to those who are unable to give their families the fullness of Christmas cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special CHRISTMAS DINNERS envelope.

DOOR INTO FREEDOM

Today we are asking ourselves how we can best prepare for Christmas. The answer, for a Christian is simple—pray for the people on our Christmas list! To do this is to obey the fundamental law of Christ—"Thou shalt love." To do this is also to obey the basic law of effective prayer—as Glenn Clark puts it, "There must be love in prayer."

In other words, make a list of the people to whom you might give a Christmas gift. Then slowly, one by one, lift each name to God—seeing her in imagination as you pray for her. Do not ask God anything for this friend, now—just let Him speak to you, if He will, about each one. As you do this, the real need, the heart's desire, of each one will become clear, in God's light, and you can begin to fill in the gifts after each name. It will take a bit of time.

If you will write down simply for a letter, or a specially lovely Christmas card. These are people who will be happiest if you simply send them something of yourself—your love for them, your telling them a bit about yourself. What with others, God will direct you to a present which will satisfy some special need, or hope—something you might never have thought of, without God's help. Real prayer should move on to action. As Evelyn Underhill points out, "Each time you take a human soul into your prayer, you accept from God a piece of spiritual work with all its implications and all its cost—a cost which may mean for you spiritual exhaustion and darkness, and may even include vicarious suffering, the Cross."

Thus your Christmas list will be more things. It will include hard work, forgiveness asked, forgiveness given. It may lead you to a search among old letters, to find that one in which your friend's father said how proud he was of his child—what a Christmas present that letter will make! It may result in giving a book in which you share a new vision with your friend—for him, a new door to freedom.

This will be a costly list. In terms of money, it may cost far less (and leave you a tidy sum to give for those dying of hunger). But in terms of YOU, it will cost more. It is the costly gifts that bless people.

Trust God to fill out your Christmas list—then your Christmas will truly be the celebration of the Birthday of the God of Love!

I CANNOT TELL any man how much to give to the Church and charity in dollars and cents, for I do not know that much about any man; but I do not have the slightest hesitation in asking a man to give as God has given to him, which is the principle of proportionate giving, or tithing.
Stewardship—by the Rt. Rev. Richard Emrich, S.T.D.

CHURCH SEEKS TO MEET 1963 BUDGET

Members who were unable to attend the Chest of Joash Sunday, November 25th, are asked to mail their Pledge Cards to the Church this week after thoughtful consideration to the amount of their Pledge. Aside from the personal sense of satisfaction of fulfillment which comes from making a Pledge in Church at a worship service, Stewardship Sunday represents an expression of faith in the future of our Church by the congregation as a body. It is a day when we lay the cornerstone of our stewardship of giving, and collectively ask ourselves, "Are we adequately sharing our substance with the Lord?"

Members of the congregation are asked to closely re-examine their Annual Pledge to the Church. In order to maintain the services of our Church, we must have greater financial support from a larger number of members.

A very attractive Christmas Card with a colored reproduction of the Chancel of St. Stephen's Church is available. The cost is $3.00 per box of 20.

The Rector will preach in St. John's Church, Washington tonight at 7:30 P.M.

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I REJOICE that our Church is beginning to talk more freely about the obligation of proportionate giving, and of tithing as a minimum basis for such giving. I personally believe that tithing is a first step toward true stewardship, and leads on to greater and greater dedication of time, ability, and privilege.
His Witnessing Community—The Rt. Rev. Everett H. Jones, D.D.

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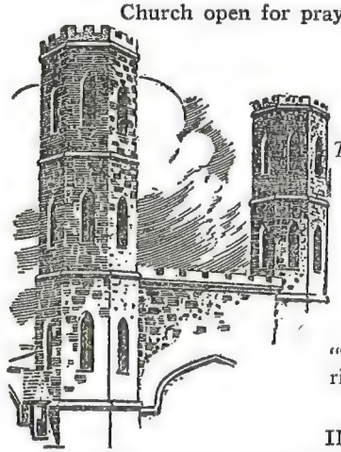
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Processional Hymn 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 46, Page 397

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The Anthem: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus ..... *Sateren*
The Text is found in Hymn No. 1

The Sermon: "THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

Recessional Hymn 253 ..... *Luebeck*

Postlude: Alla Breve in D Major ..... *J. K. F. Fischer*

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THE BOOK OF CHOICE

On this Bible Sunday, one remembers how Abraham Lincoln said, "In regard to this great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this Book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it." Lincoln lived by the Bible and his speeches were fed by it as a river is fed by springs. His greatest speeches, like the Second Inaugural, read like Scripture passages.

Part of the greatness of the Bible is that, and Doctor Tournier points out: *"The Bible is the Book of Choice."* From the choice of Adam and Eve to please themselves instead of God, to the last pages, wherein the Leodoceans refused to choose at all—"thou art neither hot nor cold,"—the Bible is the procession of choices. The great issue of life is shown to be the courage to choose rightly. Moses cries out, "I have set before you life and death . . . therefore choose life." Elijah protests indignantly, "How long halt ye between two opinions?" Jesus declares, "You cannot serve God and mammon."

We can see what is worth choosing (and what is not) by measuring it against the life of Him who was born in Bethlehem. He decided matters very simply, Himself—"Will this please God?" He built His life on the deep intent to say "Yes" to God. He dealt with people on the basis of what was genuinely and eternally loving. The great saints follow Him, testing their decisions by love of God, love of man.

You can make your Christmas glorious by letting it grow out of the well-springs of the Bible—by giving that which will give pleasure to God and to your friends. You might give some of your friends a New Testament—especially those who are beginning to seek God afresh. It could be the translation by J. B. Phillips, or the New English translation—both superb.

Try going shopping with Jesus in your hearts. Write your Christmas notes with His Spirit in the writing. If this sounds novel and strange to you, just try it—and find that a miracle or two will result. For, if you are letting Him be the Master of His own birthday, then He will work miracles, just as He did of old!

A Christmas of miracles — why not!

The Rector will conduct a Seminar on Christian Healing at the Yokefellow Institute in Richmond, Indiana, on Monday and Tuesday, December 10th and 11th.

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, United Thank Offering Custodian, reports that there were sixty-one contributors to the recent U.T.O. In-Gathering, with a total offering of $221.24.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

What should be our standard of giving to God through the Parish? Put it this way—How much does a grateful heart give back to God? 50 cents a week spent on candy, gum and ice cream with five cents to God on Sundays means we are ten times less grateful to God than we are hungry for candy, gum and ice cream. $200 to God out of $10,000 means being 50 times more concerned with everything else in life than showing God gratitude in this special way. $350 to God through the Parish means that being grateful to Him is not quite as important as the family's cosmetics, hair care, tobacco and liquor.

So here are the two big questions for each of us: (1.) How much of what God permits me to have shall I—out of gratitude—give back to Him by giving away? (2.) Of what I give away out of a thankful heart, is my pledge to the Parish a responsible gift—or a tip?

Before the week is up, Mail in your Pledge to St. Stephen's Church.

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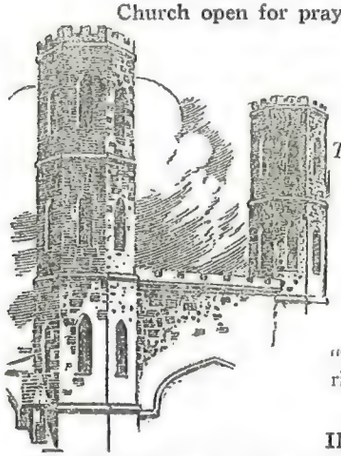
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Processional Hymn 4 ..... *Greenland*
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The Sermon: JOHN THE BAPTIST ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 10 ..... *Winchester New*
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Postlude "Chorale" ..... *J. S. Bach*

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Dear Dr. Price:—I used to attend St. Stephen's when I lived downtown, before I was married and also attended your healing services. I felt that I received a real help from your healing services. My life has changed completely. I lived alone and was lonely and depressed. I am now happily married and have a dear baby girl. My prayers have been answered.—S. F. (Havertown, Pa.)

Advance Notice of: CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Christmas Eve — 10:30 P.M. — Holy Communion and Sermon
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"'That clock will go eight days without winding' said the salesman proudly. 'And how long will it go if it is wound?' asked the purchaser. Not only clocks, but also people, need winding up. During the week, we are all too apt to "run down hill", not only physically, but perhaps more especially morally and spiritually.

We go to Church on Sunday, start off with new resolutions and fine ideals, then day by day we have to take the hard knocks that the world gives us with the result that we come out at the end of the week with our enthusiasm gone, discouraged and disillusioned, run down." THE RT. REV. W. A. LAWRENCE, D.D.

A FORGIVING CHANNEL

Christmas was approaching at Dr. Schweitzer's Hospital at Lambarene. One of the workers had asked the lepers if they would like to put on a Nativity Play for the visitors at the Hospital, and they had responded with shining faces. So they did, those lonely black people who had been cut off from life by their dread disease. It's a bit startling to think of those black African people playing the joyful Nativity for white men and women. For the white man had used his superior knowledge and power to capture the Africans and impress them into slavery. He had advertised a religion of mercy and compassion but there had been little of it in him.

So they played the ancient parts—Mary and Joseph, the kings, the shepherds. The baby Jesus was beautifully behaved and did not cry until the intermission, and then only briefly.

Norman Cousins was one of the visitors. He comments: "While I watched the lepers in the Nativity Play, I became conscious that the Play was saying something about a world large enough to hold both black and white. This was close to the original purpose of the Play, but original purpose in religion is not too often a remembered part of life. The actors, however, are clearly seen to reflect this original purpose, to which forgiveness belonged."

If those black men and women could sing forgiveness to white men in that Nativity Play, then is there anyone whom you cannot forgive, in your Christmas song? For each of us plays a Nativity Play by all that we do for Jesus' Birthday. He came to earth to let God's forgiveness through to guilt-laden mankind. He comes to earth again, through you, to offer His limitless forgiveness once more. All He needs is a forgiving channel. You need have no worry about missing your lines—you only need to let Him act through you. You don't need any money—He had none of His own, but He knows how to bless people without buying a thing! He never finds enough lives in which to play His Play. Perhaps, last year, you were not "available" for His use. This year, will you let Him use you?

"WANTED—LIVES IN WHICH I CAN COME AGAIN"—And the want-ad is signed by Jesus Himself. All He wants is you—in whom to show forth His great Love.

INCENTIVE: We have heard of a wealthy clergyman who died, leaving money to buy foam rubber cushions for the kneelers in his Church—but only for the front half of the Church.

We wish to thank these U.T.O. Envelope contributors: Marie P. Berger, Mrs. William B. Campbell, Mrs. Madeline Keller, Miss Nellie V. Miller, Mrs. Edith R. Stout.

TELLING OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT OUR CHURCH

BY THE REV. GRESHAM MARMION, D.D.

The other day I gave a ride to a High School student who was going my way. We got to talking about religion. He was an earnest young man, and in the course of our conversation said that he was looking for a Church which would satisfy his great need for worship.

He had investigated another Church whose worship meant something to him, but he could not agree with some of their doctrines and felt that there was not enough freedom of thought given to their members. When he told me what he was looking for, I said to him, "I believe the Episcopal Church is what you are looking for. It has a service of reverent beauty, and it balances authority with freedom."

He said to me, "I did not know there was such a Church."

There are a lot of people like this young man. They are looking for what the Episcopal Church has.

So I ask this question: Do you ever talk with people about religion? Do you ever tell them what God has done for you through the Church? Have you ever said to anyone, "May I pick you up next Sunday and take you to my Church?" Have you ever?

You can't brag on your religion, but you can brag on the Church, because God gave you the Church. But He gave it to you, not only in order that she might minister to you, but that you might bring others to her. Have you ever done so?

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

Yes, I want to pledge to the Church as a Thank Offering for God's goodness to me and mine. I undertake to give for the

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Signed .....

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Name.....

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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Prelude: My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord ..... *J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, our God, we lift our faces to Thee. We turn from the busy concerns that engage our minds, from the trivial pleasures that fill the passing moment, from the pressing cares that burden our days. And we come to this quiet Sanctuary at this holy hour. Subdue the clamor of our hearts, soften every alien note, and grant that in this hour of worship we may hear Thy voice and learn Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Processional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*
The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 608, Hymnal
Psalm 111, Page 482
Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book page 11; Chant No. 626, Hymnal
The Benedictus, Prayer Book page 14; Chant No. 639, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer" ..... *Franck*
The Sermon: "READY FOR CHRISTMAS" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 11 ..... *St. Stephen*
Recessional Hymn 5 ..... *St. Thomas*

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—Mrs. R. E. W. (Jacksonville, Florida)

The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer celebrated his 32nd Anniversary of his ordination on December 20th. He was ordained in St. Stephen's Church and he and his wife are valued members of our parish.

Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin Contributors: Mrs. Mary Lord, Mrs. Grace Pyle, Miss Emily G. Ravenel, Mrs. Joseph Allen, Mrs. George Parsons.

CHRISTMAS EVE — 10:30 P.M.

Prelude: Puer Natus Est (A Babe is Born) ..... *Titcomb*
Processional Hymn 30 ..... *The First Nowell*
Kyrie, Hymnal 701 ..... *Merbecke*
The Anthem: ALLELUIA! ..... *Randall Thompson*
The Sermon: "THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 19 ..... *Carol*
Sanctus, Hymnal No. 721 ..... *Plain Song, 14th C.*
Communion Hymn No. 36 ..... *Greensleeves*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal No. 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Hymn 33 (All Kneeling) ..... *Holy Night*
Recessional Hymn 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*
Postlude: Dieu Parmi Nous (God Among Us) ..... *Messiaen*

Flowers for Christmas time are provided by special funds: the East Window is decorated in memory of the Magee Family; the Atmore Window, in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

CHRISTMAS DAY — 11 A.M.

The Prelude: Good News From Heaven the Angels Bring ..... *Pachelbel*
Processional Hymn 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*
Kyrie No. 701 ..... *Merbecke*
The Anthem: Hodie Christus Natus Est: ..... *Willan*
Translation: "Today Christ Is Born"
Hodie . . . The Saviour hath appeared: on earth the choirs of angels sing: Archangels together rejoice: the righteous rejoice together, saying: Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Alleluya!
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Postlude: In Dulci Jubilo ..... *J. S. Bach*

NOTICE: Our organist, Miss Cherry Rhodes, will be presented in recital on Sunday, December 23rd, in St. Thomas' Church, Fifth Ave. at 53rd Street, New York, at 3:30 P.M. A trip to our big sister city will be a most rewarding one, we're sure.

THE DELIVERER

Sometimes we feel trapped. We just cannot break free!

One Summer a vacationing family stopped to picnic at State Park. The adventurous four-year-old trudged out to explore. Finding a wooden platform with a trap-door in it, he managed to pull it open. But he leaned too far, and fell right into the Park garbage-pit! And the trap-door slammed shut above him. It was very, very dark; and very, very smelly, down there. He couldn't get out. So he shouted for help, and his mother heard the faint, mufiled little voice, and pulled him out. Sometimes we desperately need a deliverer!

So many of us find ourselves sitting in a very smelly darkness we have made for ourselves. It may be chronic self-pity that landed us helpless, in discouragement. Or it may be our hair-trigger inclination to resentment. There we are—in the dark, with the smell of our selfishness all around us. And we are helpless to get out—unless someone comes. The wondrous News of Christmas is that Someone did come! "Do not be afraid; I have Good News for you . . . Today in the City of David a Deliverer has been born to you—The Messiah, the Lord . . ." Christmas is the Birthday of the Great Deliverer.

There is no depth of hopelessness from which He cannot lift us. True, He sometimes leaves us with a physical handicap like polio, or blinded eyes; or confined to a wheelchair. But He does ALWAYS deliver us from the power of the handicap over us. Some people make a wheelchair look like a triumphant chariot! They are grateful to God for giving them the victory over their handicap.

To open the way for the Deliverer, you simply open your heart to Him; and you invite Him to come in and have His way there. You are tired of managing your own life, and you want Him to live there and work through you. You turn yourself over to His directing, and He goes to work. You find Him giving people deep happiness, through you. You find freedom from yourself. You call, and He comes—the Deliverer.

When there are enough people with room in their hearts for Him, then this tumultuous world will become heaven. It will be at peace, under Him. In the meantime, there will be a bit of heaven around every life where He is at work, every life like *yours!*

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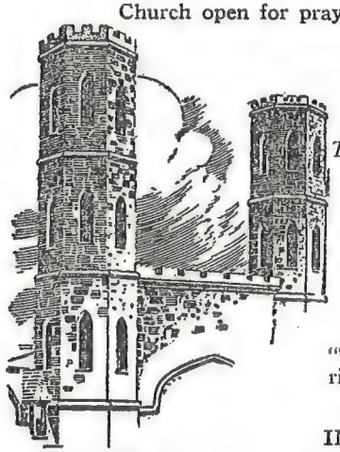
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A Lovely Rose is Blooming ..... *Brahms*

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Processional Hymn 16 ..... *Yorkshire*

The Venite, Prayer Book page 9; Chant No. 609, Hymnal

Psalm 145, Page 520

Te Deum Laudamus, Prayer Book page 10; Chants No. 615 and 619, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book page 15; Chant No. 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: O'er Bethlehem's Plains ..... *H. Alex. Matthews*
O'er Bethlehem's plains a song! A Star! Three Wise Men journeying from afar! And through the heavens a song sublime! Of peace on earth, good will to men! The shepherds watching through the night, behold with awe the wondrous light! As through the skies the echoes ring of peace on earth, good will to men! Still at the Manger Throne we bend, to seek a Child, a King, a Friend. While echoes still the glad refrain of peace on earth, good will to men!

The Sermon: "PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*

Recessional Hymn 22, 23 (Vs. 1, 2, 3, 7) ..... *From Heaven High*

Postlude: Choral—The Old Year Hath Now Passed Away ..... *J. S. Bach*

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STARR DAILY

We extend a hearty welcome to Starr Daily, who will give a series of lectures at St. Stephen's Church, Friday, January 4th at 7:45 P.M., Saturday at 10:30 A.M. & 9:30 P.M., and Sunday, at 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. He has a tremendously powerful Christian message which has grown out of his vast experiences, first as a member of the underworld for 25 years both in and out of prison, and secondly, after a transforming spiritual experience in prison, as an author, lecturer and counselor. His ministry has touched those ranging all the way from the lowest to the highest in human privilege.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

"What's new with you?" asked the postscript my friend found at the bottom of a letter. He picked up his pen and noted, "New is this day; New is my appreciation of II Corinthians 3:15-18; New is my appreciation of *you*; New are my geranium flowers; New are the lovely may flowers a friend brought me yesterday; with you, I rejoice in the newness of life." The man who wrote with such youthful enthusiasm was an elderly Pastor in a small Seacoast town. His wife was away, working; the Church needed painting; his wallet was slender. But he was full of the sense of the wonder and the newness of life. How come?

The secret lies in II Corinthians 3:15-18, in which St. Paul rejoices that the face of God is no longer veiled from our eyes; that, in Christ, we know what God is like. How great God is—"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. And because for us there is no veil over the face, we all reflect as in a mirror the splendor of the Lord; thus we are transfigured into His likeness, from splendor to splendor; such is the influence of the Lord who is Spirit." (New English translation).

Today we look ahead toward the year of our Lord 1963. We can look with confidence, despite all the tumult and the brawling across the world. For, with God in our hearts, anything is possible! With God in residence, men may even catch a hint of the mighty Love of God in us.

1963 looks very inviting, when we look toward it expectantly, as wayfarers who will walk with God. Actually He does "make all things new". The birth of a child becomes His delicate handiwork. The death of a loved one draws us closer to His sustaining care. Every budding shrub becomes a burning bush. Every flock of geese, honking their way northward, bugles a new nesting-season. Even people look new, and deeply lovable, seen thru' the eyes of God. Thru' His compassion we see the heroism of every-day people—God's family, with a bit of their Father in each one. With His voice speaking within us, we suddenly realize how patient our children and our friends have been with our blunderings.

Without God, 1963 would look like the most night-marish year since Creation. With God, 1963 can be the most wondrous year since the dawn of time. God never stops working His miracles. He only seeks people through whom to work them. If you are available, no one will need to wish you a Happy New Year. With Him there are no limits to the wonders of 1963!

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PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To Continue Christ's Faithful Soldier"

Sept. 26th—Anna C. Morley
October 21st—Frances Baxter
October 28th—Peter Esselman Lynch

Marriages

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"

Sept. 29th—James E. McCausland and Rita C. Doogan

Burials

"Rest Eternal Grant unto them, O Lord"

November 20th—Mary Orme
November 23rd—Charles Romanovsky
December 3rd —Emma A. Wolf
December 4th —David Magee
December 5th —Frank H. Steckle
December 14th—Ida M. Rind
December 18th—Anna Allen

PRAYER AT EVENTIDE

I bring Thee now, O God, the parcel of a completed day. For I have wrapped it in my thoughts, tied it with my acts, and stored it in the purposes for which I live.

As the evening falls and while I seek Thy face in prayer, grant unto me the joy of good friends, the curative power of new interests, the peace of the quiet heart.

Bestow upon me, Eternal Spirit, light as darkness comes—
Light not of the sun but of the soul, not for the eye but for the mind.
Light by which to judge the errors and the wisdom of the day's work.
Light for the path that the soul must find in the tangled ways of coming days.
And grant Thou again the healing touch of sleep. Amen.

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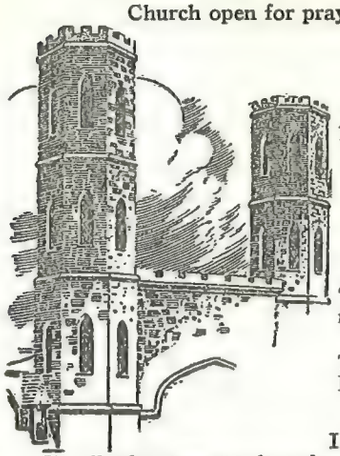
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Grant unto us, Almighty God, the peace that passeth understanding, that we, amid the storms and troubles of this our life, may rest in Thee, knowing that all things are in Thee, not beneath Thine eye only, but under Thy care, governed by Thy will, guarded by Thy love, so that with a quiet heart we may see the storms of life, the cloud and the thick darkness, ever rejoicing to know that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Guide, guard and govern us even to the end that none of us may fail to lay hold upon the immortal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 42 ..... *Gloria*
Kyrie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: I Wonder As I Wander ..... *Appalachian Carol*
Arr. J. J. Niles & L. H. Horton

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die, for poor on'ry people like you and like I . . . I wonder as I wander, out under the sky. When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause He was the King. I wonder as I wander. . . .

The Sermon: REDEMPTIVE POWER FOR MAN'S BITTEREST PAIN:
1st — Travail and Birth ..... The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer
Offertory Hymn 41 ..... *Ventie Adoremus*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
Kneeling Hymn 321 ..... *Margaret*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
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—M. M. (Alliance, Ohio)

HAVE FAITH

In a desert store in Southern California is a letter written on a sheet of wrapping paper. It was found in a baking-powder can wired to the handle of an old pump—the only hope of drinking water on a long and seldom-used trail across the Amargosa Desert.

The letter reads: "This pump is all right as of June, 1932. I put a new sucker washer into it and it ought to last five years. But the washer dries out and the pump has got to be primed. Under the white rock I buried a bottle of water out of the sun, with the cork end up. There's enough water in it to prime the pump, but not if you drink some water first. Pour about one-fourth and let her soak to wet the leather. Then pour in the rest medium fast and pump like hell. You'll git water. The well has never run dry. Have faith. When you git water, fill the bottle and put it back like you found it for the next feller. (Signed) Desert Pete. P.S. Don't go drinkin' up the water first. Prime the pump with it and you'll git all you can hold."

Bruce Larson, telling this story in "Faith at Work", says, "Nowhere have I seen the principles of faith more clearly set forth . . . Desert Pete reminds us that after we trust him and risk our only bottle of water, we have to pump like the very dickens to get more water."

So, if we hope to meet life with courage, we *must* have faith. This means that, as in the Parable of Desert Pete, we need to trust Someone we have never seen. The thirsty traveler, after reading the letter on the pump had to decide whether this was written by someone he could trust. There was some evidence that you could trust Desert Pete, for he had taken a lot of trouble for the next traveler. So you trusted him, and pumped hard!

In the same way we need to trust God, whom we have not seen. But we know about Jesus, Who came and lived god-on-earth, so that we have some real knowledge of the character of the God Who is like Jesus. We have seen glimpses of this God, and His love, in people who let Him live *in* them. Yes, we do have some idea what God is!

At first, when you trust this God Who-is-like-Jesus, it seems like a risky business. Little by little, we find that we can depend on Him to keep His promises—we can be very thirsty and discouraged, but we do what He bids, and it works. He refreshes us, body and soul, and we are ready to go on again. Jesus promises, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

— BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS —

It is time again for the annual subscriptions to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. Some 735 are mailed to individuals and families of people who live in eighteen of our States, and in addition, to people in Canada. It goes not only to members, but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. It cost, this past year, about $58.50 a week to print and mail this publication. For the year just ended, 1964, our receipts toward the expenses of publishing the weekly Bulletin will come to something like $882.35.

If every family would give $2.00 per year, the cost would be met. Of course a great many on our list cannot afford to give anything, so a generous check or two from those who are financially able to do so, will help cover for those unable to contribute toward this expense. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing, a higher mailing cost, make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

We have on hand recent subscriptions received from the following, and wish to express our thanks: Sara and Amelia Bealmear, Mrs. James Fentress, Mrs. Edith Halligen, Mr. Charles E. Holmes, G. A. McKenna, M. Meek, Mrs. G. B. Street, Peter Wheeler.

The Dean of the Rector's Theological School in Cambridge, Mass. wishes to thank us for the sacrificial gift of one of our members of $70.00 which represents her year's savings of pennies. "You can imagine that we are always particularly thrilled to get this type of sacrificial gift."

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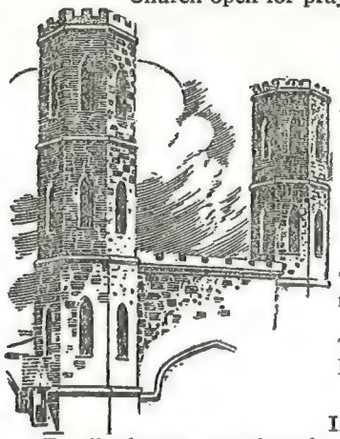
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Processional Hymn 46 ..... *Morning Star*
The Venite, Page 9, Prayer Book; Chant #608, Hymnal
Psalm 50, Page 401
The First Lesson: Gen. 28:V. 10
Te Deum, page 10; Chants #613, #617, #613, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-11.
Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: How Brightly Beams the Morning Star ..... *Elmore*
How brightly beams the morning star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining! Brightness of God that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light who long for truth were pining! Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw Thou near us. Great Immanuel, come and hear us.
The Sermon: REDEMPTIVE POWER FOR MAN'S BITTEREST PAIN—
2nd: Today's Epiphany of Ecumenism ....Rev. Andrew W. Mayer
Offertory Hymn 331 ..... *Kingsfold*
Recessional Hymn 52 ..... *Dix*

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Raspin Memorial

All of us in St. Stephen's Church owe a great deal to Mr. I. Smith Raspin who was baptised, confirmed and married in St. Stephen's, and finally buried from this, the Church he loved.

We do hope that everyone will have a share in this Memorial gift. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

DARING FAITH

Can you compel anyone to become kind? Can you *make* your child, or your friend, or a fellow-member of the Church, do a kindness?

St. Paul's letter to his friend Philemon helps to answer this question. St. Paul is writing about a run-away slave, Onesimus, who had been Philemon's slave, had escaped, and found his way to Paul, who was in prison. Apparently he had been with St. Paul for some time, and, as Paul says, "had looked after me here in prison for the Gospel's sake." He had done far more than ministering to Paul's bodily comfort. Onesimus had become a down-to-earth Christian, sharing with Paul the greatest of treasures, eager obedience to the Living Christ. He and Paul had become so close that Paul speaks of him as "my child." Onesimus had become a friend in Christ, a daily joy and strength.

St. Paul did not have to send Onesimus back to Philemon. He could have kept the escaped slave, and never have written to Philemon. He could have said to himself, "Finders, keepers!" He could have reasoned, "Philemon would want me to keep Onesimus, so that he could care for me in prison." But Paul sends him back. Why?

Because a compelled kindness is no kindness at all. St. Paul says, "Although I could rely on my authority in Christ and dare order you to do what I consider right, I'm not doing that. No, I'm appealing to that love of yours. . . . I would do nothing without consulting you first, for if you have a favor to give me, let it be spontaneous and not forced on you. . . ." True kindness, with Jesus' quality of love, wells up freely out of the heart. It rises gladly and eagerly out of one's thankfulness to God. If we are forced to be "kind", then this is a duty, and no kindness at all!

The kindness that St. Paul hopes for, from Philemon, is that he will send back Onesimus to him, to care for him in prison, for St. Paul says, "I should have dearly loved to have kept him with me."

St. Paul was giving Philemon the chance to be kind as Christ is kind, freely and lovingly. He does not command. He exerts no pressure but love: "I am appealing to that love of yours." He appeals to the best in Philemon, and leaves him to say "Yes" or "No". This is daring faith—daring to believe that the friend will respond to love, to God, without pressurizing. This is Christ alive in man, offering Himself and His way to men, to accept or reject.

Not long afterwards, there was a Bishop of Ephesus whose name was—*Onesimus.* It seems altogether probable that this was the former run-away slave. Christ-like kindness has a way of working wonders!

PRAYER EVANGELISTS

We now have 135 men and women in St. Stephen's Prayer Fellowship. They are our Prayer Evangelists. They are committed to a Prayer activity which is a disciplined devotional work that goes on 'round the clock—24 hours of continuous prayers daily for persons in need of God's healing; body, mind and soul. Each person is thus lifted up in prayer 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks. Chronic cases are renewed for longer periods.

During the year 1964 twenty-one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-three persons requested our prayers; people from all over the world. We are grateful to these Intercessors for their ready and willing co-operation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Why do we pray for others if God is no "respecter of persons", and His Good Will toward all men is impartial? Because the degree to which His power enters a given life varies with the disposition of the person for it. Prayer is a principal means of opening one's self to the power and love of God that is already *there*—in the depths of reality. He is always ready to guide, to bless, to make whole, to enrich, to comfort and to heal; such barriers as there are to His coming in us are not in Him, but in each of us. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I shall come in. . . ."

In Intercession we help to release His power and grace into the lives of others. We do not beg and beseech God to help and heal these needy persons, but pray that their capacity will be increased to receive God's healing, wisdom and guidance.

Mr. Hugo H. Hanson, a valued member of our Vestry, was honored at his retirement from the Hamilton Paper Company by his associates on December 30th. Mr. Hanson has 37 years of service, first as General Manager, then as President, and finally as Board Chairman. He formerly served as President of the Writing Paper Manufacturers Association, and director of the First National Bank of Conshohocken.

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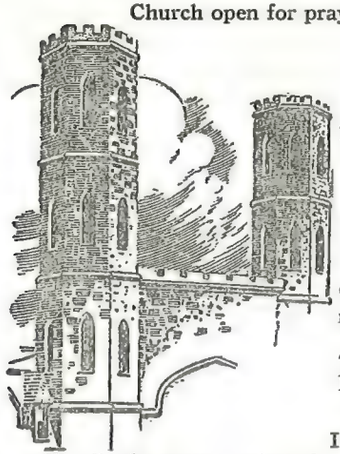
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To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: Almighty and eternal God, whose sons and daughters we are, we beseech Thee to awaken us to a new sense of our mission as Thy children. Help us to live under the compulsion of high imperatives. Strengthen us to follow closely the steps of Him who went about doing good. Use us as Thy messengers to any who are troubled. Show us how to give strengthening companionship to the lonely and discouraged. Teach us gentle words of healing for those in pain and grief. Guide us to give wise counsel to the wayward and tempted. In all our dealings with distressed humanity keep us faithful to the Spirit of Christ who came not to be ministered unto but to minister. In His name, Amen.
Processional Hymn 329 .....*Frankfort*
The Venite, Page 9, Prayer Book; Chant #608, Hymnal
Psalm 86, Page 447
The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15
Te Deum Laudamus, Page 10; Chants #613, 617, 613
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 9:2-13
Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: Send Out Thy Light .....*Gounod*
Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me, and let them bring me to Thy holy hill; O God, then will I go unto Thy Altar, On the harp we will praise Thee, O Lord our God! Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me. . . .
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3rd—Today's Epiphany of Affluence ...THE REV. ANDREW W. MAYER
Offertory Hymn 566 .....*Galilee*
Recessional Hymn 54 .....*Dolce Carmen*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Emily Long, to the Glory of God and in memory of William W. Green; By Mrs. Gertrude Nagele in memory of her father, George M. Bridgman; by Mrs. Fay McClain in memory of her daughter, Fay R. Bernauer; and by Mrs. Frances Seybolt in memory of her son Robert.

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GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

God keeps His promises! The Bible keeps reminding us of this. ". . . When the Lord thy God shall enlarge thy borders, as He promised thee." (Deuteronomy) "And the Lord gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised him." (I Kings). ". . . What He had promised, He was able also to perform." (Romans).

This is what so many of us have discovered. He promised that love pushes all fear out of one's heart. We trusted Him and His way of loving-kindness, and our fears shriveled up! He promised that, if we live today faithfully, tomorrow would be another day, and take care of itself—and this worked too. He promised joy and power and peace of heart to all those committed to Him—and that came true! *God keeps His promises, faithfully.*

Robert Frost in his poem "Stopping By The Woods On A Snowy Evening" writes:

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles I go before I sleep,
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I, too, have promises to keep.
Can I be depended on also,
To keep my promises?

Yes, If I am careful to promise only those deeds which I intend to carry out, and am able to. Promises must be sincere, and within my power to keep. Even so, can another person depend on my promises, really?

Yes, if God is dwelling in my heart, Guiding me to make the right promises. Actually, God needs each of us, so that He can make His promises *through us.*

A young man stands with his bride before the Altar on his wedding day. If he sincerely trusts God, then it is God who gives to the bride the assurance of love. It is God, in the young man's heart, who makes the promise. When the day comes that the bride is very difficult, the young man finds that he can simply let God have right-of-way over his ruffled feelings. He can let God keep His promise, in him, through him.

We are human, and weak. God made us that way, so that we should choose to accept Him as Master, and be His servants, carrying out His will. We can walk confidently through each day, sure of His power to use us for His purposes.

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SPECIAL NOTICE FOR SPAGHETTI EATERS: The Women's Aid of the Chapel for Hard of Hearing is serving a Spaghetti Dinner in the Community House of St. Stephen's Church, right behind the Church building, on Tuesday, Jan. 19th at 6 P.M. Price of the Dinner $1.25. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

OUR THANK YOU PARAGRAPH: Belated finals for U.T.O. gifts: Mrs. Wm. Arthur, Mrs. Wm. B. Campbell, Evelyn J. Clark, Marie Hobson.

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Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, President of the Benevolent Society reports that the workers turned out 9,372 finished pieces of work: for Jefferson Hospital 8,891, and for Episcopal Hospital 481. For this sewing work (and the workers' carfare is covered) we paid $844.64. At Christmas each worker received a box of candy from the Church and a gift from the Benevolent Society.

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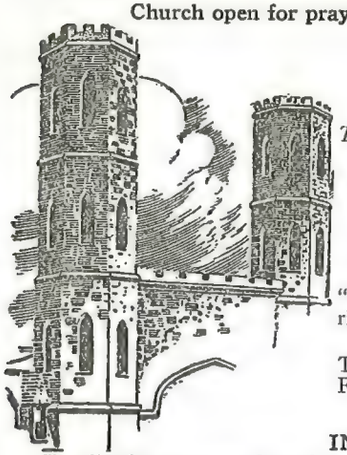
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The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in G Minor .....*J. S. Bach*
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Processional Hymn 308 .....*Monkland*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #9, Hymnal
Psalm 116, Page 486
The First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-18
Te Deum Laudamus, Page 10; Chants #613-617-613, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 10:13-16; 35-44
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer .....*Cesar Franck*
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The Sermon: REDEMPTIVE POWER FOR MAN'S BITTEREST PAIN:
St. Paul's Agonizing Decision .....THE REV. ANDREW W. MAYER
Offertory Hymn 519 .....*Ebenezer*
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Dear Dr. Price:—Last month I wrote to you asking that you continue prayers for my daughter, Cassandra, for another month. A recent physical examination showed no signs of the kidney disease for which prayers were asked. I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and the members of the Prayer Fellowship.
—Robert Carter (Paris, Kentucky)

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

What do you do with a "Problem-boy"?

There was such a boy, Paul, in an excellent Kindergarten in New York City. He would tip over another boy's cup of milk, or say something very hateful. He was always causing turmoil and tears. The teachers finally told the principal that they just could not have him in their classes. So she took him in hers. She couldn't do anything with him. He disrupted everything. She decided to see his parents—perhaps to ask them to withdraw him from the Kindergarten.

At this moment the able young principal met a friend of the Rector at a religious conference. She told him about the problem-boy. The friend suggested that they be quiet for a while, to see if God had anything to say to her. After the quiet she reported, "God seemed to say, 'you do not love this boy enough.'" Suddenly she saw that this small boy was threatening her reputation as a successful teacher. It was her pride that was upset. Where there is pride, there is very little love.

The friend suggested that they be quiet again. "Did God have anything for you this time?" "Yes," she replied with a wry smile, "and I wish He hadn't. He seemed to be saying that I must see the parents and tell them, 'I'm very sorry. I have failed you and your boy. I haven't loved him enough.'" She saw the parents and made her apology. To her surprise, the mother burst into tears and exclaimed, "We have failed him, too. We, his parents, haven't loved him enough." So a penitent teacher and two penitent parents agreed that they would simply love this boy—treat him with warm encouragement and understanding. Not *say* anything different to him—but plain love him. This was on a Saturday.

On Monday, the young principal had a real surprise. From the opening until the end of the school, Paul gave no trouble, taking his part with the others. He was a different boy. At the end of the day, the principal telephoned the parents—"What did you say or do to Paul, to make him so different?" "We did not say or do anything—we just loved him." That was back in February. In early April the principal reported that Paul had gone on being a different boy. No problem at all! She decided that *she* had been the problem—she and the parents, who had not loved Paul enough.

It is so easy to sigh and say, "So-and-so is such a problem!" But God may be trying to tell you that you have *pinned a problem-label on the wrong person.* Dare to ask Him for the capacity to love that person into newness of life.

T E S O

In modern alphabet terms T E S O means THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY OFFERING, now a major source of income for the support of the eleven Episcopal Theological Schools in the United States. By proclamation of the Presiding Bishop this falls this year on January 24th. The leaflet enclosed in this Bulletin shows pictures of the Rector's School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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We have received an acknowledgement from Charles Evers, of the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP for the books which a number of our parishioners sent this past month.

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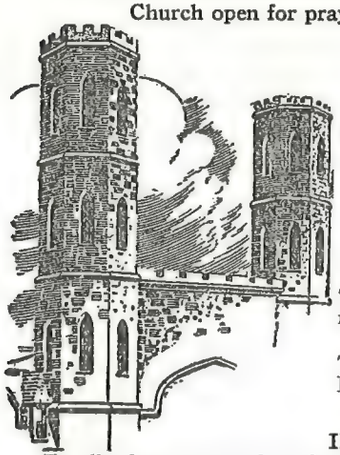
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The Prelude: O God, Thou Faithful God .....*Karg-Elert*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: O Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Thee; we confess with shame our broken pledges. We are troubled by the memory and burden of our offenses. We have done the things we ought not to have done and have left undone the things we ought to have done. We have been silent when we should have spoken, inactive when we should have served, and we have foolishly blundered in speech and act. Stretch out Thy hand of mercy. Speak the word of pardon. Forgive us the broken vow, the unkept promise, the unfulfilled purpose. And strengthen Thou our good resolves, that we may be worthy of our heritage as Thy sons and daughters. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.
Processional Hymn 289 .....*St. Anne*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 148, Page 524
The First Lesson: I Kings 18:17-39
Te Deum Laudamus, Page 10; Chants #613-617-613, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 1: V. 35
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: Ye Holy Angels Bright .....*Thiman*
Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light stream at your Lord's command, assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue. Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race, and now from care released, behold the Saviour's face, God's praises sound, as in His sight, with sweet delight ye do abound. Ye saints who toil below, adore your Heavenly King, and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing. Take what He gives, and praise Him still thru' good or ill who ever lives. My soul bear thou thy part, Triumph in God above. And with a well tuned heart sing thou the songs of love: let all thy days till life shall end, Whate'er He send, be filled with praise. Amen.
The Sermon: REDEMPTIVE POWER FOR MAN'S BITTEREST PAIN—
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WAR IN HEAVEN

What is heaven like? If you know, please tell me. I do not know, for I have never been there.

As Christians we turn to the Bible for knowledge of heaven. We do not find any blue-print, any exact map of heaven, telling us exactly the nature of this world beyond. We do find scores of glimpses into that world beyond the horizon. We find Jesus teaching us to pray. "Our Father *which art in heaven.*" *Heaven is where God is.* Suddenly we realize that, wherever God is alive in a person, or this earth, there is a bit of heaven. Then there is something of heaven in your heart when you welcome God to live there.

Is heaven a beautiful place? Is it like an old-fashioned Sunday—best clothes, clean hands, no hurry and bustle, no toil and struggle? Are the souls of the righteous calm and serene, dwelling like firmly-rooted cabbages in that heavenly land? Or is heaven an advanced school, after we have graduated from this world—where we are still learning, still struggling and working at our lessons?

John, writing on the Island of Patmos, gives us the clue, as he says, "And there was war in heaven" (or, "Then war broke out in heaven"—New English Translation). This sounds more interesting than living a cabbage-like life. Warfare against the powers of evil sounds like something to look forward to; in fact, it sounds strangely like this exciting life on earth. So we read on: "Michael and his angels waged war upon the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought, but they had not the strength to win, and no foothold was left them in heaven. So the great dragon was thrown down, that serpent of old that led the whole world astray, whose name is Satan, or the devil—thrown down to earth, and his angels with him."

Heaven, therefore, becomes *the place where there is conflict, and God prevails.* Not a lazy June day in the sail boat, moved along by gentle breezes; but a strenuous Autumn day of gale and storm, where a close-reefed ship drives through the storm and brings its cargo to port.

Your heart can be heaven, friend. Your friends, even, will come to know that there is war in your heart, but that God's will prevails!

A MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

O God, I don't much want to go back to work today. All the same, whether I like it or not, I've got to go. Help me to take something of Sunday with me. Teach me that I can go to my work to worship You, even as I go to Church to worship You. Help me to do what I have got to do so well that I can take it and show it to You, and say: "This is my best." Help me to remember that Jesus was often so busy that He had no time to rest or even to eat, that people often broke in on Him when He wanted a quiet time, and that He never once complained. Help me to remember that He spent the first thirty years of His life in Nazareth working in the carpenter's shop, and help me to do as good a day's work as He did. This I ask for Your Love's sake, Amen.

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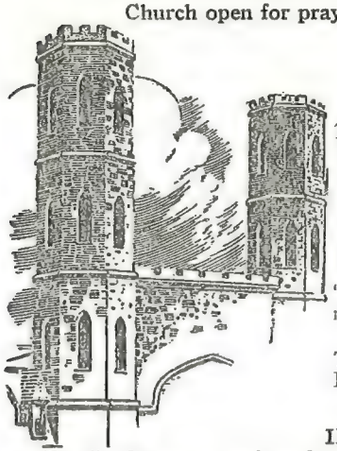
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Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*
Response to Decalog #708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: Judge Me, O God ..... *Mendelssohn*

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from deceitful and unjust men. For Thou art the God of my strength; O why dost Thou cast me from Thee? Wherefore mourn I because the enemy sorely oppresseth me? Send out Thy light and Thy truth, O Lord; O let them lead me, and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling place. And then will I go to the Altar of God, the God of my joy, I will praise Thee upon the harp, O my God. O my soul, why art thou cast downward, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in the Lord, O my soul, for I will praise Him who is the health of my countenance, and my gracious Lord and God.

The Sermon: THE SECRET OF A QUIET MIND ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
Kneeling Hymn 436, Verses 1, 2, 3 ..... *Pax Tecum*
Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 493 (tune to 486) ..... *Welwyn*

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—Virginia J. Barroll (Plymouth, Mass.)

St. Stephen's has sustained a great loss in the passing of William D. Smith. Mr. Smith was born in Wales about 59 years ago. 18 years ago he was appointed Verger to succeed James Carrigan. So we are glad to report, in deep appreciation, that he served this Church faithfully and well for those 18 years, in his capacity of Sexton, to use the present-day term. We wish here to express our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Smith in her loss.

THE RIGHT QUESTIONS

Why? *Why* is this man blind, asked the disciples. Was he being punished for his own sin or that of his parents? Jesus did not answer their question. He said that this man's blindness was an opportunity for showing the glory of God; and He healed the man's eyes.

The disciples *asked the wrong question.* Therefore, Jesus did not answer it. In such matters, "Why" is always the wrong question, like "Why did it storm on the day of the Church Fair?" God is the only mind big enough to answer such questions—it is useless for human beings to do so, for our thoughts are not wide enough to take in all the facts.

It is also the wrong question to ask, "Why did this happen to me?" When a great sorrow or catastrophe comes to any one of us, we *do* ask this question, at first, just because we are human. Then, if we are thoughtful and prayerful, we stop asking it. We discover that, as soon as I start complaining to God about my own misfortune, I lose touch with Him. Selfish praying is not answered because we can only talk effectively to the God of Love in His language, which He expects us to learn.

Helmut Thielicke tells us how to escape from this self-centered, fruitless "Why?" (He speaks out of the experience of the terrible suffering World War II).

1. Turn towards God, and ask Him, "What is Your purpose for me, in this suffering?"
2. Look beyond this dark moment of pain, into the days ahead; and remember that God always has the last word. If we find and do His will for us, we shall go forward into a victory, the victory of His purpose for us.
3. He puts us to work. Once we want to know His purpose for us, He shows us what to do about it. We stop working ourselves into a tizzy of self-pity, and lose ourselves in serving some urgent human need.

We must *learn to ask the right questions.* The wrong, self-centered questions lead to death—of hope and courage and faith. The right questions lead us into light. Jesus was always practical. After all, He was the Son of the Creator of the universe. He should know the right questions, if anyone does!

If you are bogged down in discouragement, *start asking new questions, the ones that lead to life!*

THE OLD TESTAMENT SERIES OF FILM STRIPS will continue on Sunday, Feb. 14th with the story of the Exilic Daniel, Man of Courage. Coffee and donuts will be served at 12:30 in the Community House, preceding the showing of the film. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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ST. STEPHEN

In response to the many requests the Rector is giving herewith the information regarding the Reredos medallions depicting the account of St. Stephen in the Acts of the Apostles, either his words or his deeds.

Beginning with the top of the medallions in the Northernmost window, the subjects are: The Ordination of Stephen as a Deacon; 2nd, Stephen building up Christianity by his preaching. Then, by way of contrast, Solomon building the Temple made with hands. The lowest medallion represents Moses with The Law, whose customs Stephen was accused of overthrowing.

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The final words of Stephen reflect almost literally the words of our Lord on the Cross. "Lord Jesus," he cried, "receive my spirit." And again, a few moments later, he cried, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge". The blood of the martyrs became the seed of the Church.

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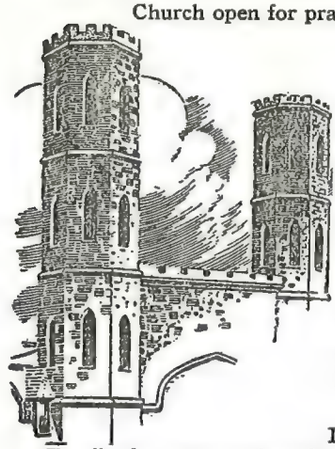
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The Prelude: "Prelude on St. Columba" ..... *Healey Willan*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: O Lord our God, prepare us to worship Thee aright. Touch our lips with joyous gratitude, that the words of our prayer and praise may be acceptable unto Thee. Invade our hearts with new reverence and responsiveness, that even the silence may be filled with messages from Thee. Give us renewed confidence in Thy fatherly goodness, that we may remember that we are Thy sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 72, Page 426

The First Lesson: Joshua 6:1-21

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 7:1-10

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus ..... *David McK. Williams*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the beauteous garb of Spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast. Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Amen.

The Sermon: THE STORY OF JONAH ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

Recessional Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

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THANK GOD FOR YOURSELF

Do you ever stop, and give thanks to God for yourself?

There is a story of "The Little Hunchback" told by a missionary in a far country. The little man lived about seventeen hundred years ago, in a small village on the bank of the River Nile—with his body so twisted, and his face so ugly, that the children teased him and dogs barked at him. So he left his village and went out into the desert to live as a hermit. There were many hermits living in the desert in those days. Some of them had gathered in Monasteries. But the little hunchback wanted only to live by himself, away from people, and forget how he looked. Each day he watched the glories of sunrise and sunset, the beauty of the desert flowers, and praised God for it all, until his bitter heart began to soften.

Among all the holy men in the desert, the outstanding one was the great and wise Anthony. It was his habit to travel around, visiting the lonely hermits, giving them encouragement. One day he visited the Little Hunchback, and soon they sat down to supper together. The Hunchback asked Anthony to offer thanks before they ate, but Anthony replied, "No, my brother, for you are the master of this place, and it is you who must ask the blessing." Frightened at the thought of praying before this great man, the Hunchback obeyed, and thanked God for all the beauties of the desert, for the peace he had found, and for many, many blessings. After a pause, Anthony said, "You have forgotten one thing." "What is that, my master?" asked the Hunchback, surprised. "You have forgotten to thank God for yourself."

Then Anthony explained to the twisted Little Man that, even though he had been ashamed of his ugly body and face, he was as beautiful, in God's eyes, as the flowers of the desert; that he was God's beloved child, one of those for whom Christ died. He must begin to look at himself as God did. The Little Hunchback was amazed, but he began to pray as he had been instructed, and humbly thanked God for himself, and for God's great love for him. After a while God bade him return to his little village. He was surprised to find that the children no longer made fun of him. In fact, he became their friend, and made up wonderful games to play with them. So he lived with a glad heart in the little village where he had once been so unhappy. It was the same village. But he was a different man. He had learned to "Thank God for himself."

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—Caroline Dargan (Myrtle Beach, South Carolina)

The Rector and Mrs. Price have returned from their mid-Winter vacation in Florida greatly benefitted in health and vitality. We were guests for three weeks at the Fairview Nursing Home in St. Petersburg, the most outstanding retirement and Nursing Care Center in the country. We had a week in Miami and a week in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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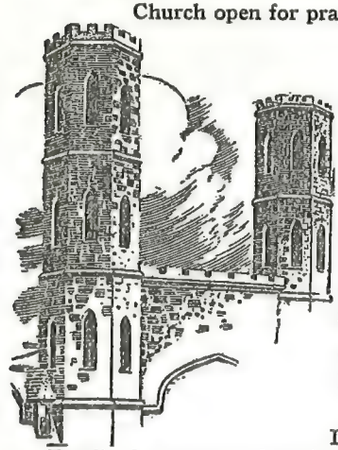
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THE SILENT MEDITATION: Almighty God, in Thee is our only hope. Increase in our own, and in every nation the spirit of truth and justice, peace and Godly Love. Turn the hearts of all men unto Thee, and so hasten the blessed time when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; in whose name we offer these petitions, even the same Christ Jesus Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 143 .....*National Hymn*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 105:1-22, Page 470

The First Lesson: I Samuel 17: V. 17

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 10:32-39

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #644, Hymnal

The Anthem: Light of the World, We Know Thy Praise .....*Elgar*

Light of the world, we know Thy praise the angels and archangels raise, and all the host of heaven; more worthily than our faint hymns whose jarring sound that glory dims, which God to Thee has giv'n. But Thou didst not disdain to take our low estate, or e'en to make the tomb Thy resting place; so Thou might bring into our night the dawn of Thine eternal Light, to shine upon our face. Nor death, nor Hell nor sin, is Lord, but Thou O Son of God, Thy Word is now our Sovereign Law. Therefore we thank Thee, and we pray Thy Light may shine unto the perfect day on us forever more.

The Sermon:
"THE PEOPLE WITH THE WITHERED HEARTS" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 382 .....*Tallis Ordinal*

Recessional Hymn 393 .....*St. Catherine*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Gertrude B. Nagle in memory of her mother, Mrs. Grace E. Bridgman; by Mrs. Howard D. Weir in memory of her husband; and by Mrs. Mary E. Varallo in memory of Sister and Brother, Anna and Joseph Frascone.

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LIVING YOUR PART

"There are no small parts", Stanislavski once said, *"only small actors."*

Now Stanislavski should know, for he was probably the greatest Russian actor and producer of plays. It isn't the number of lines an actor has that counts. "Nine-tenths of an actor's work lies in feeling the role spiritually, in *living* it."

A great many people think that they have a small part in life, so they think small, they dream small, they love small, they live small. The one-talent man in Jesus' Parable thought he had a small part, and Jesus rebuked him severely for it. Jesus was saying that God gives no small parts to His children on earth. Every life has wondrous possibilities.

Abraham Lincoln's mother could easily have thought that she had a small part in life, the wife of a poor and not-too-intelligent pioneer, struggling to feed a family of the frontier. Yet, because she believed that being a mother is really important, she had the big share of shaping our greatest American.

You see, God thinks in big terms. And He thinks that way for every life born on this earth. Only a few people live in a big spirit, in a city, or on a lonely road or in a wheel-chair. Stop and think for a moment and you will remember people like this—a young woman, crippled by polio, who showed her daughters and all her friends that faith can overcome a terrible handicap; a man who went to prison for a while, more than twenty years ago, who with God's help has lived a new life all these years as a hard worker and a faithful husband; a mother of eleven children, whose face is young and beautiful today, because she believes God gave her children that she might love them wisely; an R.F.D. carrier who drove his long, tough route faithfully and with great care for people's letters, in spite of poor health; a vice-president in a country bank who quietly and graciously opens the way into financial security for many hard-pressed people . . . only God can judge the greatness of these "humble" lives; for they live greatly, and pour their treasures into other people.

Stanislavski explains that many people are afraid of "letting go", of really *living* their part. So many good people, who go to Church and live decent, small lives, discover that they do not have to stay small—they can let the Spirit of Jesus Christ into their hearts, and let go, and *be* the glorious, valuable person He meant them to be. If they simply forget themselves, and let Him live in them, people even get a glimpse of Jesus Christ in them. Could there be a bigger part in the drama of life than that!

God gave you a big part to play, friend, right where you are. Play it!

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CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The Rector's Confirmation Classes meet on Sundays at 10 A.M. beginning on March 7th. Although these classes are designed primarily for those persons who wish to be confirmed, they are also open without obligation to all those who want to learn about the life and faith of the Episcopal Church. Confirmation is scheduled this year on Sunday, April 25th. Anyone who wishes to be confirmed but who cannot attend the scheduled classes should notify the Rector to make special arrangements.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT SERIES OF FILM STRIPS will continue on Sunday, February 28th with the story of the Exilic Daniel, Man of Courage. Coffee and donuts will be served at 12:30 in the Community House, preceding the showing of the film. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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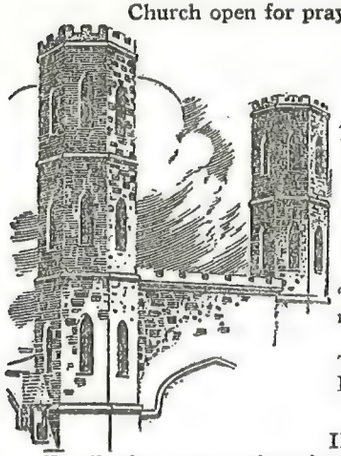
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Processional Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 132, Page 508

The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-17

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: I Waited For The Lord ..... *Mendelssohn*

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

The Sermon: "THE LOST ART OF DEVOTION" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 304 ..... *Beecher*

Recessional Hymn 263 ..... *McKee*

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Dear Dr. Price: I requested your prayers last Summer for Tommy, who was near death from a virus diarrhea. The doctor had given him up. Two days after your prayers began he regained consciousness. He is now completely well. God bless you in your work, always, and in all ways.—David I. Lewis (Newark, N.J.)

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A.M., and celebrate the Holy Communion at 5:30 P.M.

Bishop DeWitt will preach at the 12:30 P.M. Service.

The Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., of Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge will be the Noonday preacher on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4th, 5th and 6th.

ADVENTURE OF LENT

Lent can be exciting. It can be an adventure as rewarding as climbing a mountain or having a baby. Or it can be as dull as dish water. *You choose!!*

If you choose the adventurous way, then hoist to your mast-head a banner—"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Winning battles isn't dull!

The Master showed us the wonderful way of Victory. He was feeling the pressure to take man's short-cuts to success. He could dangle before people a hook baited with "bread"—He could promise them prosperity if they obeyed Him. Or He could so dazzle them with sensational deeds that they would blindly crowd around Him without any change in their hearts. Or He could follow the world's way of power, organizing a strong government and a powerful army, and compel people to obey Him.

Jesus was as human as we are. He was really tempted, as we are. The Bible clearly states that He was as human as that! He truly craved to build a Kingdom of God quickly, using the ways that the world considers successful. It took Jesus nearly six weeks to wrestle against this temptation, and win out. He promised us that we could win out as He did.

Each one of us has our special temptations. Some of us have tried His way of love a bit, become disheartened, and have slipped back into the world's way of "myself first." Some of us have become so hungry for "enough money" that we have begun to cheat a little. Others have been "shut-in" so long that we have begun to doubt God's power to give us Life right where we are. Some are far from home, and lonely, and feel that "nobody loves me"—instead of remembering responsibility to love others.

Suppose we dare to go into Lent, welcoming the Living Christ in our hearts, and tackling our battles under His leadership. One man has joyfully written:

I cannot do it alone, the waves run fast and high,
The fogs close chill around, the lights go out in the sky.
But I know that we two shall win at the end, Jesus and I.

Coward and wayward and weak. I change with the changing sky,
Today so safe and brave, tomorrow too weak to try.
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(*Dan Crawford*)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR INQUIRERS

When did the Episcopal Church come to our country? Did Henry the VIII really found the Episcopal Church? What does the Church teach regarding "Confession"?, Repentance, Forgiveness?" Where did our Prayer Book come from? How can we participate better in the services of the Church? These and many other questions will be answered at the Confirmation Instruction Lectures held on Sundays at 10 A.M. in the Rector's Study.

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We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Marie P. Berger, Mrs. Charlotte Miller Bishop, Mrs. S. H. Burke, Miss Viola Del Costello, Mildred C. Faris, The Rev. Dr. Robert C. Fletcher, Gladys Given, Alice L. Gold, Mrs. W. W. Harley, Francis L. Marion, Thomas S. Orm, Mr. W. J. Patton, Mrs. E. B. Robertson, Mrs. R. M. Semon, Mrs. C. Stillwell, Mrs. Edith O. Taylor, Thelma M. Weeks, Mrs. Charles H. Willits, Mrs. G. Byron Woolley, Mrs. Phyllis McKinney.

ANNUAL SPRING MEAT-LOAF DINNER given by the Women's Aid of the Chapel For the Hard of Hearing will be held in the Community House on Tuesday, March 2nd from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. The Dinner will cost $1.25. All are welcome.

Our Boy Scout Troop #2, Sponsored by St. Stephen's has been awarded First Prize by the Philadelphia Council, Liberty Bell District, for their window display during Boy Scout Week, February 7th to 13th.

We are grateful to these contributors to the I. Smith Raspin Memorial Fund: Mrs. Charlotte Miller Bishop, Mrs. Frances Tinsley Kalich, Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Mr. H. H. Hanson, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Leithead.

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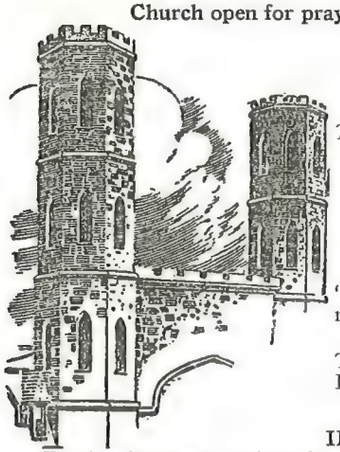
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: O Sacred Head Now Wounded ..... *Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Lord God, out of the mystery we have come. Across this little landscape of our life we wend our way. We come to Thee in utter sincerity, as eager questing spirits, that in this holy hour some revelation may be given. Make radiant the darkness, kindle our hearts with a flame of love, send us forth into the future in confidence and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 273 ..... *Te Deum*

Kyrie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: O Redeemer Divine ..... *Faure*

O Redeemer Divine, our one hope of salvation, eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration, O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye! Send down on us the fire of Thy Grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumb'ring souls with Thy illum'ning radiance, that they may waken Thy mercy to tell! O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee, accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory, and these Thy gifts, we return unto Thee!

The Sermon: THE KEEPING OF LENT ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 337, tune Hymn 219 ..... *Hamburg*

Sanctus, Hymnal 711 ..... *Willan*

Communion Hymn (Kneeling) 410 ..... *Burford*

Gloria In Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 55 ..... *Heinlein*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. William F. Machold, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Shippen Morris and his wife, Augusta; and their son Edward Shippen Morris and his wife, Leslie Hun Morris. Also by Mrs. Cyril Berger in memory of her husband; and by The George Sinnamon Fund in memory of Dr. & Mrs. George Sinnamon.

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—Mrs. Sterritt Fuller (Marengo, Ohio)

HE GAVE THANKS

In the night in which He was betrayed, "He took bread, and gave thanks!" *In the night, He gave thanks!*

Jesus' ministry began under sunny skies. The crowds poured out, wherever He was, and "heard Him gladly." The disciples were eager to learn. He was invited by the Church authorities to stand up and teach in the Synagogue services.

Then, little by little, the sky darkened. The Church authorities grew hostile as Jesus pointed out that they laid heavy burdens on the people's backs, rather than giving them strength to carry the loads they already had. Some of His disciples thought that He was claiming too much when He said that He was the "Bread of the world", so they "no longer walked with Him." As the hatred of His enemies for Jesus grew more grim and determined, Jesus set His face toward Jerusalem, to meet them face to face, to challenge them.

Now, on the final evening of His life on earth, Jesus was having His Last Supper with the Twelve. His earthly career was ending—death and defeat awaited Him, and even one of the Twelve had sold His life for a handful of cash. Yet, *in the night* in which He was betrayed, *He gave thanks.* How *could* He?

Only in the blackness of the night do men see the stars. Only in utter helplessness and defeat do men really see the light of God's love and compassion. When it is broad daylight and our affairs prosper, we walk confidently, with too much trust in ourselves and too little dependence on God. But when life knocks us down, then we remember God, and His promises. I believe that Jesus, in the early days of His ministry, hoped that men might accept the Kingdom, that even the power-loving Church authorities might listen to Him, as Nicodemus did. In those early days there had been gayety in Jesus' company, like that of a wedding party. But, on the night in which He was betrayed, there was no gayety, for the sky was black. Still, He could give thanks because, in the darkness, His Father was with Him, and His Kingdom would come!

Perhaps your sky is darkened by loneliness, or grief, or sickness, or despair. Look up into your black sky, and you will find God's unfailing promises shining, sure and clear. You can guide your feet by those stars of hope. Look *back*, and you will recall all God's goodness to you in the years behind. Look *up* and you will find the continuing assurance of His goodness.

In the night, like your Master, you can give thanks!

THE SERIES OF CATHEDRAL FILM STRIPS continues on Sunday, March 14th at 12:30 in the Community House, with coffee and donuts. The Conversion of St. Paul will be shown. All Are Welcome.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Annual Appeal for contributions to the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches is now at hand and a special envelope is enclosed herewith. The Council is responsible for a high degree of co-operative services and programs that no single Denomination or Church is able to perform. The Council includes five departments through which forty services and programs are managed. Many present services need to be extended and other needs await further Christian co-operation. Your generous response is solicited.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Herbert Spaugh of Charlotte, North Carolina, who will be our Lenten preacher Monday through Friday, March 8th-12th.

We welcome also our Saturday preacher, The Rev. Eugene Lefebvre, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxboro, Philadelphia.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is being asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you, and you need the Church.

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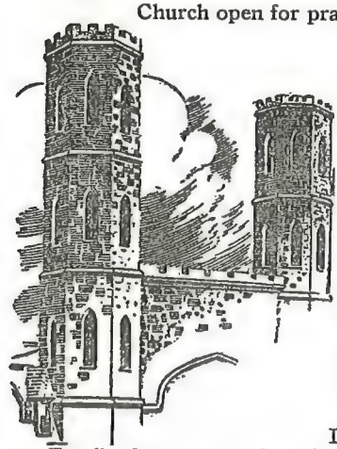
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The Prelude: Christ Lay In The Bonds of Death ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: O Lord, Thou lover of mankind, in whose hand is the life of every living creature, we lift our hearts to Thee in grateful devotion. Grant that this day may be free from inner discord. Help us to rise above storms of passion and murmurs of self-will. Strengthen us to subdue our wayward impulses. Grant that our better selves shall take control. Guide us so to order our lives that this may be a day of unclouded harmony, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 59 ..... *St. Flavian*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #607, Hymnal

Psalm 72, Page 426

The First Lesson: I Kings 21:1-22

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #623, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Mark 10:17-31

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: Behold the Lamb of God ..... *Handel*
Behold the Lamb of God . . . that takest away the sins of the world.

The Sermon: "THE CHARACTER OF THE DISCIPLE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*

Recessional Hymn 416 (tune to 450) ..... *Martyrdom*

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—Wanda Bates (Camden, N.J.)

JEFFERSON HOSPITAL

The Rector is anxious to recruit a number of men who will go to Jefferson Hospital Sunday mornings at 10:30 A.M. and bring some wheelchair patients from the Rehabilitation Clinic to our 11 O'Clock service. If you are able to do this service, please get in touch with the Rector.

LOOK FROM THE TOP

In the White Mountains of New Hampshire, when Summer comes, it is interesting to watch people start out on the trail that leads up one of the mountains. Some step out alertly, and take up a steady pace. Others saunter, or plod—and you know that some of these will only go part-way to the top. The main difference between these people is that those who step out are the ones who are already *seeing* the mountain-top, in their minds, with its far view across forests and lake and to the horizon.

Amy Carmichael, in "Edges of His Ways", points this out, from our everyday living, as she quotes *"look from the top"*, from the Song of Solomon. "This is a splendid word for a busy day with its crush of work of all sorts. If we get caught in the crush and push down, so to speak, the next thing we know . . . things are on top of *us*; and we are not on top of anything. So the word comes, "Look from the top."

"In everyday life simply means, look from everything up to the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our Peace, our Victory, and our Joy, for we *are* where we *look*. From below, things feel impossible; people seem impossible (some people, at least) and we ourselves feel most impossible of all. From the top we see as our Lord sees; He sees not what *is* only, but what shall be. He is not discouraged, and as we look with Him, our discouragement vanishes, and we can sing a new song."

Look from the top! Once a husband became very tired with his wife, and he wondered why she had to be so difficult. He became more and more resentful over this exasperating wife of his—until, at last, he prayed to God, "Help me to think as You are thinking about her, and see her as You are seeing her." A most curious thing happened. Instantly the Lord put into the husband's mind the recollection of three very recent incidents where the husband had been selfish, and his wife had been loving and considerate. This really rocked the husband. Suddenly all resentment was gone, and he was humble and realistic again. He had looked from the top.

This can be a most exciting Lenten adventure—to let God train us to look from the top, to think His thoughts after Him, to let Him think and love in us. You may be weary, but if you look from the top, and see as God does, the spring comes back into your step, and you can stride forward on His business.

Try it — *look from the top.*

EMILY K. CAMPBELL

Occasionally God sends a rare and choice spirit to walk the earth with grace and beauty, to gladden the hearts of loved ones, and to lift friends and acquaintances into new appreciation of the possibilities of gracious living. Such a spirit was Emily K. Campbell.

For many years she was the Treasurer of the Memorial Flower Fund of St. Stephen's Church and a valued member of the Burd School Committee. She was in her ninety-second year and retained her faculties until her final illness. She never really grew old, for she had a marvelous sense of humor. We have lost a faithful and generous member.

A Memorial Service was held in St. Stephen's Church on Friday, March 5th at 11 O'Clock. "May she go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service."

Mr. Peter V. Decker has been elected to fill the vacancy of Mr. I. Smith Raspin on the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church. Mr. Decker lives in Barclay Farms, Haddonfield, N.J. and is a Trust Officer in the Girard Trust Bank. We welcome him to this important responsibility.

The Rector will speak to the Senior Students of the Eastern Baptist College on Wednesday evening, March 17th.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Crittenden who will be our Lenten preacher Monday through Friday, March 15th-19th, at 12:30 P.M. The Rev. Thomas S. Logan, Rector of Calvary Church, West Philadelphia, will be the Saturday preacher on March 20th.

Our grateful thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Miss Barbara Bolton, Mr. Spencer Erwin, Mrs. Muriel B. Griner, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Mr. Alexander D. Kerr, Rev. Eugene Lefebvre, Miss Louise F. Leupold, Mildred Maxham, Mrs. Marie E. Person, Mrs. John Pratt, Mrs. F. Schuh, Mrs. Bertha B. Tillotson.

CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE:—Dr. Martin Niemoller and Dr. E. Carson Blake will present in Dialogue fashion "What the Spirit Saith to the Church in Philadelphia." The meetings are from Monday to Friday, March 15th-19th, in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square, from 5 to 6 P.M. nightly. The congregation is invited.

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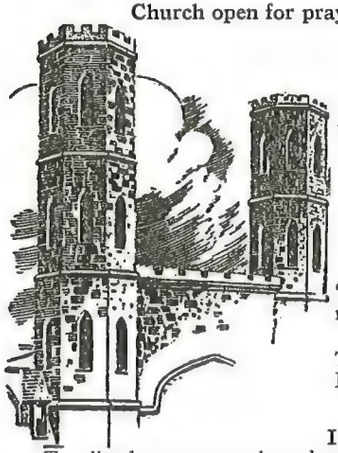
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 1965

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: O World, I Must E'en Leave Thee .....*Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Eternal God, we pray for our country. Grant us to see it, not through our own, but through Thine eyes. Keep us ever mindful that Thou art the Father of all mankind, that Thou dost entertain no favorites, but dost love all nations, kindreds and peoples. Forgive us the sins that have brought us to this hour. Purge us of our stubborn pride, and write the law of Thy will in our hearts with the finger of understanding love. Let there be within us compassion for the suffering of all men; in the Spirit of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn 283 .....*Steadfast*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #607, Hymnal

Psalm 105:1-22, Page 470

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:7-21

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #623, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 18:21-35

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: Surely He hath Borne Our Griefs .....*Handel*
Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

The Sermon: "THE LORD'S PRAYER" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 435 .....*Rest*

Recessional Hymn 333 .....*Intercession*

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—Amis M. Seneca (Inverness, Florida).

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Charles A. Rice in the passing of her husband on March 8th.

ADVENTURE OF JOY

In the picture-story of the Vine and the Branches, Jesus points out that we must grow "in Him". In other words, we must let Him graft us into His Love so securely that we can draw from Him the sap of His strength, His vigor. When we do that, something like Him grows in us, because He has taken up residence within our hearts.

He concludes this wonderful Passage, "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." Lent can be *an adventure of joy!*

How do we get that way, that joyful way, so that we even look radiant to other people? Down the ages pagans have been able to identify Christians by their joyfulness. Pagans don't have very much to be joyful about, whereas the Christian who lets his life be grafted into Christ's life is constantly being renewed by the in-flowing strength and compassion and courage of Christ.

How do we get that way? Simply by practicing the Parable of the Vine. In Phillips' translation it reads, "You must go on growing in Me, and I will grow in you. For just as the branch cannot bear any fruit unless it shares the life of the vine, so you can produce nothing unless you go on growing in Me."

It's really amazing to find that one has the limitless resources of God coming into one's inner life. And this actually happens, IF we grow *in Him* — If, through each day, we turn toward Him, and are quiet; find out what He wants us to do about some puzzling situation, and then draw on His strength to do it. IF we truly are trying to do His will, we can do it in His strength. As a result, miracles take place, through God's working in us. Another person's life is charged. Despair turns into hope. The clouds of self-pity are blown away,, and we live again in His sunlight. People wonder how we ever got so full of joy.

Jesus did not come to teach us to be "good" — He pointed this out, Himself. He came to teach us to be joyful and loving, growing in Him. We don't achieve this by strenuous straining and struggling. We simply work at the discipline of constantly turning to Him, growing into His Presence.

This takes rugged determination, eager and repeated practice. Little by little we become amazed at the richness of life in Him. We begin our days with a special quarter-hour in His Presence, and we have more and more minutes of His Presence through each working day. Then someone asks you, "What's *happened* to you?" Because you look radiant to them. This is the adventure of Joy!

The Rector will preach in the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill on Sunday, March 21st at 8 P.M.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS to become a member of this Parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, you become a member of this Parish by asking the Rector of the Parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. The Second Way is by confirmation. Classes of Instruction for adults are now being held at 10 A.M. on Sundays in the Rector's Study. Confirmation will be held in St. Stephen's on Sunday, April 25th at 11 A.M.

I. SMITH RASPIN MEMORIAL FUND — We wish to acknowledge these two additional contributions to the Fund: Woman's Aid, Episcopal Chapel for the Hard of Hearing; and Mrs. Catherine Fuerst.

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS: Our sincere thanks to these subscribers: Mrs. C. Fuerst, Mrs. Callie M. Harris, Mr. Lynn S. Martin, Nan E. Pincin, Mrs. M. Renne, Mrs. Gerard B. Street, Mrs. Edith N. Sykes.

NO LITTLE PEOPLE

One of the most devoted women in our congregation said to me at the door one Sunday, "What can a little person like me do?" I am going to try to answer that question. In the first place, let us remember that nobody in God's world is little except the person who permits himself to be little. The human soul has in it the same kind of almost infinite possibilities as the atom. We can draw ourselves in by selfishness, or we can expand with human caring, almost infinitely. Perhaps our first step is changing our thoughts about ourselves. I do not mean letting our heads swell. I mean letting much greater thoughts fill our heads about our own possibilities, because of God's infinite power.

I do not believe that God will want most of us to change our general situation. Most of us are faced with inescapable responsibilities. The woman who asked me the question has illness in her home which means for her a constant care—and one, I may say, which she carries out with the greatest patience and love and dependence on God. The change in most of us needs to come, not so much in circumstances, as in the way we meet them. The great change must come within.—*Sam Shoemaker.*

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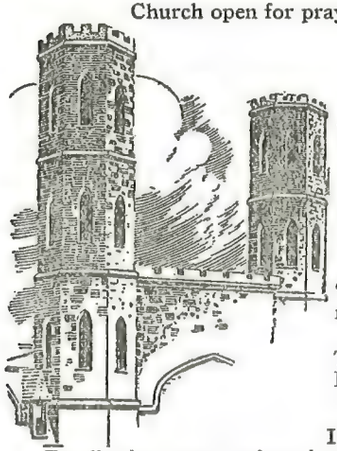
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The Prelude: Passion Chorale ..... *Langlais*

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Processional Hymn 485 ..... *Abends*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #607, Hymnal

Psalm 132, Page 508

The First Lesson: II Samuel: Verse 5

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #623, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 15: Verse 11

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: Lamb of God (The Passion) ..... *Haydn*

Lamb of God, surely Thou hast borne our sorrows; with Thy stripes we are healed. Lamb of God, Thou blessest them that persecute Thee, and pray'st for them who despitefully use Thee. Vengeance is Mine, saith the Lord. I will repay. A lamb before her shearers is dumb, so op'nst Thou not Thy mouth. Thou are cut off from the land of the living; for our transgressions art Thou smitten. Thou art oppressed; Thou art afflicted, O Lamb of God. But Thou didst no violence, nor was deceit in Thy mouth. . . . Thou didst no evil; Thou when reviled, revild'st not again, Thou suff'ring threat'nedst not. Thou bearest our sins in Thy body on the Tree, Thou art not overcome, but Thou overcomest evil with good. Reviled, Thou blessest; defamed, entreatest. O Lamb of God.

The Sermon: "ON BEING BORN AGAIN" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 570 ..... *Day of Rest*

Recessional Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

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—Mrs. G. L. Leamon (Shawnee Mission, Kansas)

THERE SHE COMES!

Dare we believe as Jesus taught us, about death?

This is not easy, for death seems like the end of us mortals. Yet Jesus taught us to think of the life beyond this one simply as a horizon—a point beyond which we cannot see from where we are standing now. He did not attempt to inform us about the nature of the world beyond. He simply stated, "There are many rooms in My Father's House" ("Many mansions"). When a loved one dies, we face the shock of losing the daily sharing of life with the beloved one, and that loss is very real. Can we, as a Lenten Adventure, begin to grasp the Christian attitude toward death?

Yes, it can be done, with God's aid. If you want to adventure, this week, into Jesus' belief about death, set aside fifteen minutes a day for this purpose. Make yourself quiet, and shut out the busyness. Read the glorious passage from St. John's Gospel in the 11th Chapter, 1-46. Then stop, and look back over your years. Begin to see how wonderfully God has cared for you through these years; how He has led you, again and again, into new life, rich and rewarding. After a few days of this recollecting of God's care, you will be amazed to find how care-ful of you He has been.

Then, suddenly, you will find yourself saying, "If I can see His provision for me over the years that have gone, in this life, I can trust Him for the eternity ahead, in the life to come." Then the fear of death begins to shrink toward the vanishing-point, and we welcome these words:

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my sign spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength and I stand and watch her until at length she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come down to mingle with each other. Then someone at my side says: 'There! She is gone.' Gone where? Gone from my sight, that is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side, and just as able to bear her load of living freight to the place of destination. Her diminished size is in me, not in her; and just at the moment when someone at my side says: 'There! She's gone', there are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, "There she comes!" (*Source unknown*).

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CONFIRMATION IS A GIFT FOR YOU — such is the title of one of the Forward Movement tracts on the subject. Confirmation is NOT for the children "graduation from Church School", nor is it for adults a sign that they have "learned all that there is to know about their religion", or about our part of the Christian Church. As our Church has received it this "lesser Sacrament" is the completion of one's Baptism; it is the "receiving of the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying-on-of-hands by the Bishop", after the example of the Apostles of New Testament times; it is part of the "doctrine, discipline and worship" of our part of the Church; it is our re-affirming the vows we made or which were made for us at our Baptism; it is our public acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; for adults, it casts no reflections on any prior confirmations in another part of the Church, but is an act of witness of their intention to accept the discipline of our part of the Church; in Confirmation we become "full-fledged" members of the Church.

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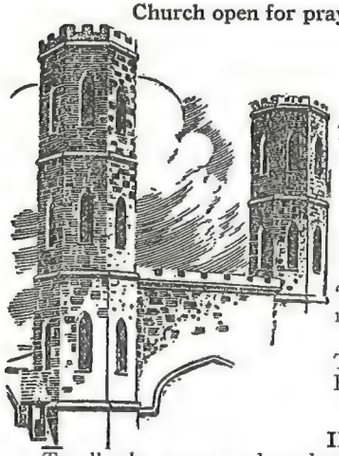
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The Prelude: Come, Sweet Death ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Blessed and Eternal God, who hast bestowed upon Thy servants gifts of heart and mind and spirit, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Make us responsive to the atmosphere of reverence, and teach us to hallow Thy name. Sensitize our spirits to a keen awareness of the Father infinite in wisdom, love and power; enrich our minds with the quiet ministries of Thy Holy Spirit; and gladden our hearts with the deep assurance that Thy Son is our Savior. And to Thee shall be the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn 71 ..... *Herzliebster Jesu*

Kyrie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy ..... *Dvorak*
Blessed Jesu, Fount of mercy, We, Thy faithful, in Thy Passion, all Thy sorrows share with Thee.

The Sermon: "LOVE NEVER FAILS" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 70 ..... *Petra*

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 65, Verses 1, 3, 4 ..... *Meditation*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. William Arthur in memory of her husband; by Mrs. Harold Atherholt and daughter in memory of husband and father, Harold Atherholt; and by Mrs. F. H. I. Hetherington and Mrs. H. G. Neild in memory of sister, Mollie Hirsh.

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THE NON-CONFORMIST

I could not determine whether the person was a man or a woman. It was clear that my indecision was shared by others who were walking down Chestnut Street. Then I heard one man say to another, "What do you know, it's a man!" This points to a curious social phenomenon in our time. The quest for non-conformity is taking strange paths. The off-beat person is expressing social rebellion through eccentricities of dress and hair style. The desire to gain attention has reached absurdity.

The creative person is often a non-conformist. However, non-conformity does not necessarily demonstrate creativity. The mature and responsible person selects the areas where he will exercise his non-conformity. One of the interesting findings contained in recent research is that the creative individual, as a rule, chooses to conform in the routine, everyday matters of life, such as speech, dress and manners. One gets the impression that he simply is not prepared to waste his energy in non-conformity about trifles. He reserves his independence for what really concerns him — the area in which his creative activities occur. This distinguishes him sharply from the exhibitionists who reject convention in those matters that will gain them the most attention.

It does seem to me that in the present revolution of morals and behavior we ought to recognize that here is a kind of sickness. There are many rebels without a cause. This reduces non-conformity to the ridiculous. The historic justification of non-conformity rests upon great moral issues, nothing less. Apart from such justification, we can only conclude that much of what we are now witnessing is the silliness of immaturity.

MESSAGE FROM A MEDICAL STUDENT

As Dr. Price has often told us, when God heals, He repairs the microscopic problem: the cell which manifests itself as human suffering and disease.

We have all seen the power of prayer — effecting this miraculous change. In the past the only way we could convey knowledge of this power to others was through, our own belief. But often, only those who had already seen the truth would believe our words.

Now there is another way. Science has shown us that subtle changes may be seen in the blood immediately following the laying-on-of-hands ceremony. Thus, it is now possible to prove medically that healing by prayer works.

This work can only be done with your assistance. If you should decide to come to St. Stephen's because of a health problem, either physical or mental, you can help show the healing power of God to others. In order to do this, two small blood samples are needed. If you are interested in this mission, please call Benjamin Natelson at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School at 594-8569, and he will meet you Thursday at Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Once a year the Bishop comes to St. Stephen's Church for the Rite of Confirmation, to receive new people into Communicant Membership in the Church. This year his visit will be on Sunday, April 25th. The Instruction Class is held in the Rector's Study on Sundays at 10 A.M.

The Rector will preach in the Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace, on Wednesday at 8 P.M.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Chester A. Porteus, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy, Massachusetts, who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher Monday through Friday, April 5th-9th. We welcome as our Saturday preacher Captain William C. Phy, of the Church Army.

Miss Beatrice Van Sciver has succeeded Mrs. Emily Campbell as Treasurer of the Altar Society of St. Stephen's Church and will be responsible for the Memorial Flower finances.

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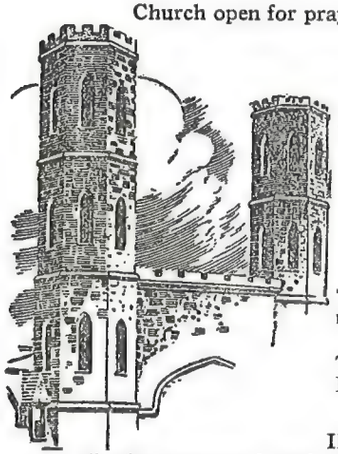
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Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #607, Hymnal

Psalm 56, Page 408

The First Lesson: Zech. 9:9-16

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #623, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Mark 11:1-11

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Jerusalem, O Turn Thee" from Gallia ..... *Gounod*
Jerusalem, O Turn thee to the Lord; O turn thee to Thy God; O turn Thee unto Thy God.

The Sermon: "FROM PALM SUNDAY TO GOOD FRIDAY" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*

Recessional Hymn 64 ..... *Winchester New*

Palm for the Altar today is provided by special funds in memory of James Carrigan, Verger of St. Stephen's for many years; and by the Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of the Rev. Carl E. Grammer, D.D., a former Rector of St. Stephen's.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?

From the moment Jesus began His ride into Jerusalem, through all that dark and terrible week, we keep seeing flashes of His power, the victorious power of Love.

We hear it in the Hosannas of the happy pilgrims, radiant with hope of some immediate triumph. Jesus had no such expectations, for He had wept for the beloved city of Jerusalem, believing that it would reject Him as it had rejected the Prophets. In the end, He *would* win!

We see that burst of power as, with no weapons save a few pieces of cord and His flaming anger, He drove the money-changers and animal-salesmen out of their place of business in the Temple.

We see it in the fright of the Church authorities, "for they feared Him." They feared Him so much, that later in the week, they pushed through an illegal trial of Jesus by night, and then took Him to Pilate, recommending the death-sentence.

Now Pilate had absolute power over the Province he ruled. Yet this Roman ruler was shaken by the power he sensed in Jesus. The Master quietly told the governor that he had no power over Jesus, unless God gave it to him. This upset Pilate — he was not accustomed to being "told." A note came to him from his wife, pleading that Pilate release Jesus, for she had been having night-mares about this young Prophet. Twice Pilate took Jesus out before the Chief Priests and the crowd, saying that he found no fault in this Man, and would release Him. But the Priests stirred up the crowd into an ugly mood, and Pilate gave in, afraid of the people, and his job as governor. He felt so uncomfortable about letting them have Jesus that he washed his hands, before the crowd, publicly trying to cleanse himself of the dull guilt he felt.

They just did not know what to do with Jesus, alive; so they thought they would be rid of Him by killing Him. People had kept coming to them saying, "We have never seen anything like this before." Every time He spoke, they felt a sureness in His words; He knew what He was talking about; He somehow knew more than they did! Like Pilate's wife, they spent many an anxious, sleepless hour because of the mysterious power they felt in Jesus of Nazareth.

What will *you* do with Jesus? You can reject Him as the ancient authorities did. You may prosper for a while if you do. Or you can accept Him as your Lord and Master, and His way of Love as your Rule of Life. If you do, you will go through painful and dark hours, as He did, but, within you, will be that mysterious power of Love that wins against all darkness, in the long run.

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Twelve Vestrymen will be elected at this Meeting to serve for a term of one year. Following the election a film strip of St. Stephen, the Church's First Martyr, will be shown. A light luncheon will be served. It will be greatly appreciated by the ladies preparing the luncheon if all who plan to attend will let us know by calling the office.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Usual Lenten Noonday services; The Preacher, The Rev. Harry Longley, D.D.

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The Prelude: (a) Christ Lay In The Bonds of Death .....*J. S. Bach*
(b) Trumpet Tune in C .....*Purcell*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, we lift our faces to Thee. We turn from the busy concerns that engage our minds, from the trivial pleasures that fill the passing moment, from the pressing cares that burden our days. And we come to this quiet sanctuary at this holy hour. Subdue the clamor of our hearts, soften every alien note, and grant that in this hour of worship we may hear Thy voice and learn Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 85 .....*Easter Hymn*
The Kyrie, Hymnal #708 .....*Willan*
The Anthem: Lillies of the Dawn .....*Marryott*
When twilight fell in Galilee, no blossoms gleamed so fair as lillies on the hillside, where Jesus went for prayer. Alleluia! Sadly in the moonlit garden, stately lillies guarded there, bending low to soothe His anguish when Christ wept in prayer. Alleluia! All the larks on Easter morning sang His triumph through the air: "Christ has risen among the lillies, risen to answer prayer."—Alleluia!
The Sermon: THE LIVING CHRIST .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 91 .....*Victory*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*
Kneeling Hymn 89 .....*Salzburg*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 .....*Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 94 .....*St. Kevin*
The Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary .....*Purcell*
**The two Purcell selections: Prelude (b) and Postlude played by Roger Blackburn, Solo Trumpet.

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for the purpose: Flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee Family; Flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Craig Atmore.

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Dear Dr. Price: Due to a birth injury my grandson started to have convulsions. The doctor expected the worst. Then we asked for special prayers at your Church. God heard and answered them. Last week when Alec went to the doctor it was found that a miracle had happened. The damage had been slight and medicine will now control his balance. Thanks to your precious prayers and to God for hearing them, we will have a fine boy.—Mary Elliott (East Lansdowne, Pa.)

HOPE AND VICTORY

Easter has, from the first, been a day of wonder and astonishment. Into the darkness of men's hearts there blazes a great hope—Jesus Christ is *alive*!

In Masefield's "The Trial of Jesus", Pilate's wife, Procula, is questioning Longinus, the Roman Centurion who had been in charge of the soldiers at the Cross. She asks him, "Do you think He is dead?" "No, lady, I don't." She continues, "Then, where is He?" And Longinus answers, gravely, "Let loose in the world, lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop His Truth."

So Love triumphed over hate. So Life triumphed over death. And, up and down the world, the Living, Risen Christ goes, knocking lovingly on the doors of men's hearts. He brings the most powerful weapon of all time, as a gift to all who will live under His command. For Love alone can get rid of enemies. Hate only makes grimmer enemies, by deepening their enmity. But Love has the power to change them into friends—so that they are no longer enemies at all. The British discovered this in India—for Gandhi genuinely loved them as he refused to obey their orders, and the British found themselves honoring and loving their "enemy" so that they could no longer be enemies. You cannot kill Love!

In this strange and stormy world of ours, there come moments when we find ourselves in the darkness of despair. We feel utterly helpless. On Easter Day there comes a knock on the door of your darkened heart, and the Risen Christ asks if He may come in. and be the Master of your heart. He will not force His way in, for Love never pushes. At first you may hesitate, for letting Him in means that He will lovingly rule the household of your heart. He can only dwell where He is Lord.

Are you ready to let go being manager of your life? Do you believe that He can manage it better than you have? If you do, then you will ask Him in—humbly, gratefully. And your darkened heart will be full of shining hope. Your weak little dwelling will become a stronghold that no power can capture, as long as the Lord Christ rules there. Temptations which have overcome you again and again, will lose their strength when they meet the Risen Christ, alive in you. You may have moments when you will try to be manager again, and His power will no longer be there. Then you will remember the greatest Power, and invite Him back again, and live in His strength.

He is "The Resurrection and the Life." In His mighty care are we, and all our loved ones, including those who have gone beyond the horizon of this world. In His care, they and we are safe. In His care there is no despair nor defeat—only Hope and Victory!

We want to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. John Charles Adams, Mrs. Walter Christy, Will Coffee, Mrs. Catherine Fuerst, Marion C. Gardiner, Mrs. Jay Knox, Bertha & Kathryn McCormick, Mrs. Marjorie Polkenhorn, Miss Field Wehle.

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VESTRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Mr. David L. German, Rector's Warden; Mr. Edwin S. Heins, Accounting Warden; Mr. Frederick Schmid, Jr., Clerk of the Vestry; Mr. J. Lewis Armstrong; Mr. Wilson C. Leithead; Mr. James O. Lyman; Mr. Charles K. Hay; Mr. Elmer S. Carll; Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr.; Mr. Hugo Hanson; Mr. David L. German, III; Mr. Peter V. Decker.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Next Sunday at the 11 A.M. Service Bishop Andrew Y. Y. Tsu will be with us to administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation. The Confirmation Classes have been meeting in the Rector's study on Sunday mornings at 10 in preparation for the Bishop's visit. Note the date, Sunday, April 25th, at 11 A.M.

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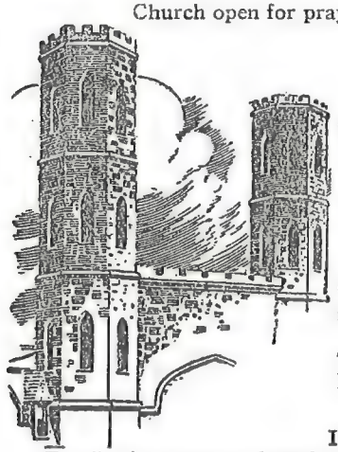
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The Prelude: I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Most merciful Father, we have done little to forward Thy Kingdom in this world, to foster the brotherhood of man, and to establish love as the law of life. We have allowed self to blind us, pains to embitter us. We have forgotten that whatsoever is done to one of the least of Thy children is done unto Thee. Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing Thee. Help us in all our seeking to seek *first* THY KINGDOM, and Thy Righteousness. And make us to come, as came Thy Son Jesus Christ, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

Creed and Prayers

Hymn before Confirmation 375, Verses 1 & 2

The Order of Confirmation, Page 296, Prayer Book

Hymn after Confirmation 375, Verses 3 & 4

The Anthem: "O Lord Most Holy" .... *Franck*

O Lord, most holy, O Lord, most mighty; O Loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway. Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee; Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace; Father, Father, guide and defend us. Rule Thou our wilful hearts, Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee. And, in temptation's hour, save, through Thy mighty power; Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy, show us Thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

The Sermon: THE RT. REV. ANDREW Y. Y. TSU

Offertory Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

Recessional Hymn 288 ..... *Hanover*

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—Ethel Johnson (Clayton, N.C.)

Daylight Saving Time advances your clock one hour! It is this week — be sure you remember.

NON-RESISTANCE

This earth has seen two mightty weapons fashioned. They are the great destroyers. Men do not dare to use them.

One of them is the atom bomb. It was made to destroy enemies. It was used only once, by the United States, when no other country had any of these deadly bombs. Rulers, since then, have been afraid to use this weapon, for fear that it will destroy the whole human race.

The other great weapon was revealed by Jesus Christ — the only weapon that is powerful enough to destroy enemies by transforming them into friends. It is God's weapon — the weapon of Love. Those who have used this weapon with courage have always become, in the end, the victors over hate. Hate cannot defend itself against deep, down-to-earth Love.

From the beginning, Jesus had taught His disciples the strength of Love. He had said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." But He had taught the way of love by action, more than by words. His friends learned love from Him, little by little.

With the power of God's Love at work in them, they were changed from mixed-up, blundering, unimportant men into men of such power that they stood before rulers unafraid. The early Church overcame the proud Roman Empire in less than three hundred years, the Emperor Constantine finally putting the Cross on the shields of his soldiers as the sign of power.

Yet most Christians have feared to put their whole trust in the power of Love, God's Love. There have been the Christian heroes, like St. Francis of Assisi, and wondrous little Christian groups like the Quakers at their best. But most Christians have been afraid to rely on Love, because it is costly. It means being willing to suffer gladly and lovingly. It is more comfortable to depend on money, and cleverness, and force, but these weapons are not strong enough to overcome hate. Hate is the great enemy — for, today, humanity is crowded so close together that hate will destroy us if we do not destroy hate!

Until our day, the only leader who has had the faith to use Love as the weapon in a great political struggle was Gandhi, who taught the Indian millions to practice loving non-resistance. India overcame the powerful British Empire with that weapon. (And Gandhi did not profess to be a Christian!). Today we find the Negro leaders in the United States making a gallant effort to teach their people the weapon of Love, by teaching them non-resistance. If they succeed as Gandhi did, they will win their victory.

Jesus set His face "toward Jerusalem" — He was willing to suffer anything, to keep on loving friend and foe. Are you willing to trust the power of Love as He did?

CONFIRMATION

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"Ye Shall Receive Power After That The Holy Ghost Is Come Unto You."

Bollinger, Ethel H.
Boyd, John W.
Brinser, Helen Irene
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Briscoe, Marion
Chen, Dorothy
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O'Donnell, Michael Sterling
Peoples, Mary Elizabeth
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Walter, Louise Ann

The Women of St. Stephen's, morning branch, have presented the Church with two Harmony Editions of the Hymnal, and two large Prayer Books in memory of Mr. & Mrs. I. Smith Raspin and Mrs. Emily Campbell.

RASPIN MEMORIAL

The Vestry has decided to use the money donated to the Raspin Memorial Fund to purchase the Standard Harmony Edition of the Hymnal for the pews. In order to have sufficient Hymnals for all our pews, additional memorial contributions will be needed.

Mr. & Mrs. Raspin were Communicants of St. Stephen's Church for more than fifty years. An attractive book plate is being prepared.

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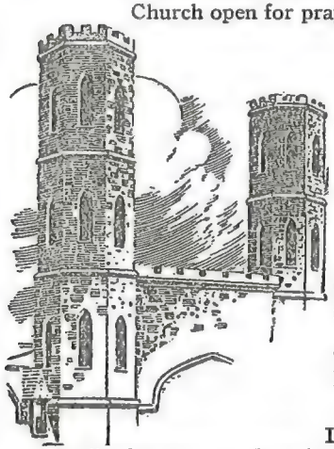
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Processional Hymn 92 ..... *Lux Eoi*

The Kyrie #708, Hymnal ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Jesu, Word of God" ..... *Mozart*

Jesu, Word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the Cross Thy sacred body, for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the Blood and Water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, now and in death's agony, now and in death's agony.

The Sermon: "WHY I AM AN EPISCOPALIAN" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

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Kneeling Hymn 345 ..... *Dominus Regit Me*

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UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering of the Women of the Parish will be received on May 2nd. This Offering is an expression of gratitude on the part of the Women of the Church and goes to support Missionary objects around the world, touching lives of many whom we cannot help in person. Offering envelopes have been mailed to the Women of the Parish List, and others may join in the Offering by using the U. T. O. Envelopes which may be found in the vestibule.

The Diocesan In-Gathering will be held on May 12th at Valley Forge Military Academy. The Service will be at 10:30 A.M. Luncheon tickets are $2.50. Bus leaves Rittenhouse Square at 9 A.M.

SERVICE OF INDUCTION OF WARDENS, VESTRYMEN AND CLERK OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Prior to the sermon the above officers are called to the Altar Rail and inducted into office by the following ritual:

The Rector Says: In order that these duly elected officers and the whole body of parishioners may better appreciate the importance of the sacred office of Wardens, Vestrymen, Clerk, Treasurer and other special officers of the Vestry, it has been deemed advisable for them to make public acknowledgement of these hallowed duties by a positive declaration. These officers have important responsibilities which will be placed on their shoulders. They are accountable to God and to the members of this parish for the fulfillment of the same.

To the end that they may be true to their trust and humbly and obediently fulfill the requirements of their several duties, we ask them the following questions before God's Altar in His Holy Temple:

QUESTION: Having familiarized yourselves with the duties of your several offices, do you here in the presence of God and this congregation solemnly and sincerely promise and vow that you will reverently and obediently fulfill the same?

ANSWER: I do, the Lord being my Helper.

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ANSWER: I will, the Lord being my Helper.

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The Rector then gives to the Wardens their staffs of office. Then he says: Receive these emblems of authority, and faithfully and prayerfully perform the duties of your office.

Prayers follow.

Mr. Hugo Hanson has presented the Church with a very fine tape recorder. We thank him and wish him and Mrs. Hanson every blessing in their new home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

St. Stephen's Church has been able to supply a number of used cottas, an Offering Plate, and, through the good offices of the Diocesan Altar Guild, a Chalice, for the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, a Mission in Custer, South Dakota. This is a congregation of forty people.

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We welcome Miss Esther Marie Hobson who was confirmed last Sunday into the fellowship of St. Stephen's Church.

The final showing of the film strips on the Old Testament Prophets will be given on Sunday, May 16th in the Community House at 12:30 P.M. Refreshments will precede the film. Request repeats will be shown. Everyone is welcome!

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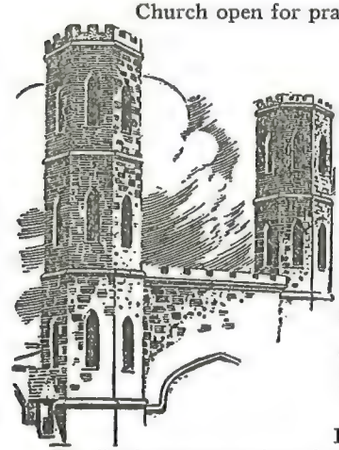
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The Prelude: "Introduction" .....*William Walond*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us; inspire all our thoughts; suggest all our decisions; order all our doings. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times humbly to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 285 .....*Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 81, Page 442

The First Lesson: II Esdras 2:42-47

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 11:18-30

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: With A Voice Of Singing .....*Martin Shaw*
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

The Sermon: JESUS AND THE CANAANITE WOMAN .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 349 .....*Watermouth*

Recessional Hymn 416, Tune to 450 .....*Martyrdom*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by sister Mrs. Edna O'Rear, niece Miss Evelyn O'Rear and mother Mrs. Clara Lewis, in beloved memory of Arnot Lewis.

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KEEP US CLEAR OF EVIL

One of the most puzzling verses in the Bible is, "Lead us not into temptation". Jesus is teaching His disciples how to pray. The rest of the Prayer we can understand without difficulty, but this part confuses us. What did He mean?

Certainly He did not mean that God purposely leads us into a spot when sin will tempt and test us! Jesus never did that, and He is our only true picture of God in human form. Then whatever did He mean?

There are two possible translations of Jesus' words. One—which the old-time translators chose—is "do not cause us to go into temptation." The other (which Phillips uses) is, "Keep us clear of temptation." *That* sounds like Jesus. It makes sense as coming from His understanding, loving lips.

If we understand Jesus as saying, "Keep us clear of evil," we have clear instruction in prayer. We human beings like too well to skate on thin ice, to play around with evil thoughts. We do this because we do not have a deep enough love of God, and, therefore, no deep fear or hatred of evil.

So, when temptation intrudes itself on our minds, we are to pray, instantly, "keep us clear of evil." The intrusion of evil should be like the fire-alarm to the fireman—to call him to instant action. We ought to turn immediately to God, who alone can save us from defeat. Only His might can deliver us from the power of wrong. If we honestly intend to follow Jesus, then we invite God into the struggle with temptation, and let Him lead us in the battle, as obedient soldiers responsive to His command. It is amazing how swiftly and surely He can lead us out of the reach of the enemy, undefeated, strong in His strength, which is more powerful even than the most attractive temptation.

One of God's wonderful ways to deliver us from temptation is by turning our minds from evil to something strong and beautiful and good. The alcoholic, on the way home with a full pay-envelope, prays, "Keep me clear of evil," and is reminded of his wife and family, waiting at home for the pay which will buy the next week's food and pay the rent. God has the power—if we call on Him, straightway to deliver us from our weakness, our touchiness, our craving for "kicks", our self-pity, our loneliness, our boredom.

What a great God, to Whom we can pray, confidently, "Keep us clear of evil."

NEW HYMNALS

One of the first things we notice when visiting a Church is the condition of the Hymn Books in the pew racks. Their placement and condition often give some impressions about the Church and its people. To a visitor, worn and tattered hymnals and prayer books stand out like the proverbial sore thumb, in an otherwise new and well-kept Church.

For a number of years, quietly and painstakingly, Mrs. Alice Whitson has repaired the broken backs of prayer books and hymnals as she has found them damaged in the pew racks. This has been a most helpful and practical ministry. She was also responsible for the pasting in of the memorial labels in the new Harmony Edition of the Hymnals which were dedicated last Sunday in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raspin.

Let us keep our books in good repair by replacing them carefully in the pew racks at the close of each service. (We have nine services a week). And, when removing them, to be careful about putting undue pressure on the backs.

PUBLIC EDUCATION is one of the most critical problems of our community life. As Thomas Jefferson saw so clearly, it is an essential of a democratic society. As Jefferson could not possibly have foreseen, it is an absolute life-line to the future for children of this technical age.

Diocesan Convention resolved that the Home Rule Charter Commission's proposals embodied "some of the best viable solutions to some of the most crucial of these necessary changes" to provide more adequately for public education in the City of Philadelphia. It urged Church people to use "their moral leadership and most earnest efforts" to secure ratification of these proposals at the May 18 Primary Elect

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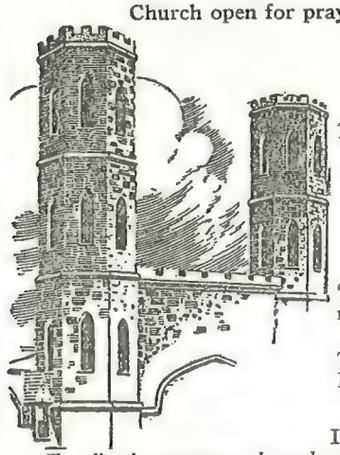
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Processional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 112, Page 483

The First Lesson: Ezek. 37:1-14

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:36-49

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

Anthem: The Omnipotence ..... *Schubert*

Great is Jehovah, the Lord, for heaven and earth testify to His great power! 'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, in the torrent's loud thundering roar; Great is Jehovah, the Lord, Mighty is His power! 'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest, seen in the waving of golden fields, in loveliest flowers' gaudy array, 'tis seen in myriad stars of heaven. Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll, and flames in the lightning's brightly quivering flash. Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah's power, the Lord God Almighty. Look thou praying to heaven, and hope for grace and for mercy. Great is Jehovah, the Lord!

The Sermon: THE NEED FOR FAITH ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

Recessional Hymn 542 ..... *Duke Street*

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—Mrs. Jessie M. Derry (Danvers, Mass.)

BEFORE THE PLAY IS OVER

Howard Thurman tells of an extremely beautiful and gifted girl in his High School class who contracted a fatal illness. There was nothing the doctors could do for her. He recalls, "The last time I saw her we discussed the whole matter of her imminent death. She said, "Now I'll tell you, Howard, how I feel about it. I feel as I did when I was a very little girl and went to a play at Church with my mother, and we had to go home before the play was over."

How very often this happens—someone whom we know and love, or young President in the full vigor of manhood, has to leave before the story is finished, before they see their dream come true. What does a Christian say when someone has to go home before the play is over?

First, the Christian dares to believe that Jesus told the truth—that life is eternal, that "the play" is never over. There is so much of living to be done that it can never be finished, even in eight or nine decades! There is so much of beauty and adventure that one can only begin to take in a little of it in one human life. We have only begun to understand how to live, when we leave this earth. There must be a chance to *do* it beyond! It is not difficult to believe in eternal life once one has tasted the wonder of life lived in growing obedience to Christ. Such living is so everlastingly worthwhile that one can believe it to be the beginning, here, of life that goes on forever.

Second, the Christian remembers that the early Christians were known as the people "of the Way"—the people who lived a certain way, the way Jesus lived. They were not the people who had achieved some definite goal, and had "arrived". From the beginning, Christians have been recognized as people "on the Way", traveling a road that Jesus Christ opened before them. He had said, "I am the Way"—follow Me! In the light of Jesus' teaching, the play is never "over." The swift, exciting play of life on earth *is* over, one day, but we dare to believe that it is only the beginning.

When the Rector was a boy, he loved mountain-climbing. There were certain long climbs, where, suddenly, you came to a far view, over hill and dale, and you paused, drinking in the beauty of it. Then you went on, to another pausing-place, to a still wider view, to distant, pale blue ranges. But there is more ahead, so you kept on to a spot where you looked off more than eighty miles and saw a great city. Then you turned again to the trail and climbed on. There was more ahead. In God's world, along the climbing way, there always will be more ahead!

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Scranton, Penna. on the evenings of May 23rd, 24th and 25th.

DELICIOUS LUNCHEON — AND BARGAIN SALE

On Wednesday and Thursday, May 26th and 27th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Luncheon served all day. On sale you will find lovely silk scarfs, beautiful wool scarfs, warm and comfy bed jackets, bric-a-brac that will make your eyes sparkle, lovely china, dresses and good shoes (if you're the right size for them). All these articles are of the finest quality, both new and slightly used. First come, first served. ALL ARE BARGAINS! Bring your friends. They will thank you for your thoughtfulness. The proceeds are for the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing. Chairman: Mrs. R. Douglas Cole; the Co-Chairman: Miss Elizabeth Hawley.

A traveler was marooned in a small town because of a landslide caused by heavy rain, which was still falling in torrents after three days. Looking out of the window of the restaurant, the man remarked to the waitress: "This is like the 'flood'".

"The what?" she asked.

"The 'Flood'" he replied. "Surely you have heard about the great flood and Noah and the Ark."

"Mister", she replied, "I haven't seen a paper for four days."

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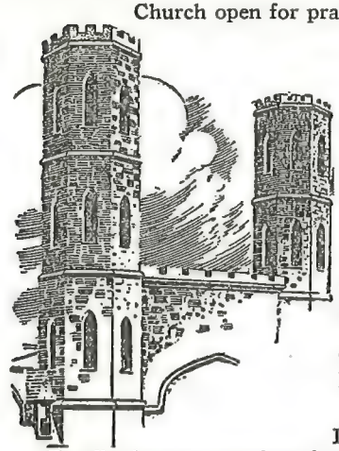
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The Prelude: "Concerto in D Major for Solo Trumpet and Organ"..*Giuseppi Torelli*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: O God, with gratitude we remember our Christian heritage; others have labored, and we have entered into their labors. We thank Thee for occasions when we may share the treasury of our love and experience with those in need. We rejoice in Thy good gifts, the tender mercies and loving kindness that have attended our ways. With shame we confess our frequent failure. Often we have withheld service we might have given; often we have passed by on the other side; often we have proved faithless. Accept our penitence. Give us new heart for the new day, fresh stimulus for greater fidelity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Processional Hymn 352 .....*Diadcmata*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 146, Page 522
The First Lesson: Ecclus. 44:1-15
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Unfold, Ye Portals" .....*Gounod*

Unfold, ye portals everlasting, with welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, back to the heavenly mansions hasting; unfold, for Lo, the King comes nigh. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty. Of hosts He is the Lord; of angels and of powers: the King of Glory is the King of the saints.

The Sermon: "THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN"
THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 536 .....*Old 124th*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge to the Flag
America, 4th stanza: Hymn #141
Prayers and Taps
Solemn Postludium: Earth Does Not Hold the Spirits of the Brave .....*Thiman*
Recessional Hymn 355 .....*Miles Lane*

MR. ROGER BLACKBURN — Solo Trumpet

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The Rector's daughter, Jean, will be graduated from Susquehanna University on Monday, May 31st.

Remember The Church In Your Last Testament.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was inaugurated in 1868 by General John A. Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of Civil War veterans. Years have passed. There have been other Wars. Now the graves of American soldiers are scattered all over the world. Each lonely marker stands as a reminder that all we cherish has been preserved for us at great cost. The words of Jesus touch the heart on such a day as this: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

This week-end will be filled with festivity. There will be picnics. The beaches will be crowded. Many will go sailing. Some will try fishing. Others will play golf. In the midst of these activities, let us find time to remember. Cicero reminds us, "Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things." And let us remember with gratitude, for surely if we are an ungrateful people we are an impoverished people.

Roy L. Smith sets the mood for Memorial Day. "And no man has ever been independent; every man has leaned upon the past. Every liberty we enjoy has been bought at the cost of martyr's blood; every achievement of the race has been made at the cost of incredible toil. There is not a privilege nor an opportunity that modern society grants to us that is not the product of other men's labors. We drink every day from wells that we have not dug; we warm by fires we have not kindled; we live by liberties we have not won; we are protected by institutions we have not set up. Our Churches are built upon the rocks that have been put in place by martyrs of the ages past. Our governments rest upon the foundations cemented in place by the blood of soldiers who tracked their way, bare-foot, through icy battle fields or over burning sands. Our courts are reared upon the bodies of those who died for freedom. No man liveth unto himself; all the past has invested in him."

We wish to express our thanks to these contributors to the Diocesan Campaign for All Saints' Hospital and Episcopal Church Center: Miss Hazel L. Bainbridge, Elsie Dahl, Mrs. B. H. Downward, Mary E. Duffy, Mrs. C. Fuerst, Mr. Clarence Garrett, Frances Tinsley Kalich, M. J. LaBriola, Mrs. J. Ludlow, E. Mangold, Mrs. J. M. Moore, Mr. Joseph Neiss, M. E. Shinn, Mrs. Julia Sioussat, Steelton Lions, Nicholas L. Todd, Miss Beatrice L. Van Sciver. There were 10 anonymous givers.

RECTORY LAWN PARTY

The Women of St. Stephen's, Morning and Evening Branches, will hold their Annual Get-Together at the Rectory on Saturday, June 5th. (Rain date June 12th). The Manayunk train leaving Penn Suburban Station at 11:06 will be met at Cynwyd. Bus 44, along Market Street, will take you near the Rectory. Just ask for directions to 121 Lodges Lane.

STATISTICAL MEDITATION

For the first time since 1940, the total rate of growth of the Episcopal Church, which was 1%, fell below the general population increase, which was 1.4%. So the Church's growth rate last year was 5/7 of the population increase. We need to ask ourselves, Why?, and, what can be done about it.

If we had to single out one particular failure on the part of the Episcopal Church, in our judgement, has most to do with the Church's falling behind in growth, we should have to call it a failure on the part of the Church's members, as a whole — laity as well as clergy — to tell the world what the Lord has done and is doing for them through the sacraments, faith, and fellowship of their beloved Church. Episcopalians do love their Church. But in practice their love seems to take a possessive rather than a sharing turn. Compared to Baptists, Adventists, Mormons, Methodists, Roman Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, and almost any other religious body one might think of, Episcopalians tend to be almost as communicative as clams about their religion. We are certain that this fact accounts in large measure for the Episcopal Church's failure to grow as it should.

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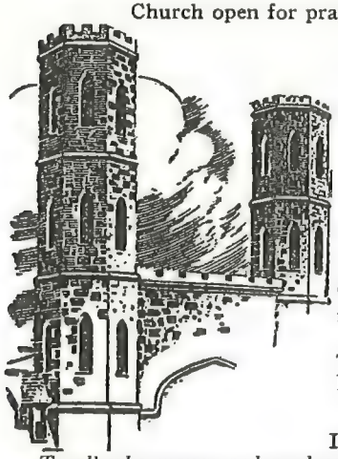
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The Prelude: Sonatina, "God's Time Is Best" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfill the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the house of His continual Presence and Power among men: mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illumine, refresh, and sanctify our souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 370 ..... *Graefenberg*

The Kyrie #708, Hymnal ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound ..... *Willan*

Father of Heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls hath found, Before Thy throne we sinners bend; To us Thy pardn'g love extend. Almighty Son, Incarnate Word, Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord, before Thy throne we sinners bend, to us Thy saving grace extend. Eternal Spirit by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death; before Thy throne we sinners bend; to us Thy quickning power extend. Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious God-head, Three in One, before Thy throne we humbly bend; grace, pardon, life,—to us extend. Amen.

The Sermon: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE RACE QUESTION.. The Rector

Offertory Hymn 111 ..... *Melcombe*

Sanctus, Hymnal #711

Kneeling Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 379 ..... *Capetown*

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THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As you read "Acts", you find that soon after Whitsunday (The Day of Pentecost), the early Christians began to be stand-out people. They had been "ordinary", everyday people, not especially distinguished for anything. Now we find them standing before the angry High Priest, so "blodly" that Annas remembered that "they had been with Jesus." These men actually reminded people of Jesus! Gamaliel advised the council to let them alone—if God was not with them, they would quickly be forgotten; but if God was with them, the council would find itself fighting against God. We find Stephen standing, actually accusing the council of resisting God's Spirit as their fathers had before them. We see Barnabas and Paul healing a helpless cripple so wondrously that the people wanted to worship them as Gods.

Suddenly these "nobodys" had become "Somebodys"! In less than three hundred years, these "nobodys" overcame the mighty Roman Empire without drawing a sword. What had happened?

It was really very simple. Jesus had bidden His friends to wait at Jerusalem, quietly, expectantly . . . "You will receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you; and you will bear witness for Me in Jerusalem, and all over Judea and Samaria, and away to the ends of the world." They had listened to Jesus, and obeyed His command. Wonderful things always happen when people do that. They always have. They still do, today.

Gathered together at Jerusalem one day, the waiting friends of Jesus found themselves filled with new power they had never known before. They were so amazed and so overflowing with joy that their enemies accused them of being drunk. They tried to put their joy into words, and no words could say what they wanted to say. The Risen Christ was alive in them! Nothing could stop them from telling the world of this Christ who had died to show them the Way into eternal life, beginning here and now. The power of the Holy Spirit in the early Christians changed the course of history.

Perhaps we twentieth-century Christians have been too careful, too cautious—wanting to keep our "dignity." Perhaps we have not taken Jesus so seriously that we have waited, sure that He would keep His promise to us, and visit us with His mighty power. But one thing is sure. Wherever a few people gather, sure of God's great power and wisdom, and humbly wait for Him to give them His task, and the strength to do it, miracles still happen. They could happen in your household, your prayer group, your Church. God forever waits for us to be ready and willing. He does the rest!

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, our Parish Custodian of the UNITED THANK OFFERING reports that 46 contributors gave $220.50 towards the Spring In-Gathering Offering.

You are invited to an Evening With Gertrude Behanna, author and lecturer; Book: "The Late Liz", Recording: "God Isn't Dead", in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, June 23rd at 8 P.M.

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There will be a Vestry Meeting following the morning Service on June 6th.

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A Healing Mission is not confined to the healing of physical disease alone, important as that is. Jesus concerned Himself just as much with emotional, mental and social problems as with physical sickness. His healing touch is needed in every department of life.

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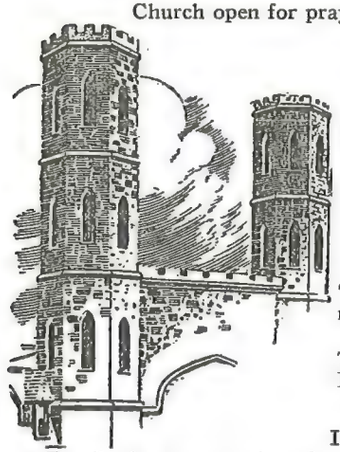
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The Prelude: "Our Father Who Art In Heaven" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love, or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 68:1-20, Page 419

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 1:1-18

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Old Hundredth" ..... *R. Vaughn Williams*
The text, Hymn #278

The Sermon: "HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME!" ..... The Rector

Hymn for Offertory 267 ..... *Regent Square*

Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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THE MAN AT THE DOOR

"Someone is at the door; will you let him in?" That is what we say when the door bell rings, or a knock comes. "Someone is at the door; will you let him in?" And usually we do let him in, and are glad to have him in. So writes Arthur Arouner, Jr. of Minneapolis, Minnesota. He continues, "But I want to talk about the Man who still is standing at the door, the man we have left outside—the man America has left outside, the man the Church has left outside. . . . He has been there for years, knocking.

We wait so long for the Lord to come. We are glad to have Him in Church or home. But we forget that Christ never comes as we have seen Him in pictures. He comes in some lowly way as a child that is lost, or as a man who is broken, or as a woman in the cold. I want to ask you today if He could not also come to us as a man who is black. Because the man who is knocking at the Church's door is a black man . . . The man outside will not force his way in. He only knocks. But He keeps knocking. . . . The crime is in the waiting. The crime is in saying, "We do not have to open. Someday it is bound to come. Some day we will be forced. But not yet. And, until that day, we wait."

These are hard words—hard to "take" and harder to brush aside. Deep in our hearts we remember that Jesus loves Samaritans and held them up to the prejudiced Hebrews as people to love and respect and to accept as friends. He looked with love upon the people shut out by someone who had drawn a circle and left them on the outside. He was forever drawing a larger circle which took them in. This was His teaching—and we call Him "Lord" and "Master".

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me." John wrote those words to the Church at Laodicea, and also wrote to this rich, self-satisfied Church, "I know all your ways; you are neither hot nor cold. How I wish you were either hot or cold! but because you are luke warm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. You say, "How rich I am! and How well I have done! I have everything I want in the world."

But, all the time, the Man at the door is still knocking, knocking. And it is Jesus who stands outside that fast-closed door, Jesus with a skin that is black.

The Rector's daughter, Jean, will do volunteer work with families and children of Covington, Kentucky, for seven weeks this Summer, and in September will begin her teaching career in Music, in Reno, Nevada.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL — CARD PARTY — The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing is giving this special treat affair in the Community House on Tuesday, June 15th at 8 P.M. DONATION $1.00. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

MEASURE OF OUR IMPORTANCE

Meister Eckhart, a German Mystic of the 13th century, was correct in his contention, "God can no more do without us than we can do without Him." We need to understand the measure of our importance. This is not an invitation to step into the quicksands of false pride. It is a call to consider our true nature, good and evil, generous and selfish, cowardly and noble.

John Mason Brown, reflecting on the modern theatre, wrote in the 40th Anniversary Issue of the Saturday Review, "I know that I for one am sick of the theatre of the living dead, of derelicts, spongers, drug addicts, illusion-seekers in brothels, and conversationalists trapped in sand or emerging from ashcans. At sixty-four I am tired of the playwrights who invite us to visit only the freaks in the side show and never permit us to see the acts under the big tent. . . . My search is for a more complete truth than we are now getting. I want man good and bad at the same time, with all the co-existing contradictions of his nature. I resent having the theatre offer me a fraction of truth, pretending that it is the whole truth."

All of this means that our belief in God needs to be paired with an affirmation about man. History has not left man emptied of values and stripped of virtues. To be sure, man has wallowed in the mud; and yet, stars are in his eyes. He is a villain, and he is a hero. We have clinically exposed the evil nature of man and left him naked emotionally and spiritually, without either dignity or self-respect. We have announced our abnormalities and paraded our perversions. We have gone about as far as we can go. We have done this in our literature and in the theatre. We should now declare that the skeleton is not the whole of man, and the freak in the side show cannot represent the main act that is under the big tent. That main act is man, as a child of God, working out his destiny under the big tent of God's Love and Law.

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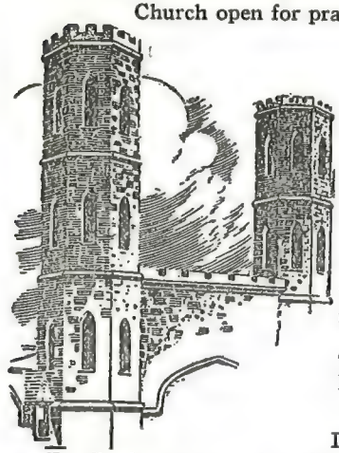
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Processional Hymn 271 ..... *Moscow*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 103, Page 466

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer ..... *Franck*

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The Sermon: "HE WHO PUTS HIMSELF LAST" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 425 ..... *Rochelle*

Recessional Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*

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CHAPEL FOR THE HARD OF HEARING — WOMEN'S AID: There will be no meetings of the Aid during the month of July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 3rd at 3:00 P.M.

TOUGH MIND AND A SOFT HEART

Too often the Master has been pictured in art as a "Gentle Jesus", a soft pleasant Person who would never say anything rough to anyone. But such a picture of Jesus is false. Read the record of His life. His own mother and His blood-brothers came to Him, to see Him one day, when He was teaching in a house. The house was crowded, and they could not get in, so they sent word to Him asking Him to come out. (They thought that He was out of His mind, and wanted Him to come home, and quiet down.) He listened to the message and replied, "Who is My mother? Who are My brothers?" Then looking around at those who were sitting in a circle about Him, He said, "*Here* are My mother and My brothers. Whoever does the will of God is My brother, and My sister, My mother." Those are hard words — but they are Jesus' words.

If you want to see how tough a mind Jesus had, then read some of the passages where He slashed the Scribes and Pharisees with His words that were as hard as a diamond drill. He called them hypocrites, blind guides to the blind, white-washed grays, dirty drinking-cups polished on the outside, snakes. (Matthew 23:1-39.) There was nothing gentle about that talk!

He denounced His mother and brothers, and the Scribes and Pharisees, because they were setting themselves against God's will, against God's plan. For that reason, He was tough with them.

On the other hand, when He was looking down from the Cross, and saw His mother there, broken, despairing, hopeless, His heart was tender, and He bade His friend John to take her home and care for her. And when He, from the Cross, saw those miserable Scribes and Pharisees laughing, and heard their cruel, nasty jibes at His helplessness, He took pity on them as men too ignorant to know what they were doing. Who could be more soft-hearted than that? Think of Him with the woman taken in adultery, with the mad man from the tombs, with the children pressed close to Him in the crowd. You can see why He was tough, on other occasions — He was tough with some one who caused others to suffer and lose the way. When He could be, He was very kind.

Martin Luther King has pointed out that Jesus had a tough mind and a soft heart. Dare you let His tough mind and soft heart be *in you*?

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"To Continue Christ's Faithful Servant"

April 22nd—Esther Marie Hobson
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James Arnold Wesley, Jr.
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MARRIAGES

"Let No Man Put Asunder"

May 23rd—Michael W. Hardigree
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BURIALS

"Rest Eternal, Grant unto Them, O Lord."

Jan. 27th—William D. Smith
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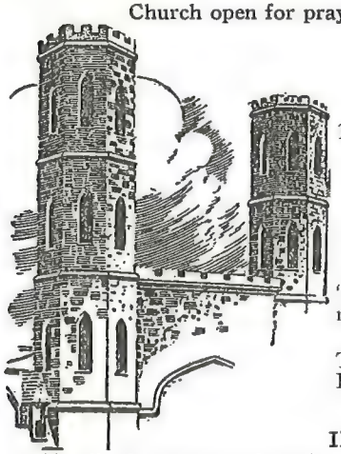
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The Prelude: "All Praise To Jesus' Hallowed Name" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We thank Thee, O God, for the beauty of Thy creation, for the wonders of earth and sea and sky. We thank Thee for the homes where love dwells, for the freedom which is ours in our blessed land, for the opportunities which surround us day by day as we work and play and pray and seek to serve our fellow men. Especially do we thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we see the love which has surrounded us from birth, accompanies us in our daily labors, heals the wounds inflicted by life, ministers to our growth and character, enriches our joy, and assures us of the life eternal.

Processional Hymn 301 .....*St. Denio*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 122, Page 503

The First Lesson: Genesis 3

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Revelation 3: v. 7

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" from Elijah .....*Mendelssohn*

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee: He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee.

The Sermon: "EXTRA ECCLESIAM NULLA SALUS" .....THE RECTOR

The Offering Hymn 334 .....*Penitence*

Recessional Hymn 498 .....*Gardiner*

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Dear Dr. Price: Some time ago I asked prayers for Anthony Shay whose body was covered with psoriasis. He had received all the latest treatments for this ailment, with no improvement. His healing was slow but consistent, and today his body is completely clear. He is still in a state of wonderment. His entire attitude in his daily living has changed. Mr. Shay says he believes every word in your booklet on spiritual healing and is passing the lesson he has learned on to all who will listen. I thank you and the Prayer Fellowship for being the channels through which Christ can carry on His healing today.—Mariann Bergman (Pearl River, N.Y.)

During July and August the weekday services will consist of a preaching service on Wednesdays at 12:30 P.M. and the Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 5:30 P.M. and Fridays at 12:30 P.M.

The Rev. Dr. Stockman will conduct the Wednesday services during July and August. The Rev. Robert H. Stetler will conduct the Friday services during July and August.

OUR RELIGION IS A PERSON

The New English Translation of the New Testament gives the Bible passage as follows: "And great beyond all question is the mystery of our religion: He who was manifested in the Body, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels; who was proclaimed among the Nations, believed in throughout the whole world, glorified in high heaven."

E. Stanley Jones asks us to note the surprising statement, "Our religion: *He* . . ." We would have expected, "our religion: *IF* . . ." We would have thought of our religion as a system of belief and thought, special kinds of worship, special kinds of Churches; and we would have called this religion "IT".

But not so St. Paul, as he wrote to Timothy. Our religion is not a book of theology and rules and rites, like the old Jewish Law. Our religion is a *Person,* Jesus Christ. Salvation is not in any system, but in Christ. St. Paul kept saying, again and again, that we must live "in Christ." We are to live with our minds filled with the bigness of Christ, stretching our loves and our horizons wider and wider — as wide as God's mercy. We are to live with our hearts kindled with His warmth of compassion and tenderness. We are to make our decisions with His toughness that will not be easy on self or anyone else.

When we are "in Christ" we are at our best. More than that, we are better than our best, for we begin to have something of Him in our thinking and doing. When we are obeying Him, living in His commanding, we have a new power to go through any ordeal, to carry any load He gives us — nothing is too much for the Christ who has been welcomed within us, and is living inside our spirits.

If you get confused by some of the man-made doctrines and mixed-up human systems of religion, turn back to Him as you find Him in the New Testament, as you find Him in your heart. *He* is our religion, the One we trust, the Source of our strength, our Light through dark passages, the Bread that refreshes our hungry spirits. Systems may fail you. He will not.

"Our religion . . . He".

MEMORIAL FLOWERS on our Altar during the Summer months:

July 4—King's Daughters Fund in memory of Mrs. Vanderslice
11—The Mary McEwen Fund in memory of Mary McEwen & son Walter
Mrs. Emily Long in loving memory of mother, Mrs. Mary M. Green; daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Fogelsong; and sister, Mrs. Nellie A. Sailer
18—Mr. James K. Lewis in memory of his family
25—Mrs. Mary Varallo in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frascone
Aug. 8—George Sinnamon Fund in memory of Dr. & Mrs. George Sinnamon
15—Rev. Alfred W. Price in memory of his father and mother
22—Miss Fannie Sackett in memory of Miss Matilda Maulsby
29—Susan C. Thackara Fund in memory of mother, Mabel C. Thackara

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THE EPISCOPAL SERIES

The Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison is speaker for 12 weeks on *The Episcopal Series* of the Protestant Hour, starting July 18th over 525 national radio stations, including WFIL in Philadelphia.

We now have a plate affixed to the Church bearing the legend, "This Church was erected on the site where Benjamin Franklin flew his famous kite."

HEALING MISSION

On the Sunday mornings in July and August the Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Stephen's Church at 11 A.M. The Mission, of course, is for all — not just for the sick! Here is a special opportunity for realizing the power of God in your life. Begin now to make your prayers in preparation for this Mission, and come to the services and join with many others who will kneel at the Altar Rail to talk with God about their problems. The Mission is a demonstration of the Gospel in action. THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED.

Because of the very disgraceful postal delivery in and around Philadelphia, and despite our constant complaints over the past few years, we have had finally to send more than half our weekly Bulletins under the first class postage in order that they may reach those in our suburban areas before Sunday. The remaining ones will continue to be sent under the third class mail. Something like 735 are mailed on Tuesday of each week.

The Bulletin is discontinued through July and August.

It would be a great help to us, if those who have not subscribed to the Bulletin, would send us a few dollars to help in this financial burden. An appeal envelope is sent out every January.

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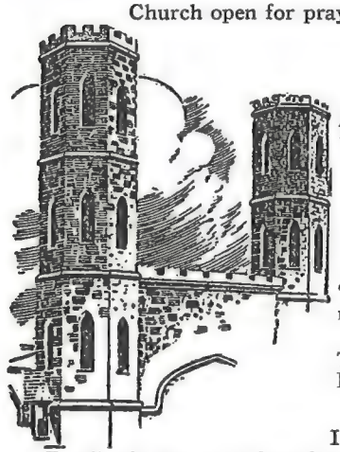
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Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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The Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: God of all power, who knowest the goodness of our intentions and the weakness of our performance, we beseech Thee to strengthen our good purposes. Forbid that we should be satisfied with half measures, with half-finished tasks, with half-won victories. Let our purpose be ribbed with steel. Strengthen us to carry to completion the high endeavors of our hearts. We ask in the name of Him who accepted Gethsemane and shrank not from Calvary, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

The Kyrie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Immortal, Invisible ..... *Thiman*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above, Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life Thou givest — to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish — but nought changeth Thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render: O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Amen.

The Sermon: "LABOR DAY SERMON" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

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SPREAD ABROAD THE TENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE — which begins next Sunday. Bishops, Clergymen, Doctors and Laymen will bring helpful addresses on the Church's Ministry of Healing.

We need the help of members of the congregation to serve as Ushers.

The old Hymnals of St. Stephen's have been given to the following Churches:

150 — St. Alban's Mission, Sinking Spring, Penna.
50 — St. Michael's Mission, Sanibel Island, Florida
125 — St. Martin's-in-the-Highlands, Jacksonville, Florida

On August 1st there were flowers provided for our Altar by Mr. and Mrs. John Pintavalle in memory of their parents: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pintavalle and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Borsella.

NO FENCE LINE

St. Paul was right when he said nothing could stand between the love of Christ and His people. For the love of Christ has a way of shining over all obstacles, even the stiff and unchanging rules of the Church! That Love, like the Stars of many years ago — shines high in the hearts of all wise and humble people, and nothing can cut the Light off from them. Nothing can stop that Epiphany ("shining-forth") from reaching expectant hearts.

St. Paul declared that not even things present, "can separate us from the Love of Christ"; and Margaret Applegarth points out that "There is nothing more *present* than a fence. There it stands, announcing to the world that something inside is being shut in; and something outside, being shut out. And if that fence is around a Catholic Cemetery, it means that all the earth inside is consecrated ground, only for those who have died "in the faith". It was that way in Poland also, of course."

But one day a Quaker came to town. He was a gentle sort — so gentle that, even though at first he could speak no word of Polish, yet everyone knew exactly what he meant. He had a sensitive, sure understanding of those who were in need; and when a shipment of clothing came in, he always managed to put that clothing onto the shivering bodies of those who needed it the most, and not the pretending bodies of those who asked most loudly. He knew who needed shoes; and whose stomach was really empty. He never played favorites, or saved the best suits and shoes for his special friends. He never seemed to notice the color of a man's skin or which language he spoke. He just looked for Christ's brothers and sisters who hungered and thirsted, and trembled with the cold. And with loving hands he fed and refreshed and clothed him.

So it was a calamity terrible beyond words when he died. It might have been from mal-nutrition; or from some vicious germ which attacked him when he was exhausted from working endless hours for his friends. Any way, his body had stopped breathing — and they wept, broken-hearted. They prepared his body lovingly for burial; and then, suddenly, with a jolting shock, it dawned on them that a Quaker was not a Roman Catholic; and so he could not be buried in their beloved Cemetery, the only one in the village. They reasoned long and earnestly with the priest, but he shook his head sadly — it was the rule of the Church that you could not bury such a man in consecrated ground. Broken, mourning, the people buried the body of their friend just as close to the forbidden fence-line as possible. But they went home that night with heavy hearts. After darkness had fallen that night, however, the priest himself went out, and moved the fence-line over far enough to include the new grave. For the rule of the Church was definite enough about burying people in consecrated ground; but it said nothing about moving fence-lines! So the people took courage, and found a song of praise and thanksgiving again in their hearts. For the fence had not been able to stop the Love of Christ.

No fence-line can ever cut off that shining Love! Look up, patiently and expectantly, into the dark night of your heart. You will find the Star of Christ's Love shining there, over all obstructions. God, through Christ, lighting your way — and even shining through *you* to others.

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Dear Dr. Price: Stories of the help gained from your Prayer Fellowship keep coming to me. A beautician in Springfield whose mother-in-law was gravely ill sent in a prayer card I gave her, and now, months later, the mother is alive and quite well. The beautician now tells her customers to call St. Stephen's when they or a friend are ill or in trouble.

A lady whose sister in York had major surgery for cancer later told me that right after the operation the patient was so gravely ill they feared for her life. The day this lady called you for prayers the sister began to rally, and in four days was allowed to go home, well on the road to complete recovery.

I called to ask your group for prayers for Marion Gaskill, of Swarthmore, who had been told after many tests, that she faced open-heart surgery. She was plainly terrified. After your prayers started she went back into the hospital where it was found the condition could be controlled by medicine.

A lady alcoholic (an arrested case) went into your healing service as soon as she heard of it, induced other members of her family to go, and derives inspiration and comfort there.

My husband, nearly dead of alcoholism, now is not drinking, and is working very hard — all accomplished through the power of prayer. God bless you all.

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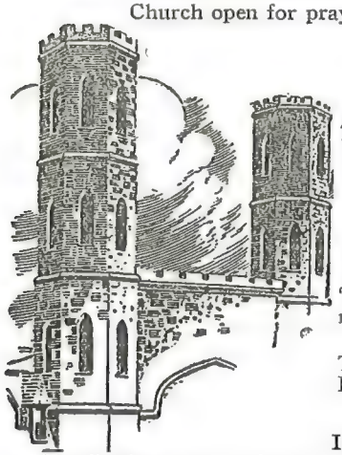
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Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant # 609, Hymnal

Psalm

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14
THE REV. WILLIAM BEACHY, M.D.

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THE REV. E. P. LECKIE, Associate Warden of Canada

Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant # 645, Hymnal

The Anthem: The Omnipotence ..... *Schubert*
Great is Jehovah, the Lord, for heaven and earth testify to His great power! 'Tis heard in the fierce raging storm, in the torrent's loud thundering roar; 'Tis heard in the rustling of leaves in the forest, seen in the waving of golden fields, in the loveliest flowers' gaudy array, 'Tis seen in the myriad stars of heaven. Fierce it sounds in the thunder's loud roll, and flames in the lightning's bright quivering flash. Yet clearer thy throbbing heart to thee proclaims Jehovah's power; the Lord God Almighty. Look thou praying to heaven, and hope for grace and for mercy. Great is Jehovah, the Lord!

The Sermon ..... THE REV. CANON CLIFTON A. BEST, D.D.

Offertory Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*

Recessional Hymn 517 ..... *St. Matthew*

Solo Trumpet — Rodger Blackburn
Harpist — Mrs. Molly Hahn

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4:00 P.M.—Reception in the Community House.

7:30 P.M.—Address by Edward L. Bortz, M.D.: "What Men Live By."

Address by Mr. Kahlil Samra: "Schizophrenics Anonymous . . . Spiritual Methods of Treatment."

Address by the Rev. William N. Beachy, M.D.: "Medicine, Religion and Healing."

LITTLE PINK PILLS

Fingering three diamond rings, she sits before me,
Sleek, fur-coated, scented;
Her words arrow out; hard words, yet smooth with frequent usage:—
Doctor, my stomach aches,
Every time I eat it aches,
Lamb chokes in my throat.
That diet you gave me—it simply doesn't help,
And just look at this rash . . .
(*The son-in-law again*)

And doctor, my blood pressure is going up,
I know it is, I feel it;
And my heart skips beats—sometimes it stops altogether;
I'm so dead tired I can hardly get up in the morning . . .
(*Her husband is spending more and more time away from home*)

And doctor, I can't sleep at night, sometimes all night
I lie awake, and my brain goes round and round,
And even those pills you gave me aren't helping any more, what with the neighbour's dogs barking—they have Great Danes you know—and they haven't done a single thing about it, although I have complained to the police twice . . .
(*The neighbour's wife made the social register this year, and her name was dropped*)

And doctor, why do I have to have so many sick headaches?
I don't do a single thing to deserve them, and you know it.
My head aches all the time, although actually it doesn't ache right this minute.
I tried once to take up social service, but it's no use.
How can I do anything when I'm so weak? And feel so sick?
(*She despises the poor. She was poor herself once*)

And doctor, my neck gets pains in it. Sometimes I have to stay in bed all day.
And that makes my back ache.
(*Funny I didn't notice it before. She has dyed her hair black*)

Doctor, what can you give me?

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God Almighty, I wish *You'd* take over this case. Take it off my hands. Tell this wretched patient that it is resentment and not food; that it is hate and not heart trouble; that it is pride and not Great Danes; that it is selfishness and not social service; that it is fear and not vitamin deficiency. I mean it.
But tell her more.
Tell her that religion will make her over.
Tell her that love will turn her into a vigorous woman, so beautiful that she won't need make-up, so calm that she won't need sleeping powders, so strong that she won't need me. Above all, that she won't need me!
God forgive me as I reach for my pad and write another prescription: Rx. Two pills with water three times a day after meals.
Tell her these things, Lord, tell her, but I warn You ahead of time, *she won't listen.*

—MIRIAM DRURY

THE BEST MEDICINE

Dr. Hyslop, one of Britain's greatest physicians, said to the British Medical Association: "The best medicine which my practice has discovered is prayer. As one whose whole life has been concerned with the sufferings of the mind, I would state that of all hygienic measures to counteract disturbed sleep, depression of spirits and all the miserable sequels of a distressed mind, I would undoubtedly give first place to the simple habit of prayer. It is of the highest importance, merely from a physical point of view, to teach children to hold daily communion with God. Such a habit does more to quiet the spirit and strengthen the soul to overcome mere incidental emotionalism than any other therapeutic agency known to man."

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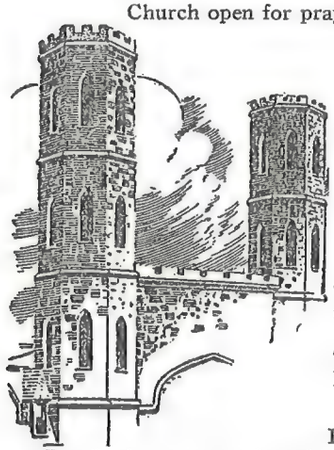
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1965

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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Ye Sweet Retreat" ..... *Wm. Boyce*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 288 ..... *Hanover*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 96, Page 459

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Bless The Lord, O My Soul ..... *Ippolitof-Ivanof*
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits; bless the Lord, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath for ever. Bless thou the Lord, O my soul . . . bless His Holy Name. O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

The Sermon: GROWING IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 455 ..... *St. Peter*

Recessional Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Kathryn Miller in memory of Miss Anna E. Eisenbrey; and by F.G.H. in memory of Lillian Jeffries Hay.

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Dear Dr. Price:—Almost a year ago I wrote you for prayers for my son Michael, who was so completely neurotic that we lived in constant fear and tension. Now, I am so happy to tell you that he is a different young man. He has an interest in life and has successfully held the same job for almost a year. He is happy and normal.

—Mrs. H. Y. (Davenport, Iowa)

KNOWING WHAT TO DO

Robert Frost has a poem about a boy who went to the Zoo with a burning-glass in his pocket. When he came to the monkeys, it occurred to him that it would be fun to stir them up; so he whipped out his burning-glass and held it so that "he made the sun a pin point on the nose of first one, then the other, until it brought a look of puzzled dimness to their eyes." But the youngster was not as smart as he thought he was, for "there was a sudden flash of arm, a snatch, and the glass was the monkey's", not the boy's. They retired back-cage, "and instituted an investigation . . . though without the required insight. They bit the glass . . . they broke the handle and the binding off it, and, none the wiser, frankly gave it up . . . and hid it in their bedding-straw. . . . *it's knowing what to do with things that counts.*"

Most of the world's woes are due to *not* knowing what to do with things. Money, for instance. Thoughtful, right-minded people agree that the first and simplest God-give use of money is to care for the needs of a family. Yet hosts of people pour millions of dollars into race-track windows — like the young man the Rector met once on a Saturday night, who had started from home with his pay check and two shopping bags, to buy Sunday dinner for his family. But he had gone to the horse races instead, and was now going home with empty wallet and empty shopping-bags. "It's knowing what to do with things that counts."

Many non-Christians are asking, "What is the Christian religion *for*? What do *you* do with it?" When the disciples asked Jesus a question like that, He answered, "Ye are the salt of the earth." In other words, by trusting God, and obeying His loving will, you become easier to live with. Your faith makes your life into the salt of the earth, giving the flavor of living back to people for whom life has grown dull and dreary. Your faith can restore courage to frightened people, and make life taste good to them again. Your Sunday worship, right now, can settle a deep peace in your heart which you can pass on to vexed, hurrying, straining human beings.

A well-known preacher dashed off the train as it pulled into the Grand Central Station and luckily secured a red-cap porter right away. He had two very heavy bags. "Please bring them quickly", he snapped, "I'm in a terrible hurry"; and he dashed ahead up the platform. Looking back, he saw the red-cap trudging along with the heavy truck, and shouted, "Come on — come on — I'm late!" The patient porter looked at the impatient preacher, and said, "Where you steamin' for, brother? That ain't no way to make time. Just walk on ahead and I'll come right along, and it won't be two minutes between us." The minister slowed down and walked beside the porter, who turned on one of those big smiles with which Negro men are often blessed, and said, "I'se living de relaxed life. Take it easy, boss. You can do a lot in a short time if you just go along easy with it. Besides, you'll live longer." "Thanks, my friend," the preacher said, rather humbly. "I happen to be a minister, and will preach this to my congregation. Do you go to Church?" "Yes, indeed, son, I sure does." (And here he finished the preacher completely!) "And I tries to practice what I hears there." It's knowing what to do with things that counts!

The Evening Branch of The Women of St. Stephen's is changing its meeting time to the 3rd Sunday of each month, starting September 19th, in the Community House after the morning service. Coffee and cookies will be served, and a program follows. The life of St. Paul will be reviewed during the Winter. All are welcome to join.

A minister was out golfing. He took a swing at the ball and it sailed off into a clump of trees in the rough. A moment later a big bird flew out of the trees, circled the ground and dropped the ball into the cup. Looking up, the minister muttered: "Please, Father — I'd rather do it myself."

A PRAYER FOR ALL STRANGERS WHO DROP INTO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH ON WEEK-DAYS:

Dear Heavenly Father, we place into Thy compassionate hands these persons who pause in this lovely place and ask our prayers. Though strangers to us, they are Thy children, even as we; and though we will not know what befalls them, do Thou keep them in Thy care wherever they may be, and bring them closer to Thee, duly thankful for Thy mercies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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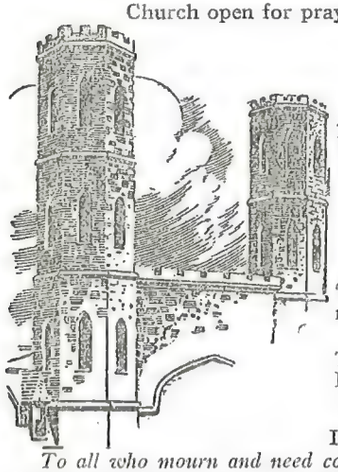
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The Prelude: "Song of Peace" ..... *Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: O God, who hast taught us in Thy Word that we are members one of another, we bring to Thee the record of our lives, stained with the memories of offenses against our brethren. We confess before Thee the indifference that has wounded the brokenhearted, the cynicism that has frozen the enthusiasm of youth, the cruelty that has checked the gentle confidence of age, and all our sins of indolence and neglect. Grant us Thy pardon. Teach us so far as lies in our power to make amends. And grant us wisdom to choose whatever things are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and of good report; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Processional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 119: 105-112, Page 497

The First Lesson: I Kings: 3:5

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 10:2-16

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Ye Holy Angels Bright ..... *Thiman*

Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light stream at your Lord's command, assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue. Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race, and now from care released, behold the Savior's face, God's praises sound, as in His sight, with sweet delight, ye do abound. Ye saints who toil below, adore your heavenly King, and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing; take what He gives, and praise Him still thro' good or ill who ever lives. My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above. And with a well tuned heart sing thou the songs of love: let all thy days till life shall end, whate'er He send, be filled with praise. Amen.

The Sermon: WHY PEOPLE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THE CHURCH
THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 450 ..... *Martyrdom*

Recessional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Harry J. Hauger in loving memory of her husband.

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THE MEEK

In the Beatitudes Jesus points out who are the deeply happy people in life. His list is very different from that of "the world"!

Many of us have found "blessed (blest) are the *meek*" the most difficult to grasp. Because Jesus said this, we are confident that it is true. But the word "meek" puzzles and confuses us. Joel Heard gives us new, clear light. He takes the Greek word for "meek", "paraos", and asks what that word was used to describe.

"The Greeks used it for wild animals which had been tamed, trained; the wild horses which had been made able to work with them." There is, therefore, nothing weak or spiritless about the meek, as Jesus thought of them. Rather, they were those with vast energy which, instead of exploding and doing damage, is now channeled and directed. The trained are those whose powerful impulses have been channeled into understanding and helpful service.

Who are "the meek", then? They are the hot-tempered man who has "broken" that temper, the disciplined ex-drinker in "Alcoholics Anonymous", the former "fatty" who has gotten his appetite under control. Some of you know, from experience.

There was Frad (which is not his name), a young Negro who lived in the ghetto of a great city in the U.S.A., eager for his race to find freedom and full citizenship *now*. One day he looked out of his second-story window and, to his horror, saw three dark-skinned youths knifing an old man, until he fell. Angry at their disgracing their race, he shouted at them to stop. They laughed at him. With fury raging within, he went to his closet, took out a loaded rifle, and went to the window and shouted again, pointing the rifle at them. Looking up, they fled for their lives, and Fred's finger itched to pull the trigger. But something stronger than his fury stopped him. When he had seen that the old man was taken to a hospital, he returned to his room, and sat there, shaking with fear. He knew that the hate and anger within him was too strong for him to control in the days ahead. He had a wild and powerful desire to kill. As he sat there, praying, there came into his mind the name of a man who has opened a way for many into a life disciplined under Jesus Christ. He went to that man, turned over his life to be under Christ. Today, Fred is one of the "Meek", his inner forces directed by the Light of the World.

Any one who has wild horses within can find the same peace of heart that Fred did!

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Dear Dr. Price:—A month ago I requested your prayers for my husband. His check-up by the doctor disclosed a strange mass on his right side. Bill did not want surgery so we decided to enlist the prayers of your fellowship. A strange thing happened. Several doctors had felt the same mass, so Bill entered the hospital for further tests and X-rays. The mass simply could not be found, nor could it be felt. Many thanks for your intercessory prayers.—Doris Belcher (Memphis, Tenn.)

Mrs. Price is in need of a helper and teacher to assist her in the Sunday School which meets in the Community House at 11 O'Clock.

HEALING CONFERENCE

Over 7,000 persons attended the various sessions of the four day Conference of Healing in St. Stephen's Church. There were 18 speakers and 38 lectures on the subject of the Church's Ministry of Healing. Thirty-two Denominations, sixteen Church Organizations, twenty-four States and six over-seas countries were represented. 108 clergy, 25 nurses and 12 physicians were present.

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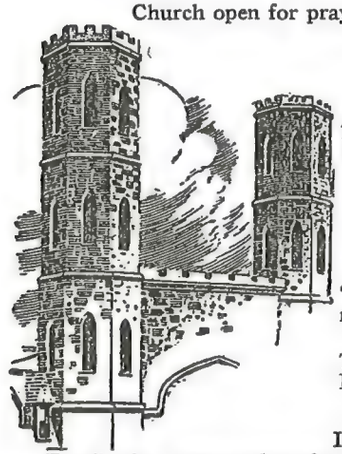
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The Prelude: "Come, Sweet Peace" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: Bless us today, O Father, with the realization of Thy presence. As we meet in humble paths of service, grant us that consciousness of Thy challenge to each of our lives, which shall redeem any labor from seeming trivial, and so change for us the tragedy and chaos of the world without Thee, into a prolonged field of honor; trhough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

The Kyrie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts ..... *Gounod*
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most high. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 345 ..... *St. Columba*

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 425 ..... *Rochelle*

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YOKE-FELLOW

"The Meek" are the wild ones whose surging energies have been disciplined into useful channels. But *how* is this done in me?

I cannot manage it myself — that is for sure! These inner hates and resentments and lusts and angers are much too strong. Many have tried, by sheer will-power, done well for a short time, only to have the old wild horses run away with them again. Don't waste time trying to reform yourself.

Jesus, alone, can make this possible. He invites us: "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me . . . and you will find rest for your souls." That is why "yoke-fellow" is the word for committed Christian (as Elton Trueblood points out). A whole-hearted Christian is like the wild young colt which is hitched to one already well-trained. He learns how to pull, by pulling with a trained one.

Victory comes by putting one's stubborn neck under the load of life in partnership with Jesus Christ, saying to Him, "With You pulling, and with me going Your way, victory is possible."

The first training of a recruit in the army is to teach him to obey. He learns to make his body respond to the command of "forward March", and his spirit respond to whatever his officer commands. He becomes *disciplined.*

So a sincere Christian practices obedience under Christ's command. He yokes himself to the Spirit of Christ, listens for those pressures towards what is loving and right, learns to obey them with a willing heart. Sometimes he forgets, starts in his own direction, and feels the pull of Christ in His direction. Then — if he has learned his lesson, he yields to the pull of Christ. He settles down, disciplined, to live as God planned.

Most of us are imperfect enough so that we need to start each new day quietly with Christ. We need to listen to His encouragement through His Word, open our hearts and our wills to Him in prayer, get our orders for the day.

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The Rector addressed the Clergy of the Ambler Area on Tuesday, September 28th.

Boy's Tonsils Removed — By God . . .

From Poole, England: "It was God who took out my tonsils", the little boy told his mother after his operation at the Poole General Hospital. "When I was taken into the big white room, there were two lady angels dressed in white. Then two men angels came in. Then God came in."

"How did you know it was God?" asked the mother.

"Well, one of the men angels looked down my throat and said — 'God, look at that child's tonsils.'

"Then God took a look and said, 'I'll take them out at once.'"

Empty Bull-Pen:

"My fifteen-year-old grandson pitched a no-hit game for his high school team. He came home triumphant. The following week the coach had to remove him in the fourth inning. He was crushed. I tried to console him. I said, "Jeffrey, that's life. It's up and down, up and down." Whereupon his thirteen-year-old brother James defended him. "Yes, grandpa", he said, "it's just like preaching; one Sunday the sermon is excellent, but the next Sunday it's a flop." And he added, "They can't take you out in the fourth inning, either!" — The Rev. Alfred D. Gray, Pastor, Plymouth Congregational Church, Lansing, Michigan.

The Rector believes with all his heart that the revival of the Ministry of Healing within the Church is the greatest spiritual adventure of our time. — A recent survey, as yet unpublished, has reported that 43% of all people who need help with emotional problems — problems of living — go first to a minister. This is a splendid vote of confidence. But the survey goes on with more information; 65% of all the people who visit the Pastors find the help adequate and do not go on further, for other treatment.

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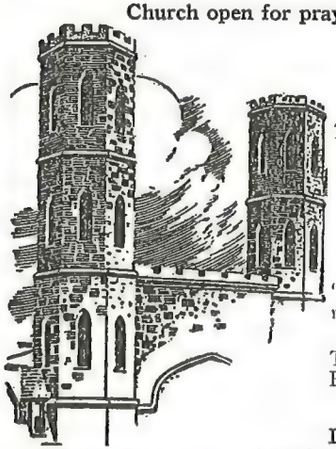
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Processional Hymn 285 ..... *Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 50, Page 401

The First Lesson: Daniel 6:1-23

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-18; 31 to end

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring ..... *J. S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright; Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round Thy throne.

The Sermon: "THE GOOD SHEPHERD" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 363 ..... *Slane*

Recessional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*

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ON THE INSIDE

It's so easy to say, "So-and-so made me so angry that I forgot myself and said some nasty things." We blame the other circumstance for what came out of our hearts.

But Jesus taught us that our decisions are all made within ourselves — by our selfishness, if that is on the throne; by our love of God and of people, if love reigns within. "Whatever goes into a man from outside cannot defile him, since it enters, not his heart, but his stomach. . . ." It is what we let lodge in our hearts that makes the difference.

Bernie Warfield tells the haunting story of a convict named "Nero." He would have nothing to do with the Bible, or anything else the Chaplain put into his hands.

But the Chaplain did not give up. One day "Bull", an old friend and fellow-convict of Nero's, died in the prison hospital. The Chaplain took Nero to the prison morgue. On the slab lay the lifeless body of "Bull". Suddenly the Chaplain said, "Nero, shake hands with Bull." "No!" Nero's face went white, "I wouldn't touch a dead person. No, not me!" The Chaplain reached out and took the dead hand in his own, and said, "Nero, there are four fingers and a thumb on this hand, same as yours. The skin has not been broken. It's the same hand you've touched before. Why won't you touch it now?"

Nero shook his head, "because the thing that's on the inside, that makes the hand move, isn't there." "Nero," said the Chaplain softly, *"What is it that makes the hand move* — the people around you or what's on the inside?" Slowly Nero raised his eyes, and looked at the Chaplain — "What's on the inside makes it move — and it's gone." The Chaplain nodded to the guards, and they took Nero back to solitary.

A week later Nero sent for the Chaplain. He began, "I've been reading some of the stuff you brought me." He tried to hold back the tears, but they poured down his cheeks. "For years I've been always blaming everybody — cops, people, my friends, stoolies, and it just took "Bull" lying there to say what you've been trying to tell me." He wiped his face on his sleeve. "I wish I'd known, — twenty-five years ago, that it's what's on the inside that makes the hands move, the lips talk."

You and I decide what we let dwell "on the inside." We can fill our hearts with hate or with love; with resentment or with forgiveness. That's important — for "What's on the inside makes our hands move, our lips speak."

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A DRIVER'S LITANY

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From carelessness and indifference, from the demon of impatience and the tyranny of time,
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From ignorance and ungraciousness, from harsh judgment and monotony, from the delusion of drink and the obscurity of fatigue,
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Grant us, O Lord, a divine courtesy to all. Awake in us an abiding care for the slowness of age and the rashness of youth. Let our vehicles become instruments of thy purpose; bringing happiness to all who travel with us and leaving no man weeping at our passing. This we beg in Christ's Name. Amen.

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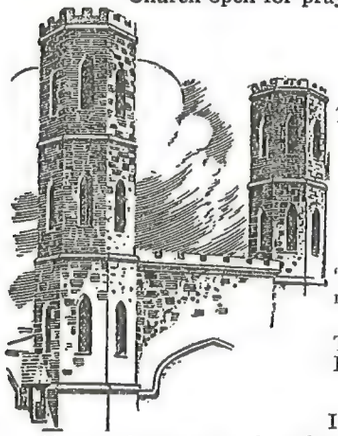
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The Prelude: Two Chorale Preludes ..... *J. S. Bach*
a. "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
b. "I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, whose love is so gracious and tender that it passeth understanding, we bow before Thee in gratitude at the remembrance of Thy mercies. We thank Thee for health and vigor, quietness and music, beauty and sunshine, and the bounty of nature. We thank Thee for lovely experiences which enrich our days and gladden our lives. We thank Thee for faith and hope and courage by which we overcome life's handicaps and through which we rise above our broken hopes. Praise and thanks to Thee forever. Amen.

Processional Hymn 273 ..... *Te Deum*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 86, Page 447, Prayer Book

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Colossians 4:2-18

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus ..... *David McK. Williams*
Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the beauteous garb of Spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer. Who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels. Thee will I cherish. . . . Amen.

The Sermon: "THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 369 ..... *St. Agnes*

Recessional Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Helen Green and Mrs. Walter Lugar in memory of mother, Elizabeth Green; and by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond E. Seitz in memory of father, R. O. Morgan.

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Allen Boone was camping out in the Southwest desert of our country, with Little Beaver, his Indian friend, and Dan, the "desert rat", who prospects for gold and loves God's outdoor world. Boone writes:

"One of the desert's most dreaded citizens paid us a visit today — a big, diamond-back rattle snake. Dan, Little Beaver, and I were lying on the ground in the cool of the day, cat-napping. Happening to look in the direction of one of the pack-saddles, . . . I rubbed my eyes and looked again. From around the end of it came the snake. And what a snake! It must have been the heavyweight champion of them all. It moved into the open, formed itself into an Ess, and posed for many minutes. Then it started toward us slowly, gracefully. Within inches of Little Beaver's bare feet, it stopped, raised its head (but without coiling or rattling) and looked us over appraisingly.

"Little Beaver and Dan watched this snake with drowsy but calm interest. To them it was simply another desert friend crossing their trail and pausing to say, 'Hello!' The inspection of us was through . . . Then, evidently satisfied, . . . it lowered its beady-eyed head, glided around us leisurely, moved down the trail, and disappeared into the desert. Not once did it look back. Not once did it show the least fear. Its confidence in our good will was absolute."

Allen Boone goes on to say that poisonous snakes seem to take pleasure in biting white men, but rarely do they harm the Indians. White men wear high boots, carry guns, and watch where they step. The Indian wears light moccasins, or go bare-footed; and pay almost no attention to the snakes. The white man regards the snake as an enemy; the Indian looks on him as a fellow-creature — and the snake knows the difference. The Indians and the snakes are at peace with each other; there is no trouble between them. Apparently God meant snakes and people to live together as fellow-creatures; and the Indian understands this, and carries out God's will.

Albert Schweitzer, the great physician of Africa, believed in "reverence for life," and practiced it. He felt a deep kinship with all loving creatures — human and animal. God made them, and God made him. So there was friendship between them, and Dr. Schweitzer lived as the instrument for God's love for all his fellow-creatures in the jungle, both man and beast. Once we understand that God meant us to live at peace with all God's creatures, we become effective instruments in His hands. We stir friendship in all we meet, because our hearts are full of His caring for all that He has made. It's a wonderful way to live!

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Dear Dr. Price:—We have received good news from the doctor of my brother-in-law for whom you have been praying. The Ulcer was benign. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for His great kindness and mercy and to your Prayer Group for the many prayers on his behalf.—Clara W. Nelson (Minneapolis, Minn.)

GAINS AND LOSSES — The Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. today numbers 3,591,164 baptized persons, including 2,245,782 communicants, according to the 1965 edition of the Episcopal Church Annual, compiled by the Rev. William V. Albert and published by Morehouse-Barlow Co., New York City. For the first time since 1930, the total rate of growth of the Church (1%) is less than that of the general population (1.4%) in 1963.

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There has been a slight increase in the number of theological students. Postulants increased by 2.05% and candidates for Holy Orders by 1.43%.

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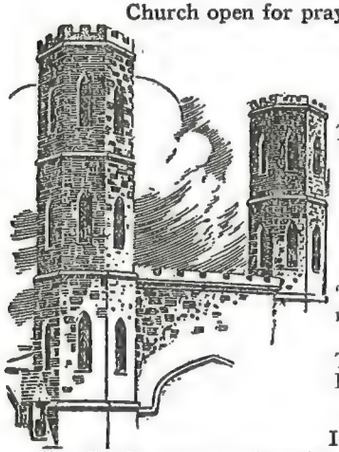
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Processional Hymn 356 ..... *King's Weston*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 24, Page 486

The First Lesson: II Kings: 5

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 13:1-15

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: Now Let Us All Praise God And Sing ..... *Gordon Young*

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever, Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever. So let us all praise God, and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia!

The Sermon: "THE WAY OF THE CROSS" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 433 ..... *Langran*

Recessional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein' Feste Burg*

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Jesus announced to His listeners that, before the Great Day of Redemption, there would be dark times. Before God could rescue Israel, there would have to be disaster, calamity. "When these things come to pass, then look up, and lift up your head, for your redemption draweth nigh." Why does it have to be that way?

As a matter of fact, it is interesting to notice how right Jesus has been. For, in history, as in nature, dawn comes only after darkness. Easter comes after Calvary. The Renaissance came after the Dark Ages. In individual human lives, new growth and wisdom come after sorrow and tribulation.

A Scotish preacher has pointed to the reason for this strange sequence of darkness followed by sunrise. God cannot rescue a man, or a nation, while they still think that *they* have all the answers. It is only when *we* are broken that we know where the answers lie. James Stewart points out, "In such hours the one thing which most impedes divine activity is apt to get broken down—man's self-trust." When we learn how to swim, we have to stop trusting in our ability to make ourselves float. We had to let go, and trust ourselves to the water. Then we began to make progress. So a man's self-trust has to be smashed before the mighty power of God can take over, and enable him to be His effective agent.

There comes a time in your life when you are no longer frightened when you suddenly face a blank wall. You used to be scared, but now you simply remember the many blank walls—and how you waited, with deepening patience with faith, until, suddenly, God opened a door in that blank wall, and you were in business again! Like St. Paul, you can now be grateful for the dark passages in life, "always and for everything giving thanks"—for you know that, in God's world, the way into the morning lies through the night!

Two men sat on a park bench on the lower East side of New York City. The younger man was telling how he had groped and wandered, fallen down and wearily picked himself up, trying to find the way by his own intelligence. Suddenly he grew thoughtful and, turning to the older man, said, "I want something to go by." His self-trust at last was broken. He could look up, and lift up his head, and say that his redemption drew near!

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—Mrs. L. C. Grant (Jackson, N. C.)

UNITED THANK OFFERING

The United Thank Offering of the Women of the Parish will be received at the Morning Service on October 24th. All the women in the congregation are asked to bring their offering in the envelopes provided for that purpose. Extra envelopes are in the pews. At the last General Convention of our Church the U. T. O. amounted to $4,790,921.51.

A FAMILIAR WAR-TIME PRAYER petitioned for courage to change those things which could be changed, for patience to endure those things which cannot be changed, and for wisdom to know the difference between the two. You have perhaps encountered the current sophism that those under 20 years of age know what can be changed, that those over 60 years of age know what cannot be changed, and those in between do not know the difference between the two!

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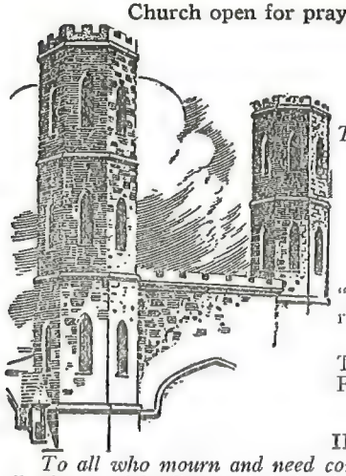
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Processional Hymn 472 ..... *Pilgrims*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 145, Page 520

The First Lesson: II Kings 6:8-17

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place ..... *Brahms*
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they, O blest are they that dwell in Thy house; they praise Thy name forever more. How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

The Sermon: "LIVING IN TWO WORLDS" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 528 ..... *Hesperus*

Recessional Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*

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There will be a celebration of the HOLY COMMUNION at 12:30 P.M. on All Saints' Day, Monday, November 1st.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

There are many among us who have a greater interest Behind the Veil than in the visible life of man. The Church as an instrument of the Loving Will of God reaches out consoling hands to the human heart which is racked and tortured — a torture which sometimes makes death a welcome guest. All Saints' Day, a truly Holy Day in the Church's Year, is full of the tenderest comfort to those who are bereft; of the sweetest consolation for those who feel they have been deserted; of the richest strength for those who feel they have been weakened.

Behind the Veil are souls in varying degrees of spiritual excellence; in varying degrees of spiritual poverty. Those who went out of this life with spiritual graces are at home. Those who went out of this life without spiritual graces are strangers in a spirit world — foreigners in a land whose customs are unfamiliar, whose language they can neither speak nor understand.

A religion which finds no place for the memory and help of souls in dispeace, Beyond the Veil, is an impoverished religion. A religion which can rest content with the knowledge that millions of souls are damned forever is miserly in its attitude. And, until we unite our will and our power toward the improvement and the recovery of impenitent souls, the unity of God's universe, so far as man is concerned, will not be brought to pass.

All Saints' Day comes as a yearly reminder of the need of enlarging our sympathies, of enriching our loving will, and of giving to God for His own uses the power that He has given, or loaned to us.

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Dear Dr. Price:—I am thrilled to tell you that there are definite signs of healing taking place and the operation has been cancelled. To God goes all the glory! It is so wonderful to have people like you and your Group to turn to in time of need. God bless you all.—Charlotte Austin (Simsbury, Conn.)

The Members of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing wish to thank all who contributed and helped make their 27th Annual Bazaar a success. The total profit of the Bazaar is $2,309.76.

The Rector addressed the Episcopal Clerical Brotherhood at the Church-House on Monday, Noon, October 25th, and conducted a healing service at the Jones Tabernacle Methodist Church, 2021 W. Diamond Street on Monday evening.

ALL SAINTS' DAY — 1965

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into life eternal since last All Saints' Day.

Nov. 23—Howard W. McComb
Dec. 11—Wilhelmina G. Sharpley
Dec. 14—Horace S. James
Jan. 27—William D. Smith
Feb. 26—John Charles Adams
Mar. 5—Emily K. S. Campbell
Mar. 12—Charles A. Rice
May 11—Dr. Fielding O. Lewis
June 8—Emily Hewett
June 16—Mary E. Amidon
July 9—Fay Reed McClain
Sept. 8—Henry S. Musser
Sept. 29—Ethel H. Bollinger
Oct. 4—Mae Snedden
Oct. 5—Brian Lee Price
Oct. 23—James E. Bacon

The Rector will conduct a Healing Service in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, on Wednesday Noon, and speak to the Students of the Christian Medical Society of the Hahnemann Medical College on Saturday evening, November 6th.

We've received contributions toward the expense of our Weekly Bulletin from these readers, and we want to thank them: Miss Elizabeth B. Bowne, Louise Costello, Mrs. Mildred B. Fishburn, Rev. Leroy W. Fischer, Mary Peoples, The Ven. A. A. Read, Nicholas L. Todd, Mrs. A. P. Valentine.

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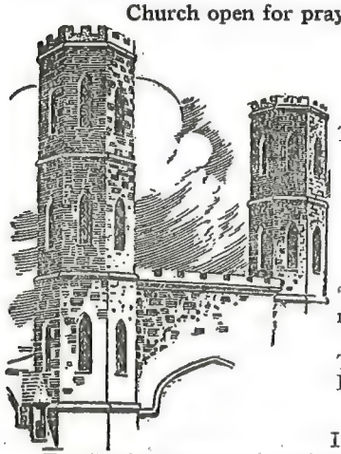
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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: (a) O World, I Now Must Leave Thee ..... *Brahms*
(b) Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls ..... *Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: O Lord, have mercy on all ignorant souls, and instruct them; on all deluded minds, and enlighten them. Have mercy on all broken hearts, and heal them; all struggling with temptation, and rescue them; all that are fallen from Thee, and raise them; all that stand with Thee, and confirm them. O blessed Jesus, who didst shed Thy blood for us all, shed Thy Holy Spirit on all, and heal them; for Thy pity's sake. We ask in Thy holy Name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

Kyrie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Souls of the Righteous ..... *Noble*
Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, nor hurt nor torment cometh them nigh; O holy hope of immortality, Souls of the righteous in the hands of God, to eyes of men unwise, they seem to die; they are at peace, O fairest liberty, Souls of the righteous . . . On earth as children shastened by Love's rod, as gold in furnace tried, so now on high they shine like stars, a golden galaxy: Souls of the righteous in the hands of God.

The Sermon: "THE LIFE TO COME" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 497 ..... *Dundee*

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 126 (Verses 1, 4) ..... *Saturn*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 430 ..... *Lux Benigna*

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UNDER AUTHORITY

"There were giants in the earth in those days," wrote the chronicler. He was looking into the dim and far-away past of Israel. Here and there he could see a mighty man who had lighted the way to freedom and truth. "There were giants in the earth in those days."

What are the marks of a true "giant"? For a Christian the only sure measure is the greatness of Jesus Christ. A human leader in any generation is great in so far as he qualifies, more or less, for the bigness which was His! There are at least two marks of the calibre of the Master.

The first mark of His greatness was that He was "under authority." He lived in obedience to a Wisdom, a Truth, greater than His own, the Wisdom of His Father, the Creator of the universe. What He did each day did not depend on how He felt after breakfast — it depended, always, on God's marching-orders. Human leadership, in any generation, can be great only if it has this quality of being "under authority", of following God's bidding, or, at the least, the authority of a great ideal. Abraham Lincoln has this kind of greatness, for he subjected every move to the light of God's wise and infinite Love. Albert Schweitzer has this largeness, in our day — his career being decided by the needs of the sick people of the jungle. A man who is humble enough to serve something greater than himself, is apt to be a giant.

Another mark of Jesus' greatness was His endless capacity for loving people — all sorts and conditions of people. He could still love them when He was seeking refreshment and renewal, and, slipping across the lake to go into the mountains, He met a crowd waiting for Him on the other side, and stopped to visit, and heal, and redeem. He could love a high-brow like Nicodemus and an outcast like the tax-gatherer Zaccheus, He wept over the city of Jerusalem, because they rejected those who came to save them.

Will history write of our time, "There were giants in the earth in those days"? One does not know. If one prays and seeks with those who live "under authority", and who love greatly — according to the pattern of Jesus' greatness.

The Rector will speak to the Episcopal Churchwomen of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Penna., on Monday morning, November 8th.

The Annual Patriotic Service will be held on November 14th at 11 A.M.

FALL U.T.O. OFFERING

The Fall U.T.O. Offering Service will be at Christ Church, 2nd St., above Market, on Wednesday, November 17th. The Service of Evensong at 8 P.M. will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 P.M. in the Neighborhood House. The Sermon will be by Bishop Bayne. The Rt. Rev. Stephen F. Bayne, Jr., is Director of the Executive Council's Overseas Department. The Rev. Ernest A. Harding, Rector of Christ Church, and Bishop Swift, will conduct the Service.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS — Beautiful Christmas Cards of St. Stephen's Sanctuary of a past Christmas, are available — not a large amount, but some may still be had. The cost is $3.00 per box of 20 folders and envelopes.

WHAT WE HAVE TOO LONG NEGLECTED, and what our people desperately need to understand, is that the full joy and power of life in God's community will come only when we see this fundamental fact: all my possessions are really God's possessions, and I am answerable to Him as to how I use them for the good of His children.

—*His Witnessing Community*; The Rt. Rev. Everett H. Jones, D.D.

WHY DO WE WORSHIP? It has been well put thus: "Because we need poise, balance, insight, confidence. We need integration among all our conflicting impulses. We need to strike our inner depths. We need to link ourselves to the eternal purposes. We need to know God's will and to give ourselves back to Him."

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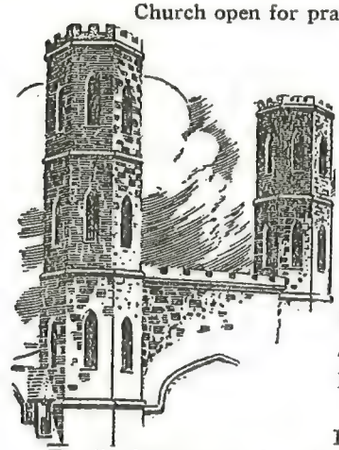
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Processional Hymn 143 .....*National Hymn*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 72, Page 426
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:32-12:2
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Anthem: Earth Does Not Hold the Spirits of the Brave .....*Thiman*

Earth does not hold the spirits of the brave. Seek no imprisoned honor in the grave. The body broken, th'un broken soul in some new region is unscarr'd and whole. They gave their peace that peace might follow pain; they died in Christ, in Him they live again. As Christ is ever with us, so are they—a shining host upon the shining way. Oh, in the bright procession of their fame may we now follow, free from sloth and shame. To that great music, on the path they trod, who now have ended pilgrimage with God. We praise and bless the memory of all whose lives were given at their country's call, Let God by us who live be glorified, and by the living souls of them who died. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE COWARD OF BUNKER HILL" .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 527 .....*Taylors Hall*
Massing of the Colors
Pledge To The Flag
America, 4th Stanza: Hymn 141
Prayers, Taps
Postludium Anthem: "Rest In Peace" .....*Schubert*
Recessional Hymn 536 .....*Old 124th*

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SUSTAINING POWERS

Not long ago a scientific expedition went into the Redwood groves of Northern California to study these tallest of all living things. They discovered one giant more than 367 feet tall, as high as a twenty-story building.

At their first camp site the son of one of the scientists started to drive stakes into the ground, to anchor the tent. Wherever he tried, he struck a heavy root, close to the surface. So he learned that the towering Redwoods do not have any deep tap-roots — they depend on the holding power of surface roots spreading widely about the base. If, through accidents or storm, a Redwood tree stands alone, it is soon brought down by even a moderate wind. The Redwoods can only withstand the wind when they are close together, their interlacing surface roots forming a mat. *They hold each other up.*

Jesus taught that there are two sustaining powers in life — one, the power of God, as a person reaches deep for His strength; the other, the power of other people, that company of concerned people who love you and help to hold you up. This is the basis of the Two Great Commandments — love for God and love for others. We need both.

God created most of His creatures with the necessity of sustaining each other. Only a few He made for lonely lives, like the eagle or the hawk. But for one of these lonely, fierce creatures, there are hundreds of thousands of the harmless, co-operative ducks, whose law of life is to help each other to survive.

Jesus taught us that God intended man to be a co-operative creature, living not only to survive, but to help others to survive. There are those who try to defy this law — the occasional man or woman in the limelight who tries to stand alone, without help from God or man, and crashes down for lack of sustaining help. This makes newspaper headlines, and sober thinking by thoughtful people.

Not long ago, after a Christian Conference, people were asked what they found most helpful. Several of them spoke of the warmth of the fellowship of committed Christians, a sort of "best-friend" atmosphere. One commented, "See how they love each other." True Christian fellowship reaches such heights, as God intended it to — people standing close together, *holding each other up!*

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The Women of St. Stephen's, Afternoon Branch, will hold their regular meeting after the morning service, next Sunday, November 21st, in the Community House, following refreshments.

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SCOUTS HONORED AT LIBERTY FETE — Boy Scout Troop #2, in center City, sponsored by St. Stephen's, will be honored on November 20th, at the Liberty Bell District Banquet in Mitten Hall, with the National Scout Camping Awards.

The following scouts will receive awards: Worrell Stout, Ass't. Scout-master; Walter Torres, Ass't. Scout-master; and scouts Michael Candell, James R. Dixon, William A. Dixon, George Landers, Alex Mackowski, Glenn Mark, Luis Nieves, Luis Olmos, David Platt, Herman Rodriguez, Richard Rodriguez, Alexis Schoenfeld, Worrell Stout, Jr., and David Tsang.

And the following members of Troop #2 will receive advancement Awards, at the District Court of Awards at the Richard Allen Homes: William A. Dixon, James R. Dixon, Glenn Mark, David Tsang, Herman Rodriguez, David Platt, Alex Mackowski, Worrell Stout, Jr., Luis Almos, George Landers.

The Rector will speak to the Clergy of the Trenton, N.J. area at Levittown, N.J. on November 15th.

Our "Thank you" to these Bulletin subscribers: W. Gordon Hannaway, Albert C. Klopp, Mrs. St. George L. Sioussat, Mrs. Hazel T. Wilson, Miss Jeanne M. Wysor.

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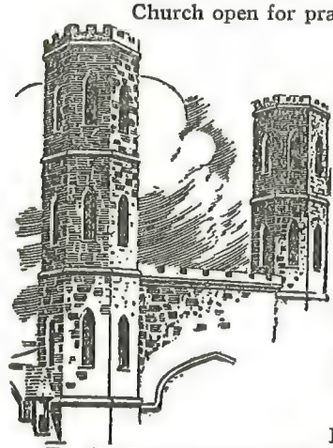
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The Prelude: "Have Mercy On Me, Lord God" .....*J. S. Bach*
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Processional Hymn 288 .....*Hanover*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 105:1-20, Page 470
The First Lesson: Job 1:1-21
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 11:18-30
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Anthem: Behold, Now, Praise the Lord .....*Titcomb*
Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord.
The Sermon: "INTERCESSORY PRAYER" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 280 .....*Stuttgart*
Recessional Hymn 355 .....*Miles' Lane*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Beatrice L. Van Sciver in memory of her parents: Ann L. and George R. Van Sciver.

The Altar decorations for Thanksgiving Day, Bread of the World, are in memory of James Carrigan, long time Verger of St. Stephen's Church.

Usher scheduled for today, Mr. Edwin S. Heins.

4:00 P.M.—Bible Class in the Community House.

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Dear Dr. Price:—For the last five years I have been coming to St. Stephen's when possible for the healing services. When I first came I had a multitude of problems, physical, emotional and spiritual. My blood pressure was very high (now under control), I had chronic rheumatic fever (now healed), and I had a distressing problem with a child. This, too, has been healed. I had one foot in the door of a mental hospital with the other following rapidly behind. I thank God I was saved from that, as I was brought to God, the greatest, most wonderful Psychiatrist there is. I can never give enough praise and thanksgiving to God.—M. A. M. (Dover, Delaware).

EACH ONE TEACH ONE

Do you want to be happy? That is a foolish question, of course. All the world longs to be happy, and so do we all. Yet the plain secret of happiness is clearly written, and richly illustrated, in a well-known Book within our reach.

Dr. Frank Laubach is today revealing that secret, in two hundred and sixty-two languages, in most of the countries of the world. He reports that the teaching of illiterates is proving to be a wonderful way to bring people to Christ. You sit down beside the illiterate, your heart over-flowing with love for him, knowing that you are the first educated man who has ever looked at him except to swindle him. You tell him that you want to teach him to read and write. Mystified by your kindness, he explains that he has no money to pay you. Then you say to him, "I do not want any pay. I've learned this from Jesus. He spent all His time helping people, free of charge. From the moment He awoke in the morning, until He closed His eyes at night, He was looking around, asking whom He could teach, or heal, or encourage, or defend, or save. I think that that is a beautiful way to live. If we were all like Jesus, this world would be a Paradise. So I thought that I would try helping people just because I love them. And I have discovered the secret of happiness! When I'm teaching you, it makes my heart sing. When I have finished teaching you, I want you to go and teach your neighbors. Don't take any money for it, and your heart will sing! *Brother, we have found the secret of happiness.*"

So, by this simple picture-language method, ten million people a year are escaping from the ancient bond of ignorance. This makes them very happy; but they are happiest when they practice "Each One Teach One." When they teach another illiterate to read and write, they have the delight of giving him freedom. Jesus once said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," or, as Phillips translates it, "To give is happier than to receive."

If the world could learn that simple secret of happiness-through-loving-kindness, it would become a neighborly world. This would transform life more deeply than all of the atomic secrets. If we professing Christians would trust Jesus Christ enough to live by His Secret from dawn till dark, we would become radiant with joy. And unbelieving people would be drawn to Him, as illiterates are through Dr. Laubach.

Think of it—you have a Secret, Happiness-Through-Giving. Every man, woman, and child you meet this week longs for that Secret. Live by it faithfully, and your heart will sing and your joy will be contagious beyond belief!

This Fall the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, began his third year teaching "The Life of Christ" to deaf boys and girls at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Mt. Airy. Mr. Meckling is also continuing to teach a class in the "Sign Language of the Deaf" at the Philadelphia Divinity School. Twenty-four Seminarians are taking this course to enable them to minister to the deaf in their future parishes.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in All Saints' Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. Sunday evening through Tuesday, November 21st-23rd.

CHURCH SEEKS TO MEET 1966 BUDGET

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BREAD OF THE WORLD

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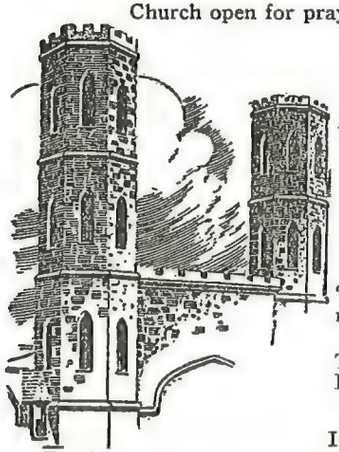
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The Prelude: "Come, Savior of the Gentiles, Come" .....(The Lesser)—*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: O God, help us to lift our thoughts, if it be but a little way out of the dust and smoke of life's endless battle. Let us forget for an hour our trivial cares and paltry hopes, and see all things, even the love and joy of this world, in the light of Thine eternal calm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 1 .....*Stuttgart*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 132, Page 508

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 8:4-15

The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Anthem: Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer .....*Franck*

Welcome, dear Redeemer, welcome to this heart of mine; Lord, I make a full surrender, every power and thought be Thine; Thine, entirely Thine, through eternal ages, Thine. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest. Amen.

The Sermon: "WHEN MONEY TALKS" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 408 .....*Hollingside*

Recessional Hymn 4 (tune to 553) .....*Lancashire*

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PLAYING GOD

In the story of the First Christmas, we find only a handful of people full of joy over the coming of God's Son—a few humble shepherds and prayerful kings. "When Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." Most people were alarmed lest this new King should upset their plans.

A notable clergyman, Dr. Park, was once driving to preach at a girls' College, when he was stopped by a State trooper who wanted to know where he was going in such a great hurry. Dr. Park told him. The trooper looked at him thoughtfully for a minute, and then observed, "Well, if you are the minister, I'll let you go; but you were certainly driving along here as if you thought you were God Himself!" Dr. Park in telling the story later on, noted that most of mankind's troubles are caused by people who behave as if they were God Himself—in other words, by people who try to "play God."

This is the first Sunday in Advent, the Season of Penitence in preparation for Christmas. There must be a deep and cleansing preparation, if we are going to be ready for the birthday of God's Son. Most of us have had our try at "playing God." We have been high-and-mighty husbands, or mothers, acting as if we knew all the answers. We have easily worked out our own little plans, leaving God entirely out of them. We have lashed out savagely at someone who has hurt us, with never a thought that Christ has a better way. The result has been strife and pain—instead of deep good will, where Christ reigns. As you remember, honestly, truthfully, I suspect that you will want to get down on your knees in penitence, and ask God's forgiveness. You will be ashamed that you have been like "Herod . . . and all Jerusalem"—; troubled lest Jesus Christ should interfere with your hot little plans!

And then you may begin to pray, that, this year, He will be born in your heart, to reign there. You may even dare to ask Him to use you in His plans. Perhaps you will suddenly see that only where the Lord Christ reigns is there any deep peace and harmony. Our lives have been like the orchestra, tuning up for the concert—a strange disharmony of individual players. Suddenly we shall know that only when the conductor of the orchestra raps for silence and begins to lead his players is there music. So, as our hearts are quieted by our Lord and Master, and we follow His lead, there will be harmony in us.

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Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

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We wish to acknowledge with appreciation, these contributors to the U. T. O.: Mrs. Philip A. Arnold, Hazel L. Bainbridge, C. S. Berger, Helen T. Bradley, Olga B. Carlile, C. Bevins, M. J. LaBriola, Mr. & Mrs. N. Colonna, Mrs. Edward J. Cooke, E. Dahl, Viola J. Downward, Mrs. D. L. German, Sr., Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Lillian Hirsch, Mrs. Henrietta Jones, Madeline Keller, Anna M. Klopp, Ruth G. Leighead, Mrs. J. Ludlow, Jane MacLeod, Marie L. Marable, Fred Mangold, E. Mangold, Isabel C. Mayer, Mrs. Lillie H. Moritz, Mrs. Margaret Nachtigall, Elizabeth Patterson, Isabella Pouton, Caroline M. Price, Dorothy M. Quesenburry, Edith Roth, Mrs. Kathryn Schrott, Mrs. Harry F. Seltzer, Mrs. S. P. Shaw, Naomi Shultz, Miss Mae Snedden, Mrs. St. George Sioussat, Ann Snow, Mrs. Edith R. Stout, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Summers, Beatrice L. Van Sciver, Helen M. Volz, Thelma M. Weeks, Viola S. Wells, Sarah S. Winn.—James Ashbrook, Mrs. M. Coleman, Helen G. Downes, Eda M. Macphee, Mrs. Kathryn Neild, Mrs. Ethel M. Smith, Mrs. Raymond Ross.

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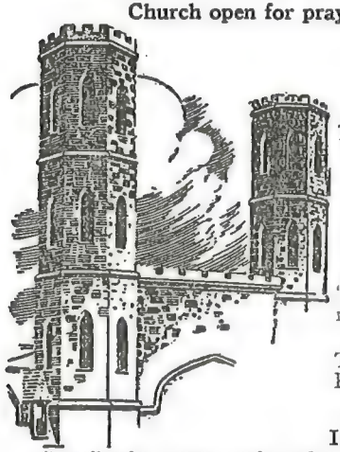
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The Prelude: "Come, Savior of the Gentiles, Come" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, teach us Thy will for our lives. Help us to understand our place in the Divine Plan. Give us a deepened sense of personal responsibility. May we see that a task awaits our hands that no other can fulfill; that if we are silent, a chord in the music will fail. Grant, O Lord, that with renewed faith in Thee and fresh confidence in ourselves, we may leave this sanctuary eager to do Thy will. We offer our prayer in Christ's name. Amen.

Processional Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming" ..... *Praetorius*

The Sermon: HOW TO READ THE BIBLE ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Anthem: "The Last Words Of David" ..... *Randall Thompson*

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morn without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain, after rain. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

The Doxology and Presentation of Offerings

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 198 ..... *Meditation*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

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—Mrs. P. D. Mackes (Dover, Delaware)

JOYFUL CONFIDENCE

This is "Bible Sunday", and a wise man has said that the Bible is *the record of God's search for man.* Last of all in Creation, God made a creature called "man"—with free will, free to reject Him in fear or to obey Him in love. And the Bible is a long record of God's patient knocking at men's hearts, in tender persistence, through poet and prophet, until He finally came on earth Himself, in Jesus Christ. His love became visible in human form, that men might *see* that Love, and welcome the coming of its Light into their darkness.

Do you know why December the 25th is kept as Christmas day? Studdert Kennedy once wrote, "Why does Christmas come in the very depth of Winter? We do not really know the exact date of Christ's birth. December the 25th was not fixed as the birthday Festival of Christ until 300 years after He died. It was then settled—not because December the 25th was known to be the true date of His birth, but because it was the date of the heathen mid-Winter Festival. Traces of that heathen Festival are still with us, such as the burning of the Yule-log. Behind that ancient Winter Festival there lay the dread that in the depth of some bleak Winter the sun might really die, bleeding its life out in the flames of one last awful sun-set across the Western sky. That primitive dread made the ancients pile the Yule-logs up to warm the sun lest it die in Winter's grip!"

Actually, December the 25th is the day when the sun is farthest away from the earth, and its warmth is least felt by us. So the pagans thought of that day in fear and trembling, lest the world grow more chill and frightening. But, after Jesus came among men, those who knew Him trembled no longer on that day. They rejoiced and said, "This is the day when we can praise God because He began to come closer to men in the warmth of His Love and the Light of His Wisdom." So, December 25th ceased being a Pagan Festival of shuddering fears; and became a Christian Festival of joyful confidence. We remember how the sun turns back from its farthest distance with returning warmth. We remember how God turns back to shivering human souls who have found how cold life is without Him.

It may be that hope has burned low in your heart of late. You have found that, in your small self, there is little of life-giving warmth and light. So, in humble honesty, you open your stable-door to Him, one dwelling where He will be more than welcome. Because of Christmas alone is there hope in the world!

The Rector will preach in the Methodist Church, Vineland, N.J., Sunday evening, December 5th.

THE EXODUS — MODERN VERSION

Asked what he'd learned at Sunday School, the ten-year-old began: "Well, our teacher told us about when God sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they came to the Red Sea, Moses called the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they had all crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash, Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and save the Israelites."

"Bobby," exclaimed his startled mother, "is that really the way your teacher told the story?"

"Well, not exactly. But, if I told it her way, you'd never believe it."

PAKISTAN

John Roak, Jr., Organist for the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing, has recently returned from a ten month visit to Pakistan. Mr. Roak was there on a Fulbright Scholarship. On Tuesday, December 7th, at 3:00 P.M. in the Community House, Mr. Roak will show his colored pictures and lecture on Pakistan. The Women's Aid of the Chapel will serve tea, coffee and refreshments after the lecture. Members of St. Stephen's Church are most welcome.

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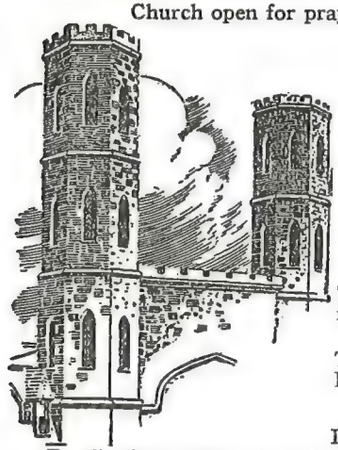
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Processional Hymn 2 .....*Veni Emmanuel*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 62, Page 413
The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:1-18
The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal
The Anthem: Recitative: "Comfort Ye My People" .....*Handel*
Aria: "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted"

Comfort ye my people, saith your God; speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardon'd. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.
The Sermon Hymn 345 .....*Dominus Regit Me*
The Sermon: "THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS" .....The Rector
Offertory Anthem: "And the Glory of the Lord . . ." .....*Handel*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
The Presentation and Doxology
Recessional Hymn 5 .....*St. Thomas*

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RADIANCE OF THE MANGER

Near the end of World War I, a company in the American Army found itself stationed in Siberia. They had been there some time, and they were very weary of the loneliness and the darkness and the bitter cold. Morale became low. Uniforms and men became dirty, and the conversation dirtier still. Then Alex came.

The Sergeant found Alex, a little Russian boy, huddled in a box-car, trying to keep from freezing to death. So the Sergeant brought him back to the company, because he did not know what else to do with him. He was a lovable youngster, and these men (who had begun to think of themselves as hard-boiled) lost their hearts to him. They began to see that they could not teach him to be clean without showing him how to do it! So they began to keep the barracks spotless once more. They cleaned themselves up, began shaving every day. They began to teach Alex how to speak English—and that meant cleaning up their conversation, so they cut out the cursing and began to talk like real men again. Then suddenly someone thought that they ought to teach him how to pray; and that was harder. Finally one man remembered, "Now I lay me . . ." and "Our Father . . ." Another recalled how he used to talk simply to God in prayer at his mother's knee. Every night the men not on duty gathered to share in Alex' good-night prayers. They told him about the Christmas story; and when Christmas Eve came, Alex startled them by crying out, "Read me ze story about the Child in ze Bible, Sergeant!" The old Sergeant scowled for a moment, then grabbed a Bible, thumbed through it clumsily until he found the story; and read it awkwardly, shyly, to Alex and the eagerly-listening men.

So Christ came on earth to those disheartened, grimy American boys out in the bitter Siberian cold. Christ came and turned them away from their own suffering to care for the suffering of a little boy. And, once He was within their hearts, he cleaned them up, within and without,—as He always does, once the door opens to Him!

The most glorious wish for your Christmas is that you will take some sufferer into your heart, into your home, and care for Him with all your love and intelligence. If you will do that, your Christmas will be lighted with the Radiance that comes only from the Manger! For, once Christ is free to work through you anew, He will work His white miracles in your own heart; and there will be peace and joy in you when Christmas dawns.

The Rector addressed the Couples' Club at Holy Comforter Church, Drexel Hill, on Friday evening, December 10th.

The Afternoon Branch of the Women of St. Stephen's, which is reviewing the Life of St. Paul, will meet after morning service on December 19th in the Community House. Wassel and Christmas cakes will be served, and Prayer Cards drawn. All Are Welcome.

Gentlemen:—I can't recall if I paid for the weekly Bulletin this year, so the enclosed $2.00 is for same. If I did contribute, I don't know any place I'd rather do it twice than for St. Stephen's. Your Church is doing more for people in Philadelphia than any other I know of.—Mrs. Paul E. Dornheim.

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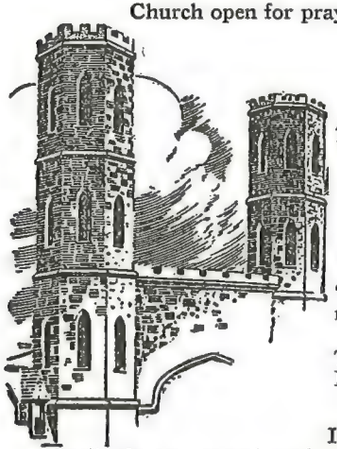
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The Prelude: Andante (from "Messiah") .....*Handel*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the eternal Wisdom of the Father, we beseech Thee to assist us with Thy heavenly grace, that we may be blessed in all our work, and above all things, may attain the knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life eternal; and that, according to Thy most holy example, we may ever be found going about amongst our fellow men, doing good, healing the sick, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Processional Hymn 236 .....*Irby*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 96, Page 459
The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:1-13
The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal
The Anthem: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light .....*J. S. Bach*
Text, Hymn #25
Sermon Hymn 10 .....*Winchester New*
The Sermon: "PREPARATION" .....The Rector
Offertory Anthem: *Recitative*—"Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive" .....*Handel*
Behold! A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel: God with us.
Aria—"O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" .....*Handel*
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The Presentation and Doxology
Recessional Hymn 11 .....*St. Stephen*

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We would like to place on record our thanks to God for this wonderful healing.

—Mrs. Dorothy Morgan (Philadelphia)

THE GLORY OF HIS LOVE

In a Church where the Rector once ministered, each Christmas we had the "Candle Light Service." It was a simple and beautiful pageant of worship. The shepherds and the Wise Men were there, and the Angels, and Joseph and Mary and the Christ-Child, and, above it all, the Star shone bright. Back of all the beauty, the Rector remembers a man whom the congregation never saw, who played a very important part. The young angels were all clad in pure white, light material, very inflammable. Each angel carried a lighted candle. This man knew the possible tragedy in those burning candles. So, each year, he hid himself from the congregation, in a place close-by where he could keep careful watch, with a small fire-extinguisher in hand. One remembers him, creeping about unnoticed, to be sure that all was safe. He protected the angels each year because "He who is mighty has done great things for me"—because of the gratitude in his heart to God for all His goodness.

Perhaps you are lonely this Christmas. Mary must have been lonely, too—with no woman to help her with the birth of her first child. Yet in her heart, she was remembering how good God had been to her, what great things He had done for her. Will you set aside your newspaper, or shut off the TV—and just sit and remember? He will bring back to your memory some of the great things He has done for you in years past. And your heart fills with thankfulness, you will know what He wants you to do right now—some act of love which may be unseen to most, but will be great in His eyes.

Perhaps you will be with beloved people. Let your heart remember *now* God's great goodness to you. And out of your heart-full of gratitude, He will entrust you with something to do for Him—it may be to pray for some of the people you will be with, like that man who has forgotten how to be joyful, or the woman whose heart holds resentments. He will give you these people to keep in your prayers. It will be simply that you will be more loving to those difficult people, and that they will respond, and have some Christmas in them once more. He may trust you to write to someone who cannot come this year, to tell them that they will be remembered and missed.

For the glory of Christmas is in forgetting our pin-pricks and old aches, in seeing the glory of His Love for us, and letting it fill our hearts with gladness!

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The Afternoon Branch of the Women of St. Stephen's, which is reviewing the Life of St. Paul, will meet after morning service on December 19th in the Community House. Wassel and Christmas cakes will be served, and Prayer Cards drawn. All Are Welcome.

The Rector's daughter, Evelyn Murray, gave birth to her second son on Monday, December 13th.

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BEFORE THE WEEK IS UP, MAIL YOUR PLEDGE TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

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Support of My Parish	Work of the Church in Diocese, Nation, World.
$..... per week	$..... per week

Signed: .....

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE — 10:30 P.M.

The Prelude: (a) My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord ..... *Marcel Dupre*
(b) Air in D ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou, who art the Light of the world, the Desire of all nations, and the Shepherd of our souls; let Thy Light shine in the darkness, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God . . . O come to our hearts, Lord Jesus; there is room in our hearts for Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*
The Carols: (a) A Babe Lies In A Cradle ..... *Arranged*
(b) The Snow Lay On The Ground ..... *Sowerby*
(c) Away In A Manger ..... *Orvis Ross*
(d) While By Our Sleeping Flock We Lay ..... *Jungst*
Kyrie, Hymnal 709 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: *Recit.*: "There Were Shepherds Abiding In The Field" ..... *Handel*
Chorus: "Glory To God In The Highest" ..... *Handel*
The Sermon: "CHRIST AMONG THE COMMON THINGS" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 33 ..... *Holy Night*
Kneeling Hymn (The Choir)—"O'er The Cradle Of A King, Hear The Song The Angels Sing"
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*

Flowers and Christmas decorations are provided by special funds: The East Window is decorated in memory of the Magee Family; the Atmore Window in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

CHRISTMAS DAY — 11 A.M.

The Prelude: "In Dulce Jubilo" ..... *Marcel Dupre*
Processional Hymn 319 ..... *Antioch*
Kyrie, Hymnal 709 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Christmas Day" (Text, Hymn #31) ..... *Gustav Holst*
The Sermon: "CHRIST AMONG THE COMMON THINGS" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 30 ..... *The First Nowell*
Kneeling Hymn 39 ..... *Corner*
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Recessional Hymn 16 ..... *Yorkshire*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th — 11 A.M.

The Prelude: "Greensleeves" ..... *Purvis*
Processional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 119:14, 15, Page 497
The First Lesson: I Samuel: 1, V. 20
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:22-40
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "He Shall Feed His Flock" ..... *Handel*
The Sermon: "THE STORY OF STEPHEN" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*
Recessional Hymn 42 ..... *Gloria*

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NEW ATTITUDES

We all have plans for 1966. Yet our lives may be judged, not by our plans, but by the unexpected encounters along the way.

Three men set out from Jerusalem to travel over the desolated, robber-infested road to Jericho. Each came suddenly upon a battered man, lying by the roadside. The Priest hurried right on. The Levite slowed down just enough to take a look at the beat-up wayfarer, and pushed on. But the Samaritan, "as he journeyed," brushed aside his plans and his fears, administered first aid, and took him to the next inn and arranged for his care.

At the end of 1966, it will be said of each of us, "A certain person, as he journeyed, met the unexpected, and . . ." And *what*? What are we going to do with these sudden tests? Apparently, in Jesus' eyes, this is an urgent matter.

What makes the difference—as a Bible student has noted,—is *how each of us pictures himself*. The Priest and the Levite pictured themselves narrowly as men with very holy jobs, so this stranger lying in the roadside dust was "not one of us"; outside their concern. But the Samaritan (a traveling salesman, on business) thought of himself simply as a human being, one of God's family. So, to him, the wounded man was a fellow-human whose hurt was an important matter. It is interesting to note that the Priest and the Levite were not on business, for they were traveling *away* from the Temple. But the Samaritan had customers to see, and the delay could cost him business. But he stopped, just the same.

Apparently what we need for 1966 is not plans, but a new attitude. Shall we take ourselves and our convenience very seriously, and regard the man by the wayside as an irritating interruption? Or shall we look more carefully, and see, in the dust, a fellow-man whom God has put in our way to help?

Chesterton once said, "Angels can fly because they take themselves so lightly." Jesus did not hurry along, His eyes on the middle of the road. Again and again, "as He journeyed", He stopped for someone who needed Him. To Him blind Bartimaeus and up-a-tree Zaccheus were not "interruptions" but special opportunities God had put in His way.

If you and I adopt Jesus' rule of the road, we shall travel through 1966 alert for fellow-wayfarers in trouble. Some of our plans will be upset—what difference if they are! Adventurers are not slaves to a plan—they dare to make sudden changes, regardless of inconvenience. As we journey, we shall dare to stop and do what God has put in our way; and go with a song in our hearts.

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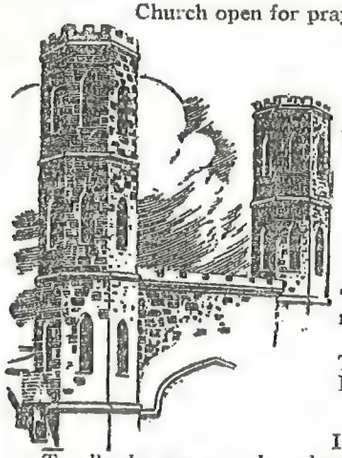
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Processional Hymn 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*
The Kyrie, Hymnal 709 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee ..... *J. S. Bach*

Now let every tongue adore Thee! Let men with angels sing before Thee! Let harps and cymbals now unite! All Thy gates with pearl are glorious, where we partake through faith victorious, with angels 'round Thy throne of light. No mortal eye hath seen, no mortal ear hath heard such wondrous things; therefore with joy our songs shall soar in praise to God for evermore.

The Sermon: "THE SEA OF TIME" ..... Rev. Andrew W. Mayer
Offertory Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*
The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 198 ..... *Meditation*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 28 ..... *Regent Square*

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—Mrs. Edith M. Stoddard (East Aurora, N.Y.)

The Rector and Mrs. Price are having the luxury of a mid-Winter vacation in Florida and will be away through the month of January. The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer will be in charge of the Sunday and week-day services, and the Rev. Eugene LeFebvre will conduct the Thursday healing services.

The Rector dedicated on Sunday, December 26th a Chancel Prayer Book presented by Mrs. Walker to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Walter Baxter Walker.

THROUGH THE DUST

Your picture of yourself will determine your usefulness, and your happiness, in the New Year. Jesus made that clear in the tale of The Good Samaritan.

The Apostles (in Acts 6) pictured themselves as preachers. As Stanley Jones pointed out, they felt that it was too burdensome for them to preach and also to distribute food to their hungry fellow-Christians. So they appointed seven Deacons, to take care of the needy people, while they devoted themselves to the holy job of prayer and preaching. They divided the work into spiritual and material, and pictured themselves as spiritual.

But that is not God's way, according to Jesus. "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" . . . God became real in material form, and lived in ordinary places, in a down-to-earth human life. Jesus shocked His disciples when He told them that He came among us as One who serves, as a humble servant of God and man. On the night before He died, He knelt and washed their feet, as common servants did. He said, very plainly, that this is the way that we are to picture ourselves, quietly serving God by serving people. This is the glory of the Christian faith at its best, God at work in **ordinary places, in ordinary people.**

The Greek word "Deacon" is an interesting one. It means "through-the-dust", describing a camel-driver who goes through the dust leading his camel, while someone else sits on it. A genuine follower of Jesus Christ will, therefore, picture himself as a "through-the-dust" person, accepting discomfort to give someone else a lift. But the Apostles pictured themselves as "preachers" and they labeled the hard-working food-distributors as the "Deacons."

What happened next? We hear less and less of the Apostles and their preaching. But the "Deacons", with their be-grimed service, begin to make history. They became the channels of power. Stephen waked up the Church at Jerusalem, and then became the first Christian Martyr, dying with the forgiving words of Jesus on his lips. Philip, another of the Seven, carried the Great News out of Jerusalem into new places. These Deacons had pictured themselves as Jesus' serving men, so His Love lived in them, and won people to Him. In the meanwhile, the Apostles tried to ride, while others ate dust!

Resolutions fade fast in the New Year. But you can hang a picture of yourself in your heart for all of 1966. Which one will it be? A preachy person? or a through-the-dust servant? You choose!

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscriptions to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. Some 715 are mailed out each week, to individuals and families of people who live in 18 of our States, and a few to Canada. It goes not only to members, but to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. The figure we quoted last year as the approximate cost each week was $58.50, to print and mail out this publication. That figure has increased considerably because of the necessity of sending about 436 of the 715 by first class mail; the remaining 269 still going out under our special permit, at 1¼¢ each. Thus the weekly cost figure is in the neighborhood of $70.00 now. Our Parish Treasurer reports receipts up to Dec. 12th of $920.35 toward Bulletin expenses.

If every family would give $2.50 per year, the cost would be met. Of course a great many on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so a generous check or two from those who are financially able to do so, will help cover for those unable to contribute toward this expense. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing, a higher mailing cost, make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To Continue Christ's Faithful Servant."

June 30th—Elmer Russell Norris
Sept. 19th—Nancy Lee Keller

MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together, Let No Man Put Asunder."

Dec. 10th—Robert H. Harp, Jr. and Sandra J. Kimbrough

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No Longer Strangers, But Members of the Household."

Miss Charlotte E. Bentley
Miss Elizabeth V. H. Devlin

BURIALS

June 16—Mary Emily Amidon
July 9—Fay Reed McClain
Aug. 18—Carrie Grouse
Sept. 8—Henry S. Musser
Sept. 29—Ethel H. Bollinger
Oct. 4—Mae Snedden
Oct. 5—Brian Lee Price
Oct. 23—James E. Bacon
Dec. 1—Roger W. Clawson
Dec. 16—Viola J. Downward
Dec. 17—May Thompson

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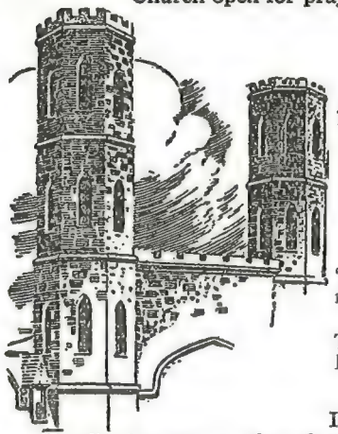
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Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1966

THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D., RECTOR

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 109-110

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and most merciful God, whose fatherly concern broods over all Thy creatures, descend upon us, we pray Thee, as the spirit of quietness, that we may be prepared in heart and mind to receive Thy blessings. Make us aware of wider horizons. Take from our eyes the film of selfishness, and give unto us the spirit of generosity, so that we may see how fair and gracious life may become. Let us welcome the larger heart and kindlier hand, and help us to enter more fully into the joys of following Jesus; we pray in His name. Amen.
Processional Hymn 46 .....*Morning Star*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #608, Hymnal
Psalm 97, Page 460
The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-9
Te Deum, Page 10; Chants #613, #617, #613, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-12
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: How Brightly Beams the Morning Star .....*Elmore*
How brightly beams the morning star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining! Brightness of God that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light who long for truth were pining! Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw Thou near us. Great Immanuel, come and hear us.
The Sermon: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING"
THE REV. ANDREW W. MAYER
— INCARNATION —
DESIRE for God — to French philosopher Voltaire (1699-1770), Invention; to Bishop Brent (1862-1929), Certainty.
Offertory Hymn 330 .....*Bouwerie*
The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 52 .....*Dix*

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Dear Dr. Price:—For several weeks I have planned to write to you expressing appreciation for the intercessory prayers offered for two months in behalf of my brother, Dr. J. R. Johnson, of Dunn, N.C., who had severe heart attacks. After a recent examination the doctors could find nothing wrong.—Ethel Johnson (Clayton, N.C.)

PLEASE NOTE:—If anyone, as head of a group, etc., knows of a "news item" of interest to our readers, we ask that you leave such item on the secretary's desk—typed or legibly written—on the Sunday before date it should be in our Bulletin. Our copy must go to the printer on Monday before noon.

DIVINE POSSIBILITIES

This is the Epiphany Season—the time when we are thankful for the shining forth of God in Jesus Christ, the showing forth of the nature of God in a Life lived on earth.

Through Jesus Christ men found a new freedom—from the tyranny of the impossible. Men have again and again found themselves helpless, defeated, hopeless. Jesus promised men that with God, nothing is impossible. One only has to meet the impossible with God, and God will show what great things can be wrought out of that failure, or loneliness, or night-mare, or pain. H. C. Moule, Bishop of Durham put this shining freedom thus:

I DARE TO SAY THAT
IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO RECKON ON THE POWER OF THE LORD FOR KEEPING AND VICTORY, TO LEAD A LIFE IN WHICH HIS PROMISES ARE TAKEN AS THEY STAND AND ARE FOUND TO BE TRUE.

IT IS POSSIBLE to cast all our care upon Him daily and to enjoy deep peace in doing it.

IT IS POSSIBLE to have the thoughts and imaginations of our hearts purified, in the deepest meaning of the word, through faith.

IT IS POSSIBLE to see the will of God in everything, and to receive it, not with sighing, but with singing.

IT IS POSSIBLE, in the inner life of desire and feeling, to lay aside all bitterness, and wrath, and evil doing, every day and every hour.

IT IS POSSIBLE, by taking complete refuge in divine power, to become strong through and through; and where previously our greatest weakness lay, to find that the things which formerly upset all our resolves to be patient or pure or humble, furnish today opportunity—through Him who loved us, and works in us and agreement with His will and a blessed sense of His Presence and His Power to make sin powerless.

These things are *Divine Possibilities,* and because they are His work the true experience of them will always cause us to bow lower at His feet and to learn to thirst and long for more. We cannot possibly be satisfied with anything less than—each day, each hour, each moment, in Christ, through the Power of the Holy Spirit—*to walk with God.*

We have our usual very excellent report from the President of the Benevolent Society, Mrs. Anna W. Hauger. We set it forth here with pride:

During the calendar year 1965, we completed and returned 4,584 pieces of sewing to the following Hospitals:—

Jefferson	4,378
Episcopal	206
	4,584 total number of pieces.

For the sewing of these pieces we disbursed $497.29, which includes carfare for the workers.

At Christmas each worker received a box of candy and a gift from St. Stephen's Church, also a gift from the Benevolent Society.

A HOUSE BLESSING

Bless, O Lord, Almighty God, this house; that there be found good health, the power of spiritual victory, humility, goodness, and meekness, the plentitude of Thy Law, and Thanksgiving to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and may this blessing remain on this house and on its inhabitants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We extend our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Carrie K. Abel, Walter Becker, Mrs. Nelson Billington, Clement B. Buell, Helen Challenger, W. H. Charles, Mr. & Mrs. R. Douglas Cole, Alfred F. Cooley, Mrs. F. J. Cunningham, Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Mildred C. Faris, Mrs. James Fentress, Mr. John Glassy, Sara E. Hart, L. M. Hunter, Elise Kaesler, Mr. George McKenna, Mrs. Harriette L. Kimmig, Harold H. Mortensen, Sr., The Rev. Eugene F. Lefebvre, Mary E. Newcomb, Laura D. Nichols, Mrs. L. Pearce, Mrs. Helen Schmid, Miss Mary V. Seaford, Mrs. Charles Stein, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. A. P. Valentine.

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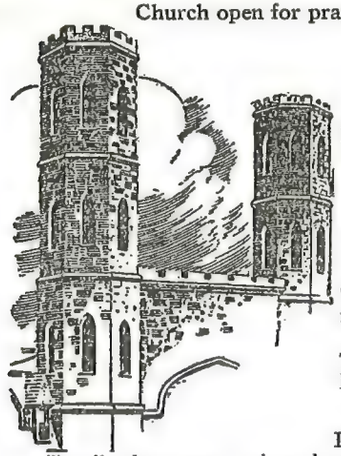
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(b) Jesu, Priceless Treasure .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, cleanse our spiritual vision. Open our eyes to the glory of the life of consecration. Let light fall upon our pathway. Help us to see more clearly the radiance of Him who is the Light of the world, and in His Light may we see light. Invade our hearts with Thy quietness. Calm our restlessness. Help us to put our trust in Thee. Grant us the peace of mind that steadies and comforts in every time of need. Lift our burden of carefulness. Set us free from anxiety. Deliver us from the fret of hard circumstance and uphold us with Thy free Spirit.

Processional Hymn 48 .....*Stuttgart*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #608, Hymnal
Psalm 99, Page 462
The First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35
Te Deum, Page 10; Chants #613, #617, #613, Hymnal
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Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: Judge Me, O God .....*Mendelssohn*

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from deceitful and unjust men. For Thou art the God of my strength; O why dost Thou cast me from Thee? Wherefore mourn I because the enemy sorely oppresseth me? Send out Thy light and truth, O Lord; O let them lead me, and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling place. And then will I go to the Altar of God, the God of my joy. I will praise Thee upon the harp, O my God. O my soul, why art thou cast downward, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope in the Lord, O my soul, for I will praise Him who is the health of my countenance, and my gracious Lord and God.

The Sermon: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING"—
—Forgiveness .....The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer
Offertory Hymn 435 .....*Rest*
The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 331 .....*Kingsfold*

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BOOMERANGS

This is the Epiphany Season — the time when we remember the "Showing Forth," the demonstration of God in Jesus Christ. Since He is the God of the whole world, we would expect it to be "built into" God's universe. We find that it *is*!

Allen Boone (in "LETTERS TO STRONG HEART") tells of an old Chief he met, living in the jungle. He had retired and had made a camp by a lake deep in the jungle, where he lived with peace of heart. "I never even carry a gun in the jungle," he said. "It isn't necessary." Boone was surprised and deeply curious.

He explained that whatever went out of his heart would boomerang back to him from everything in the jungle. If he came with loaded rifle to kill, the jungle was against him. If he came, weaponless, in friendship, the jungle was his friend. So Allen Boone tried this out. He found that whatever he sent out was coming back to him, like for like. "I discovered that the animals usually knew that I was moving in their direction long before they could hear or see me, or even pick up my scent. They always seemed to know, too, whether I was coming as a friend or enemy, and acted accordingly . . . That is what the old Chief meant by "boomerang back." That is why I, too, never go out armed. And that is why I seldom experience any difficulties with natives or animals." A good neighbor finds good neighbors wherever he goes, even in the jungle."

You see, the teaching of Jesus *is* built into the laws of the universe. The old Chief had discovered, all by himself, that "whatsoever you deal out to others will be dealt to you in return."

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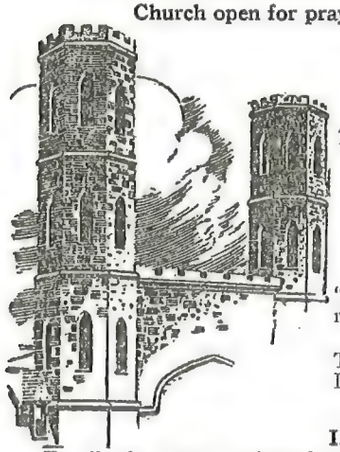
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father we thank Thee for this quiet hour in this hallowed place. Here the pressure of life is lifted. Here the shallow desires of earth are stilled. Here the deep hunger of our hearts is satisfied. Bless to us this hour. Reach our souls with Thy Spirit. Grant that our familiarity with the outward symbol may not close our hearts to the inflow of Thy Power, and that the limitations in the human medium through which Thy Word is spoken may not dim our eyes to its splendor. May Thy Word be a light to our path and eternal life to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prelude: Ave Maris Stella .....*Marcel Dupre*
Processional Hymn 54 .....*Dulce Carmen*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #608, Hymnal
Psalm 1, Page 345
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10
Te Deum, Page 10; Chants #613, #617, #613, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Acts 9:1-9
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Once To Every Man And Nation" .....*D. S. York*

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side. By the light of burning martyrs, Jesus' bleeding feet I track, toiling up new Calvaries ever with the Cross that turns not back. Thou the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong. Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet the scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own. Amen.

The Sermon: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING"
Confrontation On The Endless Damascus Road.
(In anticipation of the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, January 25th) .....The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer
Offertory Hymn 114 .....*Munich*
The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 268 .....*St. Patrick*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Elsie L. Sockle in memory of her husband, William Sockle and her brother, William H. MacDougall; and by Jos. S. Leeds in memory of parents and sister.

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MANY CHANNELS

Robert Louis Stevenson spent the last five years of his short life on the Island of Samoa in the South Pacific. He loved the simple Samoan natives, and studied their customs, finding that in every Samoan household the day is closed with prayer and the singing of hymns.

So, as soon as his household had fallen into a regular routine, he felt the necessity of including their Samoan helpers in the evening family prayers. The war-conch was sounded from the back veranda and the Samoans—men, women, and children—trooped in to join the Stevenson family.

The service began with his step-son, Lloyd Osborne, reading a chapter from the Samoan Bible, Stevenson following with a prayer in English. Then came the singing of hymns in the native tongue, and the Lord's Prayer. So, through Tusitela, the "teller of tales", God was shown forth, day by day.

Mrs. Stevenson tells how, one night, her husband brought the service to a sudden stop. He had just learned of the treacherous conduct of one in whom he had every reason to trust. That evening his prayer seemed unusually short and formal. As the singing stopped, he rose abruptly and left the room. His wife hastened after him, fearing some sudden illness. "What is it?" she asked. "It is this", was the reply. "I'm not yet fit to say, 'forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'" So he stopped, and did not lead in the Lord's Prayer that memorable evening; because he could not say it with his whole heart.

So God is demonstrated on earth—by a great Christian, so honest before God that he would not speak to God without meaning it. He would first have to pray his way through the forgiveness in his heart. This the continuing "Epiphany"—the on-going demonstration to the loving God through men and women whose lives face Him, and become channels for His compassion. Because there are so many people, God needs many channels, through whom He can be made manifest.

He needs you, my friend, as part of His Epiphany!

MECKLING AT ST. CHARLES

The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling addressed a group of upper class Seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook, Phila., Pa. on Wednesday, January 12th. The invitation to speak at the Seminary was given by the Rev. Stephen Landherr, Priest at St. Boniface's Church in Phila., Pa. Father Landherr ministers to all the deaf Roman Catholics in the Philadelphia area and teaches at St. Charles. The Rev. Mr. Meckling spoke on the Psychology of Deafness to a group which will serve the deaf in their Church.

Previously, Father Landherr spoke to the Rev. Mr. Meckling's Class of Seminarians at the Philadelphia Divinity School. We believe it very likely that the Rev. Mr. Meckling is the first non-Roman Catholic Priest to speak at St. Charles Seminary. He was very warmly received, and the class presented him with a pictorial copy of the New Testament.

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VALUES—A Sunday School teacher was horrified when she saw a picture which one of her pupils had drawn. "Why", she said, "It looks like a cowboy walking into a saloon!"

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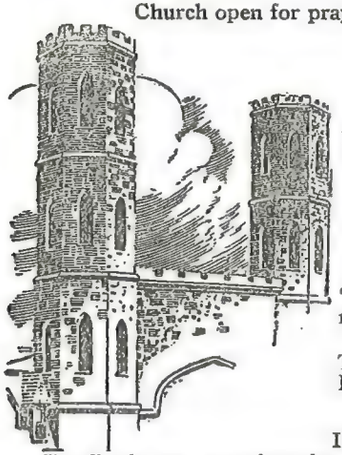
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Processional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elizabeth*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #608, Hymnal
Psalm 66, Page 417
The First Lesson: Isaiah 61
Te Deum, Page 10; Chants #613, #617, #613, Hymnal
Second Lesson: St. Luke 4:16-32
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #646, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Lift Thine Eyes" — "He Watching Over Israel" .....from "Elijah" *by Mendelssohn*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber . . .

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The Sermon: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING"—REDEMPTION
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Offertory Hymn 340 .....*Breslau*
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Recessional Hymn 542 .....*Duke Street*

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THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

Recently an able Japanese electronics engineer came to visit a friend of mine. Even his keen mind found difficulty with our awkward English Language. So my friend asked him how he was able to communicate with the American engineers with whom he had been consulting.

He pointed out that the science of electronics is expressed in "universal symbols"—like algebra and geometry. Scientists of all nations can read them. So all he had to do was to show them what he had worked out on paper, in these universal symbols. Science has a language for all nations.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the answer for all our nations—just as electronics has answers for all men. Therefore we would expect there to be a universal language in which we can communicate this Good News to all. There *is* such a language.

It is the language of deeds, not words! Back of all the shining words that Jesus spoke are His more shining deeds. It is the deeds which give authority to the words—His loving-out-reach to the rich and to the poor, to Very-Important-People and to Very-Unimportant-People, to the lovable, and the unlovable. We remember His living and His dying. We remember what He *did*.

Men and women of other nations, and the people around us, come to understand and love Jesus Christ when they see Him in *action* in us. When He lives in us, people can see that He is different from those who compete harshly for our "success", for fore money or power. When they catch sight of Him in us, they see that He seeks for new success, new wealth, new hope, *for others*—at real cost to themselves. This language of love is costly—learned only by "losing ourselves" in the lives of our neighbors.

The Japanese people are rightly famous for their courtesy, their gracious way with friends and strangers. The Olympic teams in the 1964 Games at Tokyo spoke of this. Never had they met such warm and care-taking consideration in any "foreign" land. For this reason Japanese Christians take naturally to the "universal symbols" of love.

Each one of us must muster these simple but costly expressions of love. Only through loving action can we make Christ known to people of different ways than ours. Only through the clear-speaking deeds of love can white and Negro people in the U.S.A. be reconciled to each other. Only thus can individuals—separated by misunderstanding and resentment—bridge the gap between them.

We have a universal language. Through it God can work wonders. Use it to-day!

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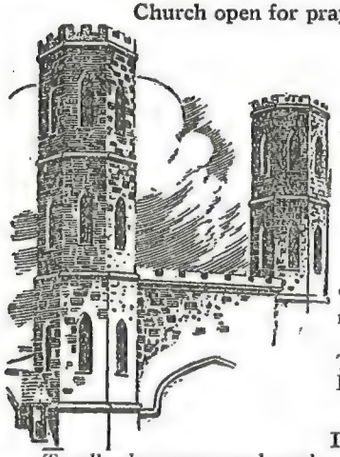
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The Prelude: "Arioso" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, who hast set us in a world of beauty and wonder, we beseech Thee to give us wisdom to unseal springs of joy. May we find joy in the loveliness of nature, the strength of friendship, the conquest of difficulty, and the satisfactions of service. Teach us to delight in simple things. And when moments of high privilege are granted to us, may we welcome them with joyous reverence. We ask in the name of Him who bequeathed His joy that our joy might be full. Amen.

Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

The Response to the Decalogue #708, Hymnal ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Lift Thine Eyes" — "He Watching Over Israel" .....from "Elijah" *by Mendelssohn*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber . . .

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not nor sleeps. Should'st thou, walking in grief, languish; He will quicken thee.

The Sermon: "JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING" — Resurrection
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Offertory Hymn 590 ..... *Alford*

The Doxology

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 337 ..... *Hamburg*

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THE MODERATE

It is time to say something on behalf of moderation. My dictionary defines the word, "reasonable; calm; tempered. Not extreme in opinion, in partisanship." The definition does not describe the climate of these times. Indeed, our people seem to be drawn increasingly to the polarities of extremism. Am I wrong in believing that this promises little good for the future? It is my conviction that the soundness of our society springs from middle ground where moderation holds the balance against extremism in all forms.

Judge Learned Hand, considered by many to be the greatest jurist of our time, has written, "What is the spirit of moderation? It is the temper which does not press a partisan advantage to its bitter end, which can understand and will respect the other side, which feels the unity between all citizens—real and not a fictitious product of propaganda—which recognizes their common faith and their common aspirations—in a word, which has faith in the sacredness of the individual. If you ask me how such a temper and such a faith are bred and fostered, I cannot answer. They are the last flowers of civilization, delicate and easily over-run by the weeds of our sinful human nature; we may even now be witnessing their uprooting and disappearance until in the progress of the ages their seeds can once more find friendly soil. But I'm satisfied that they must have the vigor within themselves to withstand the winds and weather of an indifferent and ruthless world; and that it is idle to seek shelter for them in the court room. Men must take that temper and that faith with them into the field, into the market-place, into the factory, into the council-room, into their homes; they cannot be imposed; they must be lived."

The position of the moderate is difficult to hold these days. I sense a growing rigidity of thought and action. Lines are being drawn firmer. Differences are being translated into hostilities. Dogmatism in many forms is having its day. In this atmosphere which is prevalent throughout our land, the moderate is often damned from all sides. Unable to embrace extremism in any form, he stands his ground in the middle and is assaulted by all. I'm persuaded that his position is the most uncomfortable of all, and yet the sanest.

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—The Virginia Churchman, May 1785

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—Oregon Churchman

BARGAIN

At how cheap a price was Christ tumbled up and down in this world. It does almost take off our pious scorn at the low price at which Judas sold Him, to consider that His Father sold Him to the world for nothing . . .

And yet you have had him cheaper than that today in the Sacrament. Whom has Christ cost five shekels here? . . .

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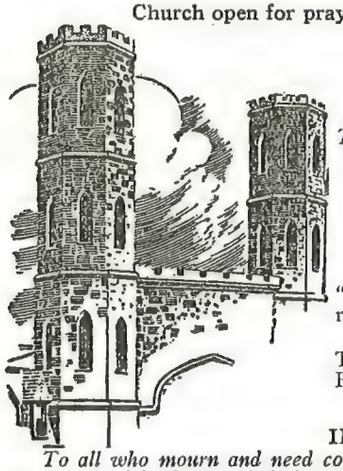
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Processional Hymn 527 ..... *Taylor Hall*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 33, Page 378

The First Lesson: I Samuel 17 — Vs 17

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 10:32-39

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Sned Out Thy Light" ..... *Gounod*

Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me, and let them bring me to Thy holy hill. O God, then will I go unto Thy Altar. On the harp we will praise Thee, O Lord our God. . . . Why, O soul, art thou sorrowful, and why cast down within me? Still trust the loving kindness of the God of Thy strength, and my tongue yet shall praise Him, who hath pleaded my cause. Send out Thy light . . .

The Sermon ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 528 ..... *Hesperus*

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—Mrs. Irene L. Stevens (Corvallis, Oregon)

TEAM PLAY

"We knew that we could survive only as a team." So reports Dr. Miller, geologist on the American Expedition to the top of Mount Everest. These weather-beaten men had experienced together the rigors of high altitude climbing. They would have to pull together like the members of a healthy human body—if they were to survive. So, they pulled together. So, they survived.

Too often we have thought of the teachings of Jesus as beautiful thoughts to be followed, if possible. We have not "seen" that the teachings of God's Son are the laws of the universe; that obeying them is a practical, urgent necessity. To disobey them is death!

God's time-schedule is, of course, different from ours. We are human, hasty, impatient. We think in terms of today, or next week. God thinks in terms of eternity. In our physical world, He thinks in terms of slow growth, little by little. Every creature is under the government of His laws, in the long run.

When He made man, He gave us a special freedom granted to no other creature—To say "Yes" or "No" to Him. We can choose, for better or worse. But, make no mistake—if we choose to disobey His laws, we choose death. If we choose to obey Him, we choose life!

If you want to test this truth, think long and deeply about the people over seventy whom you know well. For, by that stage in life, the results of obeying (or disobeying) God's laws begin to be evident. You will find death in the faces of those who have done as they pleased. You will find Life in the faces of those who have learned to obey the eternal laws. It's as simple as that.

Any organism has to work together harmoniously under one will, whether it is the solar system, or the world of nature, or a single human life. Inner civil war destroys—in a nation, or a person. Therefore your life must be united "under Christ." Only thus will all of your desires and hungers and abilities and dreams be obedient to Him, and work effectively together. Only thus will your best self survive. Therefore the nations must learn to work together in team-play, as associates and neighbors. In this nuclear age, this is our one chance to survive. The teachings of Jesus Christ are written deep into the stars, and into the March of the Centuries.

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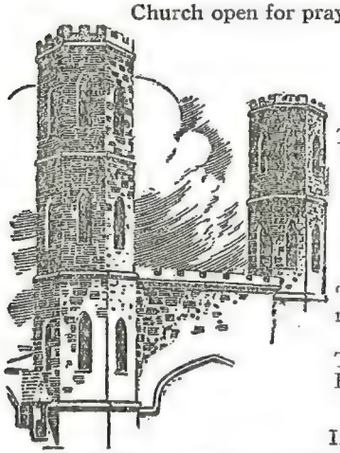
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The Prelude: "Andante" (from the Grand Piece Symphonic) .....*Cesar Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou God of every day and night, who changest not amid all the changefulness of human life, we adore Thee, we worship Thee, we rejoice in Thee. Other helpers may fail but Thou failest never. Other joys may depart but Thou, who art our supreme joy, abidest forever. Help us to realize so vividly Thine unwavering Love and never mistaken providence, that we may meet each day with courage, enter into every situation with confidence, and, with a kind of holy recklessness, give ourselves in love and service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn ~~843~~ 423 .....*Consolation*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 102, Page 464

The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-17

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal

The Anthem: "O Be Joyful In The Lord" .....*Ainslee Cox*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, and come before His presence with a song. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, O go your way into His courts with praise! Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name.

The Sermon: THE SOWER .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 416 .....*Beatitudo*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 393 .....*St. Catherine*

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ROYAL EXTRAVAGANCE

The Scribes and Pharisees were "the best people" of their day. They attended Church faithfully. They tried with vigor to live up to the standards of the Law, which was the highest standard of conduct their world knew. But they were proud, and self-satisfied, so Jesus did not commend these "good" people. He said to His friends, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Perhaps it is a waked-up Pharisee who speaks through the poem of Marguerite Wilkinson:

> "I never cut my neighbor's throat. My neighbor's purse I never stole.
> I never spoiled his home or lands, But God have mercy on my soul.
> For I am haunted night and day, By all the deeds I have not done.
> All unattempted loveliness! All costly valor, never won!"

Jesus bade us to be something more than decent, respectable pagans. He was no goody-goody Teacher, admonishing us, "Don't! Don't!" In His spiritual adventuring, He was as fearless as those who climbed Mount Everest. He bade us to follow Him in spending ourselves in Royal Extravagance for God and for other people. He seeks to enlarge, in each one of us, the power to give.

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We can thank God that He gives us something more to do than to be nice, proper children. He bids us to be the most extravagant people the world has ever seen, spending ourselves in Royal Largesse. He can, under His command, give endless supplies of comfort, gayety, peace, strength, wherever they are needed!

Jesus left far behind Him the people who were content to be "good". They lagged behind because He was too strenuous for them. But perhaps you have a youthful spirit of adventure within you, choosing to plunge with Him into the glorious extravagance of Love.

On February 27th, at the 11 O'Clock service the Rector will baptize his latest grandson, Alfred Price Churchill Murray. Everyone is invited to an Open House at the Rectory, 121 Lodges Lane, Cynwyd, in the afternoon.

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The Women of St. Stephen's, afternoon branch, will meet on Sunday, February 20th after the morning service, in the Community House. Coffee and cookies will be served. The review of the Life of St. Paul will continue, with his first Missionary Journey to Cypress. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Rector will conduct the Litany Service at 10:30 A.M., and celebrate the Holy Communion at 5:30 P.M.

Bishop DeWitt will preach at the 12:30 P.M. Service.

The Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., for many years of the Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge, and now of the Freedoms Foundation, will be the Noon-day preacher on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24, 25 and 26.

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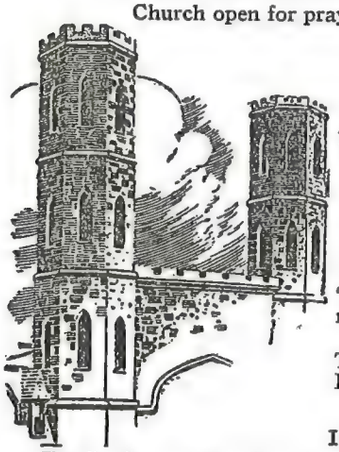
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The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in C Minor .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us; inspire all our thoughts; pervade our imaginations; suggest all our decisions; order all our doings. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times humbly to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Processional Hymn 246 .....*Luke*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
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Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #642, Hymnal
The Ministration of Holy Baptism, Page 273
The Anthem: "Ho, Everyone That Thirsteth" .....*MacFarlane*
Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. I heard the voice of Jesus say, Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live. I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.
The Sermon: THE BABY .....The Rector
Offertory Hymn 428 .....*Buckland*
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Recessional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elisabeth*

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MIGHTY WORKS OF GOD

Travelers go thousands of miles to see the wonders of the world. Climbers undergo exhausting and painful privations to reach the summits of the great peaks. Explorers willingly accept hardships to discover new continents.

Lent began last Wednesday. It can be a daring Season when our determined spirits set forth to behold the *Mighty Works of God.* For, when we venture out to find His greatness, we shall become aware of our littleness, as a man does standing at the base of one of the Pyramids. We shall be seeking a clearer view of the pure glory of God in Christ, and, in the presence of it, we shall become more acutely aware of our impurity. This will not always be pleasant travel, but no real adventure is ever comfortable!

"Great is the Lord," wrote the Psalmist. "How gracious the Lord is, how merciful, how patient, how rich in pity!" In Lent we can, like Columbus, venture forth beyond the familiar shores of our everyday thinking, to make new discoveries of His greatness. We may even come upon some new continent of His gracious Love, beyond anything we ever expected to find—and then live in a wider world, enlarged by our Lenten discoveries.

But what about the fasting, the overcoming of sin and self-indulgence which we associate with Lent? In every true exploration it is vital to rid yourself of every unnecessary encumbrance, to tighten one's belt. As the greatness of God grows upon us, we shall have to shed our littleness, as a snake slips out of his old skin. As our desire deepens to climb along God's way, we shall have to cast aside the unnecessary luxuries of body and spirit which encumber us. As we find fresh knowledge of His great Love for us, we may be willing to discipline our lives to His pattern.

"Quietly, Lord, Thy creatures raise their eyes to Thee, and Thou grantest them, in due time, their nourishment."(Psalm 145:15).

Our Thanksgiving Offering went to All Saints' Hospital and the Episcopal Hospital, each receiving $163.25.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Annual Appeal for contributions to the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches is now at hand and a special envelope is enclosed herewith. The Council is responsible for a high degree of co-operative services and programs that no single Denomination or Church is able to perform. The Council includes five Departments through which forty services and programs are managed. Many present services need to be extended, and other needs await further Christian co-operation. Your generous response is solicited.

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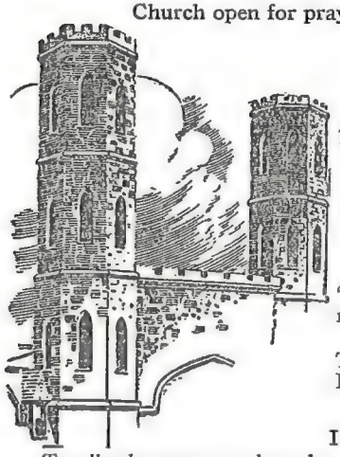
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father, we assemble in the name that is above every name to offer Thee our heart's devotion. We thank Thee for this quiet hour in this hallowed place. Here the pressure of life is lifted. Here the shallow desires of earth are stilled. Here the deep hunger of our hearts is satisfied. Bless us this hour. Reach our souls with Thy Spirit. Grant that our familiarity with the outward symbol may not close our hearts to the inflow of Thy Power, and that limitations in the human medium through which Thy Word is spoken may not dim our eyes to its splendor. May Thy Word be a Light to our path, and eternal life to our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 59 .....*St. Flavian*

The Response to the Decalogue #708, Hymnal .....*Willan*

The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" .....*Thomas Matthews*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Sermon: "THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE" .....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 360 .....*Albano*

The Doxology

Sanctus, #711, Hymnal .....*Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 196 .....*Eucharistic Hymn*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 .....*Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 55 .....*Heinlein*

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—Mary Mohen (Haddonfield, N.J.)

WORLD OF ACTION

How does God communicate with us, His human family? Through the written words of Prophets and Priests, of course, culminating in the teachings of Jesus. He does use words to reach us. But *deeds* are more informing than words. A man tells you more about himself by what he does than by what he says. And when we thank God for His Son, Jesus Christ, are we not thinking, above all, of what He *did* for us?

When we think of Jesus, our minds picture Him healing the handicapped, feeding the hungry, lifting up out of the dust that bedraggled woman caught in adultery. We watch Him, with blazing anger, driving the money-changers out of the Temple; bending humbly as a servant to wash the feet of His disciples. Most of all He lives in our hearts as He died for us on a tormenting Cross: from which He lovingly took care of His mother, instantly forgave the Penitent Thief, gave voice to His unshakable love for His killers, won victory over the blackness of His despair.

We remember what Jesus *did*. His teaching reveals to us the inner meaning of His living and His dying. But we turn to His *deeds* first, as we turn first to the pictures in a book, in which we can *see* the truth, *see* the story like a play before our eyes, on the stage. The Mighty Deeds of God, in Jesus, are the illustrations of His life of Love for us.

Dag Hammarskjold, the great Secretary-General of the United Nations, once wrote, "In our era, the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action." God is understood more through deeds than through sermons; and sermons only have authority as they are illustrated by the life of the preacher. In our era, Christian Missionaries are becoming less and less welcome the world around. Therefore, it will be more and more necessary to communicate Christ in Christ-like people who witness without words in the Peace Corps, in hospitals, schools, agriculture; through people who translate His all-loving Gospel into the universal language of action. If we do that, honestly, vividly, people will ask us about Him, because they have first seen what He does in us.

This could be true, also, of that "problem situation" in your home, in your Church, in your business. The road to holiness and to victorious love "necessarily passes through the world of action," through *you*.

The Rector will preach in the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, at Noon on Wednesday, March 2nd.

BISHOP CRITTENDEN

Bishop Crittenden of Erie made an extended trip last Summer to Vietnam, where he was able to consult not only with Roman Catholic and Buddhist South Vietnamese, but also with Vietcong and members of the National Liberation Front. He will speak to us along the same lines at the Lenten Noonday Services, Monday through Friday of this week.

We welcome as our Saturday Noonday preacher, the Rev. John E. Leser, Rector of Calvary Church, Germantown.

We are endeavoring to give to the yearly support of the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches one percent of our Church Budget. Your contribution through the special envelope sent you recently will be a great help toward that end.

Have you made your annual contribution towards the support of our Theological Schools?

WHERE IS YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

The freedom of religion which we celebrate depends upon a mature sense of personal responsibility. Where is your Church membership? The vitality of the Christian Church, in a free society, comes from those who support the Church through membership and participation in the life of the Church. If you are not an active member, we sincerely invite you to give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to joining our Confirmation Class which meets on Sundays at 10 A.M. in the Rector's study.

LENTEN SERMONS

The Rector is preaching a series of sermons on Christian Love, based on the 13th Chapter of St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Roast Beef Dinner — The Women's Aid of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing is giving a Roast Beef Dinner in the Community House on Tuesday, March 15th, 1966 — from 4:30 P.M. to 7 P.M. — $1.50. You are most welcome.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Harry Seltzer in the passing of her husband.

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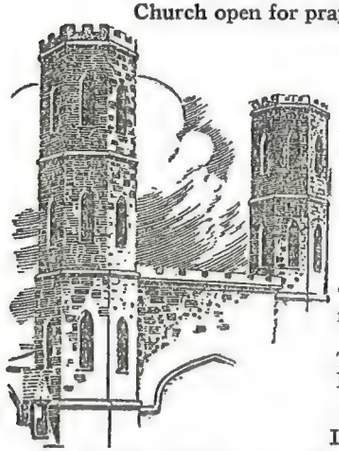
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The Prelude: "Come, Sweet Peace" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, Thou lover of mankind, in whose hand is the life of every living creature; we lift our hearts to Thee in grateful devotion. Thou hast given us our yesterdays, and their record is within Thy book of remembrance. Our tomorrows are within Thy loving care. Today is ours. Help us this day to produce glad music at the console of the organ of life. We would lightly touch the keys of rejoicing, strike the chords of inner harmony, and sound the deeper notes of enduring faith. Open our eyes to the gladness of wayside mercies—budding flowers, trembling leaves, fleecy clouds, radiant dawn, and quiet evening. Awaken our minds to the beauty of form and color, and to all of nature's loveliness. Teach us to find music in the charm of conversation and the laughter of little children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 71 ..... *Herzliebster Jesu*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 68:1-20, Page 419

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:7-21

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 18:21-35

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" ..... *Handel*

Surely, surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN LOVE" — 2nd in Lenten Series ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

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—Mrs. J. W. Pierce, Birmingham, Alabama

TO HEAR MORE CLEARLY

Sometimes it is a life-or-death matter whether you hear what someone else is saying. Your physical ears may be all right—you hear the *words* that are being said. But you do not truly hear what the person behind the words is trying to communicate. In a past issue of "Faith At Work" this story is told:

A boy in San Diego who had survived the Korean War picked up the phone, dialed the long distance operator, and his mother in a fashionable suburban community answered.

"Mom, I'm coming home," he said. She was almost ecstatic with gushy gratitude for her boy was alive and in this country.

Then he added, "Mom, I'm bringing a buddy home with me. He got the worst end of the deal. He has one eye, one arm, and one leg. He has no home, and I want him to live with us, to make our home his home."

She replied, "Why, Son, that will be fine. Bring your friend on if you think that much of him. He can stay several weeks at our home."

"But, Mom, that isn't what I said. I want him to live with us permanently."

"Well, if you think that much of him, bring him on home, Son, of course. We'll try to like him, too. Let him stay a whole year if you like."

"But, Mom, that isn't what I said. He got the worst end of it—one eye, one arm, one leg."

Then the mother said, "Son, now let's be sensible. You know these things get old after a while. You're too close to this boy now. You've been in a war; your emotions are too raw. He'll be a drag on you." And when his mother said that, he rudely hung up the receiver.

The next day the parents received a telegram from the Naval Department saying that the previous night their son had jumped to his death from the 12th floor window of a San Diego Hotel. In the days that followed his body was shipped home. The casket was opened. The body had one eye, one arm, and one leg.

One of the mightiest acts of God is His power to restore our hearing. The Apostles had learned from Jesus to listen closely, lovingly, to people. They listened—and heard what they were saying. Because they were living in the power of the Spirit, they really got the message from the other person.

As you live more and more faithfully in the Spirit, you will begin to hear more clearly what is really being said. Sometimes it is a matter of life and death.

The Rector preached in St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Delaware, last Sunday evening.

The Rector will speak to the Men's Club of the United Brethren Church, Perkasie, on Tuesday evening.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Robert Batchelder, Rector of St. James Church, Lancaster, Penna., who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher Monday through Friday, March 14th-18th.

A beautiful Chalice and Paten given by Mr. John H. Glassey in loving memory of his mother, Zelda R. Glassey, were dedicated last Sunday morning.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS to become a member of this Parish. If you are a confirmed member of the Episcopal Church, you become a member of this Parish by asking the Rector of the Parish where you were confirmed to send your Letter of Transfer to St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia. The second way is by Confirmation. Classes of Instruction for adults are now being held at 10 A.M. on Sunday mornings in the Rector's Study.

We welcome as our Saturday Noonday preacher the Rev. Otho S. Hoofnagle, Chaplain of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Our grateful thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Marie Berger, Mrs. Virginia Dietrich, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Charles K. Hay, Jane S. Macleod, Mrs. Mabel B. Moore, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Nagele, Jr., Mrs. Edith Oliver, Mrs. Cazimera Petroski, Mrs. Mae Renee, Mrs. Laura Roddy, Mary E. Schearer, Mary E. Shinn, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schmid, Edwin A. Schurr.

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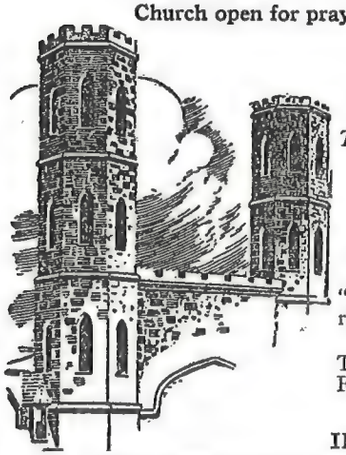
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Processional Hymn 479 .....*Hyfrydol*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 103, Page 466
The First Lesson: II Samuel :18, Vs 5
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
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Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Behold The Lamb Of God" .....*Handel*
Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.
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Offertory Hymn 379 .....*Capetown*
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—Mrs. J. Alva Smith (Stone Mountain, Georgia)

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SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Another Mighty Act of God was to send a Savior — One who could rescue us from our sins, our bondage, our old enemies. The friends of the woman at the well, after they had met Jesus face to face, said to her, "Now we believe . . . that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Every one of you knows the Savior. You know Him because He has been saving you. There are sins of the earlier years which no longer hobble you. You are free from their power, because you asked His help for victory over them, and He saved you from them.

But, you may ask, why has He not saved me from my oldest sin, my long-time gripe, which has taunted me down the years? This one comes again and again, the old weakness, the old irritation. The reason is too simple for our liking. Deep in our hearts we have enjoyed that special sin, *so* we have never been willing to ask His help against it.

Not long ago a fine woman tackled an old weakness which had darkened her life for many a year. From time to time she had gotten tangled up inside, not feeling well, and saying, "I'm so sick," and beginning to be sorry for herself. She would withdraw from the world, not wanting to see anyone. Recently she was looking forward to a family anniversary, with her children and her grandchildren coming home to celebrate it. She began on the old routine, that she felt so sick, and would spoil the party. Then, suddenly, she turned away from herself to the Savior, and, each morning, she would ask Him, "What do You want me to do today for someone else?" At last she was willing for Him to take away the old weakness. And He did. She was surprised to find herself enjoying the celebration!

If there is some area in your life still kept from your Lord, let Him in as your Savior and Master. Give Him right-of-way in that old area of defeat. He will ask you to give up enjoying some self-indulgence or self-pity. Then, once you have yielded that area to Him, you will know, anew, how great a Savior He is — "Indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

THE AFTERNOON BRANCH, WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S will meet as usual this Sunday, March 20th, after the morning service, in the Community House. The study of St. Paul will continue with his 2nd Missionary Journey into Europe. Coffee and Cookies will be served. All are welcome.

SUMMA THEOLOGIA

The subway stop at 116th street and Broadway in Manhattan is used by students of Columbia and Barnard, as well as those of the Union Theological Seminary and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Recently a literate graffiti artist chalked a message on a wall of the subway there: "God is dead: Nietzsche."

An unknown defender of the Faith soon marked through the original and substituted, "Nietzsche is dead: God."—from the New York Times [Nietzsche (1844-1900) was a psychopathic and anti-Christian philosopher whose superman ideas helped make the way for the rise and fall of another psychopath, Adolph Hitler].

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The Rector will be in Pittsburgh for the 21st year, March 21st - 25th, inclusive, as a Lenten Noonday preacher.

Our BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 2, won second prize for the best window in center city, which was the Industrial Valley Bank window at 1015 Chestnut Street. This is our second consecutive year for a prize. Last year we were awarded First Prize for a window. This was displayed during Boy Scout Week, February 7th - 13th.

O Lord, it's me again

screaming, spanking — temptation is so great.
Why do they always spill their milk and throw their plates?

O Lord, it's me, down wiping up the floor.
Please watch that tyke who just ran past the door.
And steady me, because You sense the storm
that's brewed within my bones since early morn.

Line with patience that closet where the clouds are stored,
lest I forget I'm building souls, not crosses.
Help me, Lord.

—Mrs. James Brick, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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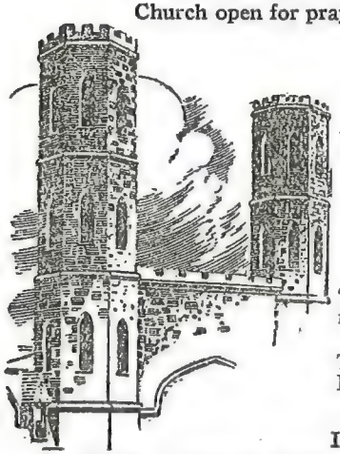
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INVITATION

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Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
PASSION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1966

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 132-3

10:45 A. M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditation upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the Ministers, your fellow worshipers, and the world.

11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Aria" ..... *Flor Peeters*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord of the great sacrifice, restrain our eagerness for the things that are seen. Thy Cross is our rebuke. Increase our spending for the things eternal. Lord of the sinless life, our hope is to become like Thee. Fulfill our hearts in service, that our hope be not in vain. Lord of the holiest joy — the joy of boundless giving — teach us Thy grace of losing, that our joy may indeed be full. The world counteth all things lost if it gain not the things it may reckon. Help us to count all things but loss, to win Thee, the wealth unmeasured. Amen.

Processional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalms 120 and 121, Page 502

The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 10:1-16

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "God So Loved The World" ..... *J. Stainer*

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN LOVE" — 4th in Lenten Series ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 238 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

Doxology; Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 407 ..... *St. Hilda*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. William Arthur in memory of her husband; and by Mr. Raymond Winter in memory of Harry J. Hauger.

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—Mrs. Gertrude Richerzhagen (Grosse Pointe, Mich.)

THE SUFFERING GOD

This is "Passion Sunday", when we remember how Jesus willingly took our sins into His heart, and lovingly suffered the pain of them. This is no harsh God, crushing us with the thunder-bolts of His anger, but a patient God who would love us out of our sins into victory.

In the wondrous "Suffering Servant" passage in Isaiah 53, the Prophet pictures Israel suffering patiently for her own sins and for the sins of the nations. The prophecy suggests a Coming One who will thus willingly suffer for the sins of the world, and so bring redemption, victory over sin. This prophecy, we believe, was fulfilled in Jesus — "He took our infirmities upon Himself, and bore our sicknesses." This was a daring thought — God Himself coming in the form of the Suffering Servant of mankind.

In our day there is a return to the thought of a God who suffers. We begin to see that there is more power in the suffering God. The hard-boiled God can wipe us out. But the Suffering God can transform us into new people. We cannot withstand His Love, and we come Home to Him. The Loving, Suffering God is stronger than a fist-waving God. Jesus drew men to Him because of His unwavering Love for them. His unshakable belief in disappointing Peters, — until the Peters gave in to His amazing Love, and became new men.

The Suffering God, today, redeems through all His men and women on earth. He redeems a husband through a wife who has God's undying love in her heart; a wilful, confused girl, through believing friends; a young man, far from home, through family and friends who trust him still.

Jesus needs people in whom He can dwell and work today, with His same willingness to suffer lovingly. Only through people like that can He redeem in the year of our Lord, 1966. Will you be one of those people? — for Him?

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We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Chester A. Porteus, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy, Massachusetts, who will again be our Lenten Noonday preacher Monday through Friday, March 28th - April 1st.

We are happy to announce that the Saturday Lenten Noonday speaker this week will be the Rector of St. James Church, Bristol, Penna., the Rev. Stanley P. Gladfelter.

The Rector will preach in St. Timothy's Church, Roxboro, on Sunday, March 27th, at 4 P.M.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will hold their Annual Service in St. Stephen's Church on Sunday, March 27th, at 3 P.M. The service will be followed by a Tea in the Community House.

MEDICARE

Some 50,000 Philadelphians 65 and over have not signed up for Medicare — and the deadline, March 31st, is only a few days away. Medicare health insurance is paid for out of contributions by working Americans, and is, therefore, not charity, but the right of every American aged 65 and over.

A hen and a hog, traveling together passed a Church that displayed the subject for next Sunday's sermon: "How Can We Help The Poor?"

After a moment's reflection the hen ventured, "I know what we can do. We can give them a ham and egg breakfast."

"You can say that," the hog replied; "for you that's just a contribution. But for me it would demand total commitment."

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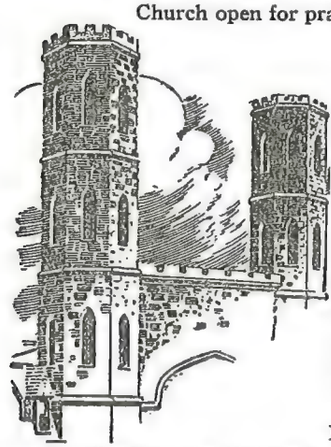
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The Prelude: "Variations on a Theme of Handel" ..... *Guilmant*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, we remember before Thee the blessings that companion us on our pathway. We lift our hearts in gratitude for sunny skies and delightful days, for worthy tasks that engage our fingers and high hopes that fill our minds, for the fellowship of good neighbors and the love of dear ones far away, for the contentments of today and the expectations of tomorrow, and for all the joys that gladden our lives. Lift from our minds any burden of anxiety. May we remember that Thy compassions fail not. Help us to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. And grant us Thy peace. Amen.
Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
Kyrie, Hymnal #709 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Jerusalem, O Turn Thee" ..... *Gounod*
Jerusalem, O turn thee to the Lord thy God! O turn thee unto thy God!
The Sermon: "CHRISTIAN LOVE" — 5th in Lenten Series ..... The Rector
Offertory Hymn 65 ..... *Meditation*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
Kneeling Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 64 ..... *Winchester New*

Palm for the Altar today is provided by special funds in memory of James Carrigan, Verger of St. Stephen's for many years; Mrs. Grace Hetherington and Mrs. Kathryn Nield in memory of sister, Mollie Hirsh; and by Mrs. Harold Atherholt and daughter, Mrs. Robert Keller in memory of Harold Atherholt.

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SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

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The Holy Communion will be celebrated Wednesday at 5:30 P.M.; on Maundy Thursday at 1:00, 5:15, and 8:00 P.M. Music by our Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening service.

HEALING SERVICES at 1:15 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY: Meditations on the Cross by The Rev. Harry Longley, D.D. 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.

2:00 - 3:00 P.M.—THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST, by Theodore Dubois. Solo Quartet, Chorus Choir, Harp and Tympani—Robert M. Prince, Organist and Choirmaster.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9th—12:30 P.M. Noonday Service, The Rector Preacher.

INVISIBLE WEAPON

David astonished the warriors of Israel by discarding the heavy armor and the keen sword which they used in battle. The young shepherd explained that he had not "proved" armor and sword—he had not won any victories with them. So he chose his sling-shot with which he had vanquished lion and bear. With that surprising weapon he killed Goliath, the champion of the Philistines. In God's warfare the old weapons are often discarded, for something mightier.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem, on Palm Sunday, on a little brown donkey, a beast of peace—the sign that He brought none of the ancient weapons of death and hurtfulness. He had wept over the city of Jerusalem which had even murdered the God-sent Prophets, for He longed after the hearts of those in the golden-dawned city. Yet, even with the hurt in His heart, He rode resolutely, as One who had something to do, and the power to do it.

Coming into God's House, He saw the crooked racket of the traders, cheating the people to profit the Priests—and in God's own House! Catching a few strands of cord, He strode among the money-changers, His eyes ablaze. It was His anger that drove them, helter-skelter, not the few cords of string.

A sling-shot, a few strands of string, are no weapons to trust, in the face of a strong enemy. Something mightier is necessary—David's trust in His God, Jesus' dependence on His Father's overcoming Love. It was this secret weapon, invisible to human eyes, that won the day.

Throughout Holy Week, that Love shone steadily—at the Last Supper, with the shaky disciples He loved; on the Cross, nailed there by hate. Even the hard-boiled army captain shook his head and groaned, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

Ever since that day, men have pointed to the Cross, and said, "God loves you like *that.*" They have added, "And God loves you like that, *just as you are!*" Whenever men, hearing that amazing news, have turned and looked steadfastly at the Cross, Love has overcome hate, victory has displaced defeat, for Love is the mightiest weapon the world has seen.

Dare to face your battle with only that invisible weapon in your heart!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:
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REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector of St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Classes at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8 P.M.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

The Christian Church needs you and every other person in an active relationship today. She is asked what she can contribute toward the creation of a better world. Obviously the strength of her answer depends in part upon the number of persons who belong to her fellowship. The Church needs you and you need the Church. Confirmation service will be held on April 16th at 10 A.M. in the Church of the Savior, when a dozen Churches combine for a Diocesan service.

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The Prelude: "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—On this glad day of Resurrection, O Lord, we would not have hearts that are cold or lips that are dumb. We rejoice in the splendor of the unfolding Spring. The earth awakens to beauty and light. Bird and beast, tree and flower, and all Thy works glorify Thee. Open Thou the lips of our worship, that we may worthily show forth Thy praise. Stir our hearts with gladness, and grant our souls a visitation of the dayspring from on high. We praise Thee for the victory that this day commemorates. We thank Thee for the joy that it awakens, and the assurance that it gives. We know that right shall prevail over wrong, and life shall triumph over death. Confirm us in the invincible faith, that good shall conquer at last and every Winter turn to Spring.

Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

The Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah) ..... *Handel*

The Kyrie, Hymnal #709 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Ye Sons and Daughters of the King ..... *Arr. Thiman*

Ye sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave hath lost its sting. Alleluia! On that first morning of the week, before the day began to break, they went their buried Lord to seek. Alleluia! An angel clad in white was he that sate and spake unto the three, "Your Lord is gone to Galilee." Alleluia! Blessed are they that have not seen and yet whose faith hath constant been: in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia! And we with holy Church unite, as is both meet and right, in glory to the King of Light. Alleluia!

The Sermon: "THE LIFE THAT IS LASTING" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 89 ..... *Salzburg*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for the purpose: Flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee Family; flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Craig Atmore.

Flowers on the Altar on Maundy Thursday were given in memory of James Carrigan, for many years Verger of St. Stephen's; and in memory of Mrs. Walter D. Dunn.

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THE VICTORY

A small girl was asked to recite the 23rd Psalm. With quiet confidence she rose to her feet, and spoke — "The Lord is my Shepherd, *that's all I want.*" The Triumph of Easter is in that little girl's faith.

There are times when black night-mare descends on our lives. Jesus, Himself, cried out from the Cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" For a moment, despair seized Him. But He reached out for the Father He loved, and remembered the many black moments when God answered His prayer, and opened the way for His victory in Jesus. So the last word from the Cross was, "Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit."

We do not know what lies beyond the horizon of this life on earth. There are moments when fear takes hold of us and shakes our confidence. Then we can remember, "the Lord is my Shepherd — that's all I want." We remember time after time, when we came to the end of a blind alley, and felt trapped. Asking God for *His* way out (not what *we* would choose). A triumphant answer always came, and we were no longer trapped! "He is able." There is no enemy, no fear or doubt, that can stand up to the infinite, overcoming strength of God Almighty.

There are times when we are wracked with loneliness for some life we love, that has gone beyond our horizon. If we could only be sure that we would see them again, to share the rich treasures of the years! Once more we can stop and remember, "The Lord is my Shepherd — that's all I want." If He could make our life together on earth so wonderfully rewarding, then we can trust Him for the life beyond. We can, with joy and peace, entrust our loved ones to His care. Since they are in His hands, they are safe.

Easter trumpets Paul's great shout of joy, "Death is swallowed up in victory!" God, in His might, drives death before Him, and out of our lives. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory!

Mrs. Sarah Kennedy of Pittsburgh, has sent the following as a thought to accompany the verse appearing in the March 20th Bulletin.

By temperament, a thoughtful soul
And when the mood was great,
She loved to file an extra bill
On the collection plate.

This Sabbath Day, her face aglow
(As we were hymn book thumbing)
She whispered — "Extra plus" thank offering
My grandchildren are coming.

The following week, another gift
Her face storm-swept and wan
But banefulness inbred
"This ten — thank offering," she said
"The grandchildren are gone."

Our grateful thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Will Coffee, Alice L. Gold, Mrs. George R. Chyba, Mrs. Fred C. Miller, Nan E. Pincin, Mrs. John Pratt, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Seitz, Mrs. A. H. Sherer.

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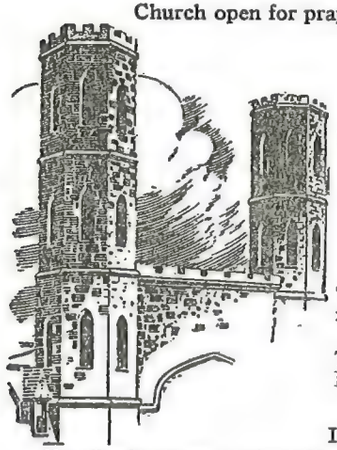
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Processional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elizabeth*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 86, Page 447 424
The First Lesson: II Kings 4:18-37
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:13-35
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "The Lilies of the Dawn" .....*Marryott*
When twilight fell in Galilee no blossoms gleamed so fair as lilies on the hillside, where Jesus went for prayer. Alleluia! Sadly in the moonlit garden, stately lilies guarded there, bending low to soothe His anguish when Christ wept in prayer. Alleluia! All the larks on Easter morning sang His triumph through the air: "Christ has risen among the lilies, risen to answer prayer."—Alleluia!
The Sermon: "LOVE ENDURES" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 455 449 .....*St. Peter*
Doxology; Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 104 .....*Llanfair*

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ROAD TO GLORY

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One of the gravest dangers of suffering is that we shall become sorry for ourselves. Brigadier General Harris recalls how he lay in an Army Hospital bed, lonesome and in pain after his operation. He marked the passing of each painful day with a mark on the leg of his bed-side table. Fourteen marks were there now — and he felt very sorry indeed for "poor old me." A knock at the door announced that a man wanted to look at the room. "Show him in," said the sufferer.

"He came in on crutches, one foot dragging. For some time he stared at each wall, at the floor and the ceiling. Then he hobbled to the door. Turning back toward me with considerable effort, he said, 'Excuse me — I was very rude. But I was completely lost in memories. You see, I was wounded in France, and for five years I lay in this room without much hope of leaving it. But now — and he smiled happily — "I'm well again, thank God.' As he hobbled down the hall, I erased those fourteen marks. It was hard to see them, anyway — my glasses seemed fogged up."

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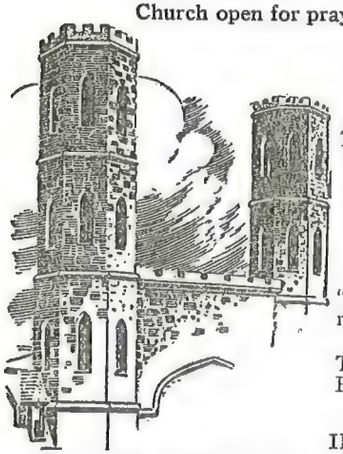
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The Prelude: Cantabile ..... *Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and eternal God, whose sons and daughters we are, we beseech Thee to awaken us to a new sense of our mission as Thy children. Help us to live under the compulsion of high imperatives. Strengthen us to follow closely the steps of Him who went about doing good. Use us as Thy messengers to any who are troubled. Show us how to give strengthening companionship to the lonely and discouraged. Teach us gentle words of healing for those in pain and grief. Guide us to give wise counsel to the wayward and tempted. In all our dealings with distressed humanity keep us faithful to the Spirit of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 116, Page 486

The First Lesson: II Samuel: V. 19

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 20:24-31

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" ..... *Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts. For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name ever more. How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

The Sermon: AFTER EIGHT DAYS — THOMAS! ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

Doxology — Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 535 ..... *Festal Song*

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IT'S *THAT TIME* AGAIN! Daylight Saving Time goes into effect sometime or other in the wee hours of Saturday night, April 23rd — SO, PLEASE BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AND WATCHES *AHEAD ONE HOUR* before retiring on Saturday night, so you'll get to service on time on Sunday.

MIRACLE OF HEALING

The local authorities had done all that they could with that young mad-man out on the hills. He was so dangerous that they decided to "crack down", to shackle him with strong chains; but he broke them like matchsticks, and continued to roam the hill-country, naked and frightening. Then, one day, Jesus met him. The young mad-man expected Him to take to His heels, as the others did. But Jesus walked steadily on towards him, quiet and unafraid, and loving. Jesus could see the nightmare of loneliness in this young man. He was so sure that everyone hated him that he hurt himself when he was alone, and he hurt others when they came to see him. But Jesus was different. He quickly saw that Jesus wanted to help him, and *could*. The power of love in Jesus did what chains could not do — cast the evil spirit out of his life, so that he was as sane as any man.

Honest love is stronger than medicine or drugs. Gordon Allport tells of an observant student nurse, in a psychiatric clinic, who reported, "Giving drugs without giving love is no lasting benefit at all. The patient still has his problem; he is still frightened and insecure; he still feels isolated, rejected, forsaken by God and man." Jesus took away the young man's loneliness by the healing power of love.

If you still have a deep and painful inner struggle, let God into the middle of it. He can heal today as He did of old. If you have a difficult friend, let the loving God reach out through you as Jesus did, and you will see the miracle of healing begin. Love is stronger than steel!

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—Charles W. Sudlow, Jr. (Phila., Pa.)

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Diane Jacobson Guth and Arline Francis Disque were confirmed in the Area Service held in the Church of the Savior, April 16th, 1966.

NOW WE DO UNDERSTAND: "Perhaps the reason is that no one understands what this offering is and what it will be used for." This is how Mrs. Richard Soule, one of the two ladies who thought up the idea of a United Thank Offering for Churchwomen, expressed her disappointment at the smallness of the first two collections in 1883 and 1886. The Offering in 1889 was larger, but even then it was barely enough to build a small Alaskan Mission Church and send one teacher to Japan.

By contrast, the budget for the triennial offering presented in 1964 was over four million dollars. Funds are sent to 57 different agencies and projects in this country, nearby American countries, and places far overseas. Many parishes report 100 percent participation by their women members and annual services of presentation are high points of the worship year. These services with their traditional blue boxes — symbols of regular thank offerings of prayer, money, and service by Episcopal women — are a close link between parishes all over our land and in widespread missionary districts. It is significant how often visitors to other branches of the Church illustrate their talks and sermons with accounts of U.T.O. In-Gatherings. They know the listening congregation will immediately recognize and respond to these references to a familiar and inspiring ceremony.

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The Spring In-Gathering of the U.T.O. at St. Stephen's Church will be held on Sunday, May 1st. Offering envelopes have been mailed to the families of our parish, and others may join in the offering by using the U.T.O. Envelopes which may be found in the vestibule.

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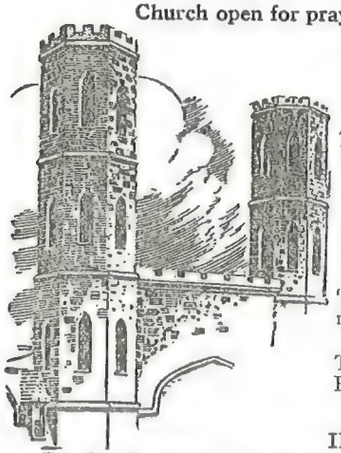
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*The Introit

Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

Response to the Decalogue #708, Hymnal ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need ..... *V. Thomson*
My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways. He leads me for His mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay. One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, Thy hand, in sight of all foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may Thy House be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child, at home.

The Sermon: "GOD IS NOT DEAD" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 551 ..... *Ein' Feste Burg*

The Doxology

Sanctus, #711, Hymnal ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 203, V. 1-3 ..... *Rockingham*

Gloria in Excelsis #739, Hymnal ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 261 ..... *Tidings*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Catherine Fuerst in memory of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Stigman; and provided by the Ellinger Fund in memory of Catherine Hussey Lewis.

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*Introit Text: O Holy Savior, Friend unseen; the faint, the weak on Thee may lean. Help me throughout life's varying scene by faith to cling to Thee. Amen.

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We live in a swiftly changing world. Within one life time we have moved from the horse-and-buggy to the six-hundred-mile-an-hour jet plane; from slow manual work to the quicker-than-lightning automatic counting of checks in a bank. Within one life time we have moved from days when the negro, patiently plodding along, hoping for a little improvement in his citizenship, to this breath-taking day when Negro nation after Negro nation, governed by Negroes, has risen in Africa; when, in every section of the United States, Negroes are calling for full citizenship.

Don't get caught sleeping through a Revolution, will you! The swiftness of change demands people who are wide-awake and alert. The New English Version translates John 4:1 — "All that came to be was alive with His life." *"Alive with His life"!* That is what we must be; or sleep through the Revolution going on around us.

We have to be alive — on tip-toes! — during a Revolution. Only then can you put yourself on God's side. Jesus Christ overcame the most dread enemies of mankind. He broke the power of death — death is swallowed up in victory. He broke the power of tyrants to keep people down — thus the Indian people gained their freedom in a bloodless Revolution, led by Gandhi, who was led by the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Today millions of the black children of God are seeking freedom in that same spirit of stubborn, non-resistant Love. It will be remembered as one of the greatest of all Revolutions.

Pray earnestly, humbly, to God, to make you "alive with His Life" in this great day of change. Then you can be *sure* which is God's side in the Revolution. You can put the whole weight of your life on that side. Whatever you do, don't sleep through a Revolution, like Rip!

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We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Helen Challenger, Mrs. Joseph Coors, Rev. Leroy Fisher, Mrs. Eda M. MacPhee, Mrs. Elsie Sweet.

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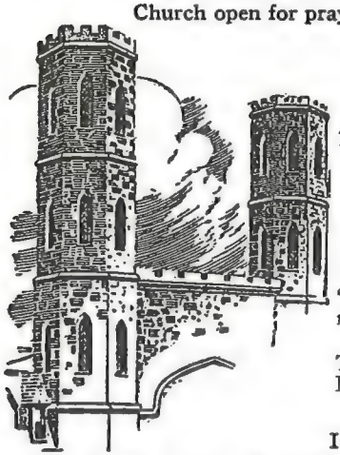
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, with gratitude we remember our Christian heritage; others have labored, and we have entered into their labors. We thank Thee for occasions when we may share the treasury of our love and experience with those in need. We rejoice in Thy good gifts, the tender mercies and loving kindness that have attended our ways. With shame we confess our frequent failure. Often we have withheld service we might have given; often we have passed by on the other side; often we have proved faithless. Accept our penitence. Give us new heart for the new day, fresh stimulus for greater fidelity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 288 .....*Hanover*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 39, Page 389

The First Lesson: II Esdras 2:42-47

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 11:18-30

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: In Faith I Calmly Rest .....*J. S. Bach-Dickinson*

In faith I calmly rest, and put my trust in God, although oft sore opprest with anxious care and dread; His friendship my reward. In Him my joy I find; He keepeth watch and ward O'er me and o'er my house. Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do His will; I know, whate'er befall, His love doth lead me still. So, like a little child who clasps his father's hand, serene I take my way, in faith untroubled stand. Great peace they surely have who in the Lord confide, who cast on Him all care, and in His love abide.

The Sermon: "WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE FROM BELIEVING IN GOD?"
THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 528 .....*Hesperus*

Doxology — Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 572 .....*Maryton*

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ADD-A-PART RECORDS

We are not fair to God or to ourselves, if we say, "It doesn't matter what I do". You may be down-hearted, or weary. Even so, it still is not true that you do not make a difference. We should give God credit for creating wisely. He does not make meaningless creatures.

Read Philippians with care. Some of St. Paul's friends there had undoubtedly thought too lightly of themselves, thinking, "I don't matter." But now they hear St. Paul saying, "For God is my witness how I yearn for you all." St. Paul was a man of importance, but the humble Philippian men and women made his life richer with joy. They made a big difference to him.

There are some urgent things that will never be done if you do not do them. For some people, you are the only one who can let God's light into some dark corner of their memories that you alone know. There are some who "yearn for you" deeply. Your letter, your telephone call, or your smile can open the door into new peace of heart.

Some times it is not modesty that leads us to think that we do not matter. Rather, it is sin. Deep in our hearts we know how costly love can be. Someone's yearning may mean that I must apologize for an old wrong. It may call for long prayer and listening until God gives us the right words. Perhaps you need to ask God's forgiveness, right now, for side-stepping some costly deed of love. Then, forgiven, you can ask what He wants you to do for the person who yearns for you.

There was once a man who played the flute very well. Allen Hackett was visiting him, and found that his host had some special "add-a-part" records, made by an orchestra, minus the flute part. Only when he played the missing part was the symphony complete. There are people whose lives you have touched, who are like those add-a-part records. Until you play your part (the part God has given you to play) the music of their lives is marred. Only your willingness to play your part can make their lives whole, and full of peace.

Who is there, right now, who yearns for you?

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—Marian vanden Berg (Birmingham, Alabama)

The Rector will speak to the Women of All Saints' Church, 9601 Frankford Ave. on Monday evening, May 9th.

Albert J. Sheehan, Jr., our Crucifer and Lay Reader, is going abroad as one of the delegates from our Philadelphia Council of Boy Scouts, to present a replica of the statue of a "BOY SCOUT" which is outside the Scout Headquarters, 22nd & Winter Streets. The ceremony will take place in Gilwell Park, London, England on May 7th.

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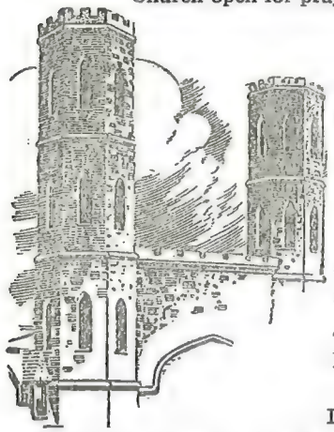
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first — St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ — and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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ROGATION SUNDAY
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Introduction" ..... *Wallond*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that love Thee, we confess with shame our broken pledges. We are troubled by the memory and burden of our offenses. We have done the things we ought not to have done and have left undone the things we ought to have done. We have been silent when we should have spoken, inactive when we should have served, and we have foolishly blundered in speech and act. Stretch out Thy hand of mercy. Speak the word of pardon. Forgive us the broken vow, the unkept promise, the unfulfilled purpose. And strengthen Thou our good resolves, that we may be worthy of our heritage as Thy sons and daughters. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 356 ..... *King's Weston*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 75, Page 431

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:36-49

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "I Waited For The Lord" ..... *Mendelssohn*

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint. O bless'd are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

The Sermon: "WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE FROM LOVING THEIR NEIGHBORS?" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 360 ..... *Albano*

Doxology — Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*

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—Ruth H. Berge (Moorehead, Minnesota)

REMINDED OF JESUS

A crowd gathered quickly when Peter and John healed the beggar at the gate called Beautiful. They were full of wonder, so Peter spoke to them, telling that the healing had been done through the power of Jesus Christ, whom they had crucified. The Priests and the Temple police were soon on the scene and arrested these "disturbers of the peace." Next morning, they cross-examined Peter and John. Where had they seen these two before? Who were they? Suddenly it came to the minds of the examiners "that they had been with Jesus."

What a glory — for the judges to look at Peter and John and be reminded of Jesus! In those early days, the pagans who met the Christians saw Christ at work in them. It is one of the glories of our present-day faith that there are still men and women who remind us of Jesus.

A music critic was recently asked about Maria Callas' singing of a role of Carmen. Segnorita Callas has an amazing voice, one of the greatest in our day. But the critic had been asked to judge how she had sung the dramatic role of Carmen. He concluded, with regret, "One is always more conscious of Callas than Carmen." She was unable to lose herself and become Carmen.

This is searching business, and most uncomfortable. A minister, after preaching, may hear people say, "I enjoyed your sermon," being grateful for hearing *him* speak. But if they have heard nothing but *him*, then he has not done much. But if a few say, "God was speaking straight through you to me this morning," then he has been in business for God. The people knew that he had been with Jesus.

What can we do about this? We can fill our hearts with Him, through thoughtful reading in the New Testament. We can, twenty times a day, turn to Him and welcome Him into our thoughts as the Elder Partner; offering our lives to Him for His purposes. Wonder of wonders, He will come in; and He will even do miracles through ordinary people.

If you will make yourself available for His daily use, and bend your will to His will, then more people will know that you have been with Jesus.

The Rector will celebrate the 40th reunion of his class of the University of Pennsylvania on May 21st.

The Afternoon Branch of the Women of St. Stephen's will have their final meeting Sunday, May 15th after the morning service, in the Community House. Coffee and cookies will be served. The study of the Life of St. Paul will conclude with his imprisonment and trials in Jerusalem and Rome. Both men and women are welcome.

We are most fortunate to have 200 copies of the full melody edition of the Hymnal and 200 copies of the large size Prayer Book, presented to St. Stephen's Church by Mr. John Glassey in memory of his mother, Zelda R. Glassey. They will be dedicated on May 15th at 11 A.M.

In last week's Bulletin we told about the Senior Patrol Leader of Scout Troop #2 of this Church being one of eight boys to win the Union League Award, entitling him to a Scholarship to the College of his choice; we slipped up in not mentioning the boy's name. He is William A. Dixon.

BOND ISSUE

We believe that there must be a clarifying of the air concerning the Bond Issue of the Philadelphia Board of Public Education, which will appear on the Ballot of May 17th Primary Election. This issue should be seen for what it really is — the appropriation of funds for the building of schools for our children. We believe that the racial issue has been wrongly interjected into the discussions. This 60 million dollars will be designated for the construction of new schools and new additions during the coming years. It is not being allocated for the "bussing" of children.

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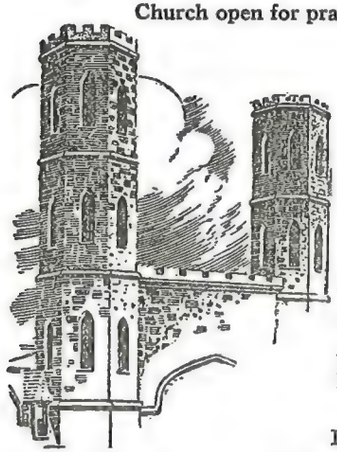
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and most holy God, we confess to Thee with humble and contrite hearts, that we have often forgotten Thee and Thy purpose for us. While professing to be Christians, we have neither wholly believed nor followed Christ. Increase our penitence, we pray Thee, and turn our wandering footsteps back into the path whereunto we are called, by the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
Processional Hymn 352 .....*Diademata*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 107:1-16, Page 476
The First Lesson: II Kings 2:1-22
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-14
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Anthem: "Unfold, Ye Portals" .....*Gounod*
Unfold, unfold, Ye Portals everlasting, with welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, back to the heav'nly mansions hasting. Unfold, for lo, the King comes nigh. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty. Of hosts He is the Lord; of angels and of powers: the King of Glory is the King of the saints.
The Sermon: "WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE FROM PRAYING?" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 347 .....*Hyfrydol*
Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 355 .....*Miles Lane*

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LOVE IS KIND

"Love is patient and kind", wrote St. Paul — "It is not 'touchy' ". St. Paul must have learned this, little by little, for he was a man of strong feelings.

You have undoubtedly seen the little drawings of "Brother Juniper" in current magazines. They picture an impish little Monk one cannot help loving. But did you know that the original Brother Juniper was a real person, a companion of St. Francis of Assisi, seven centuries ago?

Now Brother Juniper held that all things belong to God, since He had created them, and they should be used in any pleasing to Him. One day while the Monk was meditating before the Monastery Altar, a poor woman came, asking alms in the name of God. Brother Juniper looked about until his eyes were staring at "the very ornate Altar" with its "Golden Frontal, very rich, with little silver ringlets of great price." "These ringlets are superfluous", he announced, and cut them off, presenting them to the beggar woman, who went off very happy. The Vicar-General of the Order was greatly vexed at this mad act, and scolded his dumb Monk so furiously that his voice became strained and coarse.

Brother Juniper was quite unmoved by the scolding; but was troubled by the Vicar-General's hoarseness. Going straight to town, he ordered a good dish of *"Farinata"* (a special kind of porridge with butter), to soothe the aching throat. Late in the night, candle in hand, he knocked at the Vicar-General's door, offering the Farinata, especially made — would he please eat it, to help his throat and chest? The Vicar-General refused, saying that Brother Juniper was a vile and wicked man. The little Monk patiently replied, "My father, since you do not want to eat this farinata which I had made for you, at least do me the favor of holding the candle, and I will eat it."

That did it! All of a sudden, the Vicar-General realized all that Brother Juniper had done in the simplicity of his loving-kindness, so he concluded, "Now, since you are so inclined, let us eat together, you and I." And so they did, in loving fellowship!

There is something about the warmth of continuing kindness that melts anger and resentment. So great a weapon God has put into our hands against evil.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Church of the Holy Communion, St. Louis, Missouri, Sunday evening, May 22nd, through Tuesday the 24th.

The Annual Patriotic Service celebrating Memorial Day will be held on May 29th at 11 A.M. with the massing of the Colors, and Sermon by the Rector.

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Our sincere thanks to these U.T.O. contributors: Mrs. Philip Arnold, H. L. Bainbridge, Helen T. Bradley, E. M. Campbell, Olga Carlile, Mr. Will Coffee, Mrs. E. J. Cooke, Elsie Dahl, Jessie Garvin, Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Henrietta Jones, M. Keller, Helen LeDent, Ruth Leithead, F. L. Marion, Mrs. Isobel C. Mayer, M. C. Peoples, Caroline M. Price, K.S., Mrs. S. P. Shaw, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Ann Snow, Mrs. St. George Sioussat, J. L. Van, Beatrice L. Van Sciver, Helen M. Volz, Anne F. Weisman.

POTTERS

One hundred years ago last Independence Day, on a San Francisco-docked ship which he was too ill to leave, the III Bishop of Pennsylvania, Alonzo Potter, died two days before his 65th birthday, of fever contracted in Panama (a sea voyage had been advised because of his ill health). During his Episcopate of twenty years (he was consecrated September 23rd, 1845) and his jurisdiction of 44,832 square miles (before four other Dioceses were carved out of Pennsylvania), 106 new Churches were started, 126 men ordained to the priesthood, and the communicant strength doubled; he revived the Episcopal Academy, founded the Episcopal Hospital, the Philadelphia Divinity School and a Church Home for Children; he also helped to restore the Order of Deaconesses and set up the Floative Church (later called the Seamen's Institute).

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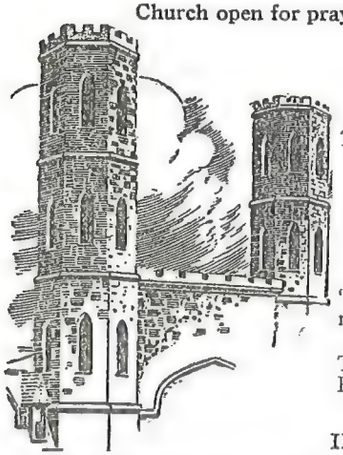
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The Prelude: "Prelude on 'St. Columba'" ..... *Willan*

THE SILENT MEDITATION: God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfill the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the House of His continual Presence and Power among men: mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illumine, refresh, and sanctify our souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven, and to be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 472 ..... *Pilgrims*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 140, Page 516

The First Lesson: Ecclus. 44:1-15

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest.
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: Souls Of The Righteous ..... *T. Tertius Noble*

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, nor hurt nor torment cometh them a-nigh; O holy hope of immortality. Souls of the righteous in the hands of God, to eyes of men unwise, they seem to die; they are at peace. O fairest liberty! . . . On earth as children chastened by love's rod, as gold in furnace tried, so now on high they shine like stars, a golden galaxy: souls of the righteous in the hand of God.

The Sermon: "MEMORIAL DAY—MORE THAN AN OUTING" ..THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 379 ..... *Capetown*

Massing of the Colors, and Pledge To The Flag

America, 4th stanza: Hymn #141

Prayers — Taps

Solemn Postludium: Rest in Peace ..... *Schubert-Dickinson*

Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Chapter #4 and Unit #4, Military Order of the Purple Heart; and the American Gold Star Mothers.

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ORDERS-FOR-WAITING

The Apostles were restless. They had mourned Jesus' death in dark despair, in shadowed Jerusalem. Then had come the electrifying Resurrection and His living presence among them. With a new spirit of victory, they were eager to tell people about Jesus, everywhere. They had seen enough of familiar old Jerusalem.

Into their impatience came Jesus. Joyfully He shared a meal with them. Then, suddenly, "He gave them orders . . . not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the fulfillment of the Father's promise." These were not the marching orders they wanted. They were *Orders-For-Waiting*.

Perhaps you, too, are itchy to leave your Jerusalem, with the same old faces, the same stained spot of wall paper, the same commuters' endless round-trip, the same reminders of old mistakes and failures, the same rough streets and rougher people. We cry, "Out of Jerusalem, for me — let's get going!"

But the Lord looks at us patiently, and firmly repeats His command to wait at Jerusalem for the coming-through of the Father's promise. God can deal with us only *where we are*. He is not going to move us on until we have obeyed Him *where we are*. When we put our Jerusalem under His commanding, then it becomes His place of victory — then *only* can He move us on to new battle fields.

"But", one says, "What can even God Himself do with my old Jerusalem? It's been that way a long time." I remember a Jerusalem a friend of mine made — a prison of a place which seemed to have no way of escape, a place of broken hopes and bitter memories. He wanted *"out"*! And he did not get it. He was stuck. Then he began to hear of people who had let God into their Jerusalem, as King — and the wonders that followed. He began to follow their way. They were right. God's promise was fulfilled right there where he was. Later on came the Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday, when he knew the power of God in the company of people who loved him.

First we have to wait, come to terms with God where we are, put old Jerusalem under His authority. Then, and then only, can there be the wonder of Whitsunday.

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(Bloomsburg, Penna.)

A new silk Church Flag will be dedicated Sunday, in memory of Mrs. Zelda R. Glassey, presented by her son, John.

We extend a hearty welcome to the members of the various Veteran Organizations who are worshiping with us this morning.

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THE ANNUAL RECTORY COOK-OUT LUNCHEON for the Women of St. Stephen's, Morning and Afternoon Branches, will be held on Saturday, June 4th; in case of rain, the following Saturday. The 11:06 A.M. train on the Manayunk line of the PRR will be met at the Cynwyd Station. Or, you may use the Route 44 Ardmore bus from Market Street, to Montgomery Ave., Cynwyd. Walk North on Levering Mill Road. 3 Blocks to Lodges Lane, to number 121.

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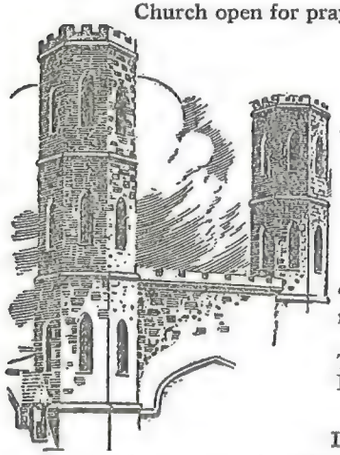
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The Prelude: Sonatina, "God's Time Is Best" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, prepare us to worship Thee aright. Touch our lips with joyous gratitude, that the words of our prayer and praise may be acceptable unto Thee. Invade our hearts with new reverence and responsiveness, that even the silence may be filled with messages from Thee. Give us renewed confidence in Thy fatherly goodness, that we may remember that we are Thy sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Old Hundredth" ..... *R. Vaughn-Williams*
The Text: Hymn #278

The Sermon: "JACOB AT JABBOK" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 220 ..... *Toulon*

The Doxology

Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 203, V. 1-3 ..... *Rockingham*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scotish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 563 ..... *St. Dunstan's*

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—Lawrence Ramberger (Bernville, Pa.)

SECRET OF QUIETNESS

Jesus knew the secret of quietness. He taught us by His own example. Whenever the crowd became too overbearing or too boisterous, He would quietly slip away. On the hillside by Himself, He would pray and listen to His Father's voice. He would then return with new power to accomplish the task that was His. How much we today need to learn His great lesson of withdrawing in our need, and returning in strength.

In Anne Lindbergh's book, "If From The Sea" she tells of a brief vacation she spent alone on the seashore. As the sea tosses up its gifts, shells rare and perfect, so the human mind, with time for quiet ponderings brings up its own treasures of the deep. Mrs. Lindbergh speaks of woman's life today of being close to a state of "worn-to-pieces-hood" and how essential it is for us to set aside a time each day to be alone, quiet, and listen to the still small voice so we may receive direction for our lives.

During World War II a Chaplain tells of the comfort and help he always found, when pressures were too great, by slipping away for a few minutes into a nearby Chapel. The quiet and stillness, the aloneness, soothed his worries and cares, and somehow God's Spirit and Peace became a part of him, and he could carry on again.

Have you ever stopped to think how quiet the great forces of Nature are? We do not hear a tree grow, or a flower bud and blossom forth to maturity. We cannot hear the life-giving warmth of the sun. Listen to the words of Roland English Hartley's lovely poem, "Stillness":—

"To see the stillness of a tree
Knowing it has been torn with wind—
To see the stillness of a pool,
Knowing it has been swept by flood—
To see the stillness of a stone,
Knowing what fires gave it form,
This is to know that stress will end,
This is to know that peace will come—
For wind and flood and flame have passed
To leave this quiet here at last."

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Thus, whoever you are, whatever your care or anxiety, whatever your problem, Jesus is waiting to heal you or the situation. ALL ARE WELCOME. The Laying-On-Of-Hands will be administered at all services.

VISIT JAPAN WITH US. Mrs. A. Neil Lemon, President of the Philadelphia Hearing Society, will show her color slides on Japan to the Women's Aid of the Chapel For The Hard of Hearing on Tuesday, June 7th, at 3:00 P.M. in the Community House of St. Stephen's Church. All who read this notice are welcome.—REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

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WE ARE THINE

We are thy people, and thou art our God;
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We are thine inheritance, and thou our Lot;
We are thy flock, and thou our Shepherd;
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We are thy faithful, and thou our Beloved;
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—From the liturgy of the Rosh Hashanah

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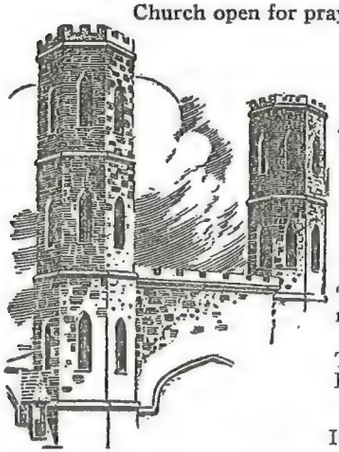
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The Prelude: "Air" ..... *Gerre Hancock*

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Processional Hymn 285 ..... *Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 62, Page 413

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The Anthem: Behold, Now, Praise the Lord ..... *Titcomb*

Behold now, praise the Lord, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the House of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord.

The Sermon: "GOD IS OUR HOPE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 416 ..... *Beatitudo*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 433 ..... *Langran*

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In a recent issue of the "Princeton Weekly" a student made this statement: "The trouble with me is that I can't believe in anything. On some days I can, but most of the time I'm smarter than that. I have been taught to question, not to believe, so I never know where to stop. . . . I can never tell when a day might come when, losing control because I'm sick of it, I will go tearing around the town in search of a cause. I'm quite sure I will find only a brick wall."

These words were written following some unpleasant incidents on the College Campus. They reflect something of the rebellion that is stirring within youth. I'm not shocked by this statement, I'm only made sad. The voice behind the words does not shout an irrational defiance, it only pleads poignantly for help. It confesses a deep need for a belief or faith. It admits that the mind can't live and the soul cannot survive in a vacuum. There is a kind of desperation here when he declares that the day might come when, "I will go tearing around town in search of a cause."

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Sometimes we confuse broad-mindedness with empty-headedness. Often we conclude that asking smart questions is a worthy exercise in itself. Let us remember that questions serve a purpose only when they move us closer to satisfying answers, even though the answers are tentative or hypothetical. This is my point. Education fails when it leaves us lost in a forest of question marks. Somewhere a person needs to confront an exclamation point, "I believe this is true, and I'll bet my life on it!" Now if this is the purpose of education, it is especially so in Religious Education. Unless we are able to fill the vacuum where belief should dwell, we will "go tearing around town in search of a cause." I take it that this speaks to the Christian Church these days. And it says something about the importance of religious education.

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Dear Pastor:

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Interested registered nurses should contact Steve Henry. The phone number to call is MU 6-2359.

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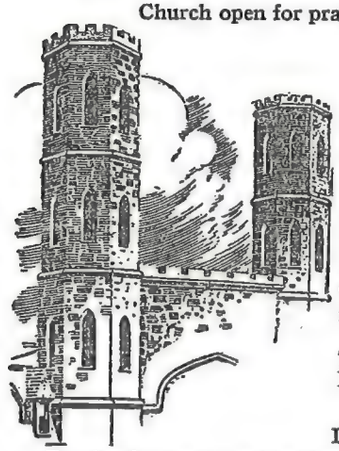
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The Introit

Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 96, Page 459

The First Lesson: Genesis 3

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Sermon: "WHAT PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 337 .....*Hamburg* (219)

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 425 .....*Rochelle*

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DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

A recent article describes the 9th largest diamond in the world, the latest addition to the aristocracy of the diamond world. "If Tom Sawyer had seen it lying in the gutter, he might have sent it skittering across the street with a casual kick. Or he mightn't have wasted the energy. There isn't much about the dirty gray and greasy stone to cattch a small boy's eye, or that of an adult either. When you see it lying on the cluttered workbench . . . you find it hard to believe you are in the presence of the newest of the world's great gems. It just doesn't look like a diamond." Even so, when the diamond cutters have finished their work, it is expected that the gem will be pear-shaped, two inches long and three-quarters of an inch thick, from a hundred and seventy to two hundred carats in size, valued at two million five hundred thousand dollars.

Diamonds are notoriously ugly when they come to the diamond cutter's shop. Their true beauty is not recognizable. It is concealed by a dull gray surface. So the common expression, "a diamond in the rough", has real meaning. If we were to come across such a stone on the sidewalk in front of our homes, like Tom Sawyer, we, too, would kick the gem in the gutter.

How is it with our attitude toward persons? Every day you and I meet someone for the first time. We form a first impression. Perhaps we do not make a conscious judgement of the person's worth, but we cannot deny that we begin immediately to evaluate the person. Many things enter into the process by which we finally draw a conclusion about the person. Think of some of them: his taste in clothes, his grooming, the sound of his voice, the quality of his grammar, his social graces. Then we explore him a little deeper. How does he earn his living? What is his educational background? Where does he live? How important is his position in the business and social world? Now, of course, few of us go through this process in the deliberate and calculating way. Can we deny, however, that to one degree or another, this is what happens?

In contrast, Jesus looked at a person with fluoroscopic eyes. They penetrated the surface, and brought to light the qualities and potentials of the individual. He saw the soul beneath the superficial. He saw the man behind the mannerisms. He saw the beauty behind the blemishes. This is one of the clearest characteristics of His relationship with people. Time and time again, those who had been slighted and scorned by others drew from Him understanding and even admiration. Those of us who would follow Him might well recognize that the standards of society are not infallible, and every day we come across "diamonds in the rough", really great characters who are ignored by the crowd. Can we not see their true worth, and know them to be precious in the eyes of God?

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To Continue Christ's Faithful Servant . . ."

Feb. 27 — Alfred Price Churchill Murray
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MARRIAGES

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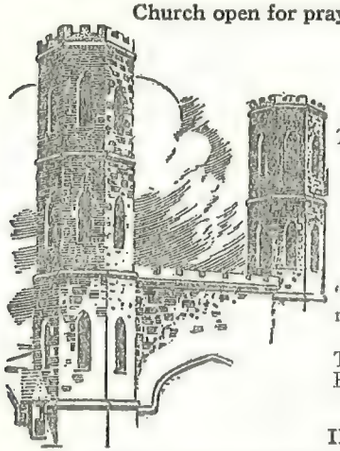
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal God, by whose providence we are supported, in whose love we are comforted, and through whose light we are guarded; we praise Thee for the dawn of another day. May this be a good day. Sustain us through all the hours by the remembrance that Thou art our Father. So shall we be able to face all the events of this day with serenity and confidence. Give us the royalty of an inward happiness, a happiness that is independent of time and place and outward circumstances. So shall we be garrisoned with fortitude and strengthened with courage; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
Processional Hymn 309 .....*Creation*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 119: Sections XIV & XV, Page 497
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My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest.
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Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "Hear Ye, Israel" .....*Mendelssohn*
Hear Ye, Israel! hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, had'st thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Hear ye, Israel! Hear what the Lord speaketh!
The Sermon: "WHAT ABOUT OUR LOWER SELVES?" .....The Rector
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MAN'S RESPONSE

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We have often deplored the fact that some individuals and some societies declare that there is no need for God. Atheism is not unknown in our generation. We have witnessed historical implications when ideologies have both denied and defied a theistic understanding of life and history. Hitler's Germany remains in memory as a terrifying example. We have found in much of modern literature the sordid emptiness in the lives of individuals who have denied God and in the denial have become tragically hollow. Quite properly the Christian continues to insist that we need the Love, Power and Redemption of God. Without this we are lost. This is our confession leaping from experience, in history and in our personal lives. Meister Eckhart speaks the truth when he says we cannot do without God.

The other side is that God cannot do without us. Here is no pathetic conceit. Rather, it is an admission that God needs us to carry out His work and accomplish His Will on earth. Each one of us should be seen as an instrument of God. In business, the man of complete integrity is needed by God. In government, the man of uncompromising honesty is needed by God. In the Church, the man of both courage and compassion is needed by God. In the family, the man of Love and Understanding is needed by God. Indeed, in every human relationship God needs you and me to witness by our being something of His Spirit. This is both awesome and overwhelming. In fact the acknowledgement that God needs us may be more demanding than the confession that we need God. If He does need us, and needs us right now, the question then becomes: What are we doing in response? Now what answer shall we make to that?

A Selected group of Boy Scouts in Troop #2, sponsored by this Church, had the honor of raising the Flag at the Betsy Ross House on "Flag Day", and participated in the ceremony.

We list here the memorial flowers on our Altar, with the donors, as there will be no weekly Bulletin published now until September.

July 3rd — Mrs. William Sockle, in memory of her husband, William and her brother, William McDougall
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Mrs. Emily Long, To the glory of God, and in loving memory of mother, Mrs. Mary M. Green; daughter, Mrs. Charles W. Fogelsong; sister, Mrs. Nellie Sailer
July 17th — Mr. James K. Lewis, in memory of his family
Miss Ann Snow, in memory of her family
July 24th — Mrs. Mary Varallo, in memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frascone
Mrs. Catherine Fuerst, in memory of the Rev. Canon Samuel Shoemaker
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Aug. 7th — Mr. & Mrs. John Pintavalle, in memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Pintavalle and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Borsella
Aug. 14th — Rev. Alfred W. Price, in memory of his father and mother
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The Introit

Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domine*

Response to the Decalogue Hymnal #708

The Anthem: Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer ..... *Franck*

Welcome, dear Redeemer, welcome to this heart of mine; Lord, I make a full surrender, every power and thought be Thine; Thine entirely through eternal ages Thine. Breath, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WORK AND PRAYER" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

The Doxology

Sanctus, Hymnal #711

Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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SPECIAL NOTICE: Next Sunday, September 11th is the first day of the four-day International Conference of the O.S.L. on The Church's Ministry of Healing.

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Dear Dr. Price:—I am crippled from an auto accident. God provided a way for me to have the great joy and privilege of attending a healing service at your Church in May. It was the most wonderful and sacred experience of my life. Though I am still crippled, I feel that God blessed me, and I pray that I can come to another healing service in the Fall. I pray daily for greater faith.—Mrs. Berry Barness (Washington, D.C.)

PRAYER BOOK REVISION

One of the beauties of our services of worship is that we use the Book of Common Prayer, which is a living Book, that is, it does not go out of print because it becomes outmoded since it is revised from time to time. The American Prayer Book was first issued in 1889. It has undergone two revisions: in 1892 and again in 1928. In view of the fact that the world is moving and changing faster in this century than ever before, greater need has been felt for revision during the past 25 years than in any previous period.

The Standing Liturgical Committee (S.L.C.) of the Church has been working on a revision of the Prayer Book and over the past 25 years has published suggested revisions of each of the services in the Prayer Book in a series of "Prayer Book Studies". These have been circulated largely among the clergy.

A REVISED SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION. In 1953 the S.L.C. published a suggested revision of the service of Holy Communion together with a 315 page book explaining the reasons for the suggested changes. Reactions to this service were many and strong, if not violent. Criticism was severe on the part of nearly all schools of thought in the Church and so the revision proved to be generally unacceptable. Therefore the S.L.C. has been working on a revision of the 1953 revision based on these criticisms, and suggestions. Now, 13 years later, the S.L.C. is hoping to issue a new revision for the Order of the service of Holy Communion.

Here in St. Stephen's we have been using for several months a proposed revision suggested by the Rev. Gardiner Day of Cambridge, Mass. and the Rev. Benjamin Minifie of New York. This service is not very different from our present service, but it has eliminated some of the features objectionable to sensitive persons, and also shortened the service, which is an important consideration today.

Those of us who have longed for a revision of the Prayer Book have hoped that it would accomplish at least two things: (1) Eliminate antiquated phraseology and theology, and (2) Eliminate redundancies and shorten the service.

These are some of the changes: (1) The Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church has been eliminated, not because the substance of the prayer is not important, but because it is thought the service will achieve a greater sense of reality and relevance if special intercessions particularly appropriate to a specified time, are used instead of the same general prayer. Certain phrases in this prayer have annoyed worshippers; as, for example, that we pray only for "Christian Rulers" and not for all Rulers. In addition, many people are not in accord with the sentence which reads, "And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present." Should we not pray that God's heavenly grace be given "especially" to those who are not actually present in the congregation at a particular service?

(2). The wording of the invitation to Communion: "Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort", is changed to: "Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to strengthen and sustain you."

(3). One of the difficulties with the service of Holy Communion has been the enormous severity of the General Confession. It makes people say more than they really believe or feel. As Archbishop Temple used to say, "The problem is not that the burden of sins is intolerable, but rather that all too often sins are enjoyable." Hence a very brief, simple, but straight forward confession has been substituted, which appears on page 323 in the Communion of the Sick.

(4). The congregation is to stand for the Sursum Corda and Sanctus as a helpful way of expressing our adoration as we say or sing this brief but cherished hymn of praise which leads up to the Prayer of Consecration.

(5). In the Prayer of Consecration the word "satisfaction", with its medieval theological connotations, has been eliminated, as well as various redundancies.

(6). In the Prayer of Humble Access the phrasing of the last sentence has been changed in order to eliminate what has been called its "cannibalistic language" (i.e., "eat the flesh", and "drink the blood").

(7). The final, beautiful prayer of Thanksgiving to be said not simply by the priest but by the entire congregation.

While we believe the helpfulness of our Service of Holy Communion cannot be overestimated, I am sure we all realize that there is no service so perfect that it cannot be improved. Furthermore, it is not a matter of improvement as much as it is of bringing it up to date, that is, expressing it in language of the 20th century instead of the 16th.

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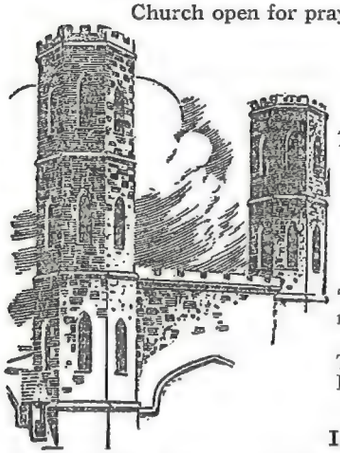
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b. "Aria" ..... *Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord Jesus, who are the eternal Wisdom of the Father, we beseech Thee to assist us with Thy heavenly grace, that we may be blessed in all our work; and above all things may attain the knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life eternal; and that, according to Thy most holy example, we may ever be found going about amongst our fellow men, doing good, healing the sick, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 57, Page 409

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14
The Rev. E. P. Leckie, Associate Warden, Canada

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The Sermon: THE WORK OF CHRIST AS SON OF MAN
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Offertory Hymn 426 ..... *Aughton*

Recessional Hymn 517 ..... *St. Matthew*

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7:30 P.M.—Address by David A. Fluck, M.D., Trenton, N.J., "A MEDICAL DOCTOR LOOKS AT HEALING".

Address by Rev. Andrew C. Braun, D.D., Broad S. Methodist Church, Burlington, N.J., "ALL HEALING IS DIVINE".

Address by Rev. William N. Beachy, M.D., Chaplain, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., "HOW TO HAVE FAITH".

ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

St. Luke was a man of many accomplishments. He was a physician and missionary, a first rate reporter and a literary craftsman whose writing will bear comparison with that of Shakespeare and Dante. The French critic Renan, has referred to the Gospel of St. Luke as the most beautiful book ever written.

In the first two chapters of his Gospel we find, either in whole or in part, five great Christian hymns, namely: the Ave Maria, the angel's greeting to Mary; the Magnificat, magnificent hymn of praise, of Mary; the Gloria in Excelsis, the angels' hymn; the Nunc Dimittis, the hymn of the aged Simeon after he had seen Christ; and the Benedictus, the hymn of the Priest Zacharias in thanksgiving for the Birth of his son, John the Baptist.

St. Luke was not a Jew like the other Evangelists. He was a Greek, born in Antioch, in Syria, and he wrote and spoke Greek with all its beautiful simplicity.

He never met our Lord, but we think that many of the most precious treasures of the Church were written down by Luke. We think that only Mary, the mother of Jesus, could have told him of those beautiful songs which we sing every Sunday. Only Mary could have given him selections of the Nativity account which occur only in his Gospel. He states that he had gone over what others had written and had gathered information handed down from eye witnesses.

The practice of medicine in Luke's day was by no means as primitive as patronizing moderns are apt to think. By the first century A.D. Greek doctors had learned to set broken bones and perform surgical operations on such delicate parts of the human anatomy as the eye and brain. Centuries before the birth of Christ the great Greek physicians began to make a careful study of mental illness. Some of the words used in psychology today, such as "hysteria" and "melancholia" derive from their work. It was not until the beginning of the 19th century that medical science advanced materially beyond the point it had reached under the Greeks.

To say that Luke was a physician, then, is to say he was a member of a scientific community whose standards and achievements still deserve the highest respect.

Besides writing the Gospel, St. Luke was the writer of the Acts of the Apostles, which is an extremely detailed account of the events that took place in the Christian community during the earliest years of the Church—from the time of Christ's Ascension, about 30 A.D., until Paul's arrival in Rome, about 60 A.D.

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St. Luke records more of the healing ministry of Jesus than the other writers and gives a fullsome report of one of the four healing missions He sent His disciples on. He gives great prominence to the healing miracles.

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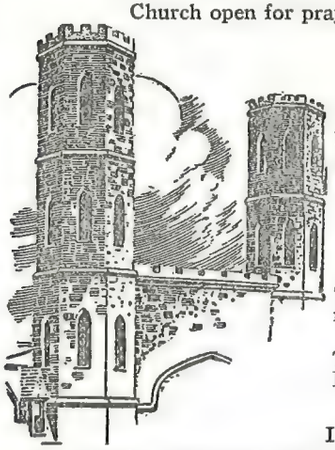
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The Prelude: "Suite", (a) Overture, (b) The Peace ..... *Handel*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Introit
Processional Hymn 279 ..... *Praise to the Lord*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 90, Page 453
The First Lesson: I Kings 3: V. 5
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 10:2-16
Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.
Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: "The Lord Will Not Suffer Thy Foot To Be Moved" ..... *J. S. Bach*
The Lord will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not slumber; nor will He slumber nor sleep.
The Sermon: "WHAT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH BELIEVES".. THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 334 ..... *Penitence*
Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 388 ..... *St. Thomas*

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—(Mrs. B. F. Sargent, Orlando, Florida)

GIVE OUT YOUR PRAISE

"Let your light so shine before men"—what do those words bring to your mind? I suspect that your hand almost reaches for your purse as you are reminded of the offering in Church! Yet those words of His were never intended to refer to an occasional act of giving money. They were meant to picture the constant giving of ourselves to God, so that His Life, His Love, would shine through us, and make others see God.

After all, our own personal saints were simply people through whom God had a chance to shine. Over and over again they forgot what they might get out of life for themselves, and gave themselves to meet nearby need. They kept giving themselves away, wherever there was need; kept giving themselves for God's purposes. They let their light so shine—His Light in them, giving hope and courage to the wavering.

Late one Sunday afternoon, a traveler came to a little village in the Alps, just as dusk was falling. He asked what time the evening service would be held in the little village Church, and found that it would be in about an hour. So he went there to sit quietly and pray. As he looked about him, he was surprised to find that there were no lamps or lighting fixtures at all; and the shades of night were falling fast. Soon the people began to arrive—and each worshiper carried a lighted candle—until the Church was ablaze with light. He learned that the man who had given the Church to the people had also provided the candles and candle sticks; and had asked the village to promise that there would be no other light in the Church.

That wise giver wanted people to remember that they came to Church to *give out* their praise and gratitude, to give out the joy of their presence in God's house, first of all; before thinking what they might get for themselves. The greatest opportunity in life is to let God's Love catch fire in our hearts; and burn for others in the honest love we have for them.

A NEW SONG

(Reprinted from THE ANGLICAN DIGEST, Summer 1966)

THE LORD is my external-internal integrative mechanism:

I shall not be deprived of gratification for my viserogenic hungers or my need dispositions.

2. He motivates me to orient myself towards a non-social object with effective signficance,
3. He positions me in a non-decisional situation; He maximizes my adjustment.
4. Although I entertain masochistic and self-destructive impulses, I will maintain contact with reality for my superego is dominant: His analysis and tranquilizers, they comfort me.
5. He assists in the resolution of my internal conflicts despite my Oedipal problem and psychopathic compulsions and my personality is totally integrated.
6. Surely my prestige and status shall be enhanced as a direct function of time: and I shall remain sociologically, and economically secure for ever.

Originally called "Science Psalm" (in A Stress Analysis of a Strapless Evening Gown and Other Essays for a Scientific Age, edited by R. A. Baker and published at $4.50 by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632). It sounds like something which might be found in many of the books and articles by present day professional theologians.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Will Coffee, Mrs. Sarah Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Spaeth, Mrs. Vera A. Wagner, and E. Lillian Wyatt, Mrs. A. P. Valentine.

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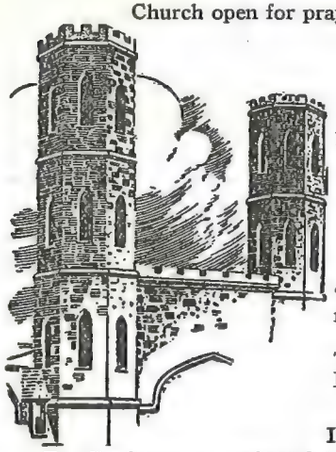
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The Prelude: "Antiphon IV" ..... *Marcel Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Father of all mercies! God of all comfort! We bring before Thee the record of our lives, stained with the memories of sin and failure. Be patient with us, for if Thou turn Thy face from us, we are undone. Cast us not from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Call us back to the high and holy path, Thou Shepherd of our souls. Place upon us once more Thy blessed yoke; set us face to face with our unaccomplished tasks, and we will prove our penitence by the constancy of our wills in the strength of Thy forgiving grace. Give unto us what Thou commandest, and then command what Thou wilt. Amen.

Introit

Processional Hymn 382 ..... *Tallis Ordinal*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 119:V, VI — Page 492

The First Lesson: Daniel 5:1-9; 13-30

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: O All Ye Nations ..... *Heinrich Schutz*

O all ye nations, praise the Lord; O praise the Lord all ye people. Praise ye Jehovah in His strength; all that hath life and breath, now praise Jehovah. God's loving kindness unto us is great and merciful, with heart and with voice in Him rejoice; for His truth endureth ever more, Alleluia! sing praises! Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord.

The Sermon: "DISCOVERIES" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 410 ..... *Martyrdom*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 479 ..... *Hyfrydol*

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LIFE SAVING ACTION

They had Him at last, exulted the enemies of Jesus! There He was, nailed hard and fast to the Cross; done for; finished. They had been frightened, these proud little men—frightened that Jesus would lead the crowds away from them, and that they would lose their shiny little places in the sun. But they have smartly turned the crowds against Him—and He who laughs last, laughs best. So they looked up at Him with grim laughter, and gloated, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save." And even one of the thieves, nailed to a cross close to Jesus, took up the bitter cry, "Art Thou not the Christ? Save Thyself and us." But He could not. That was one thing that Jesus was not able to do. Because He was Love clothed in the flesh, it was not in His nature to save Himself. It was His nature to save others. The Almighty God, the All-Loving, by His saving character, cannot be a self-saver.

Out of that fact follows the truth that is sobering and startling. God, in His turn, can only save those who are willing to be savers themselves. Did not Jesus, instructing His disciples how to pray, teach them to say, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us?" In other words, God can forgive only those who themselves have forgiving hearts. For only forgiving people have understanding of forgiveness. Only they can accept forgiveness.

Sometimes there has crept into Christian thinking a strange notion that your first duty is to attend to your own salvation—to see that your own soul is ready to pass its examination at the heavenly gates. How anyone ever drew that nasty, selfish little idea out of the teaching of Jesus will always be a mystery. He taught that your first duty is to obey the will of God, and that His will then sets you to work in neighborly, life-saving action for others. Self-love blocks you off from God's grace.

Let me remind you of the old Russian legend of a man in hell who prayed earnestly to be released from torment. At last a voice said, "rescue will come." A slender thread was let down, and he was told to grasp it. He did so, and thin though the thread seemed, it began to draw him up. But others, seeing him being released, seized hold of his garments that they also might be drawn up out of torment. The man kicked them off, crying out, "The thread will break!" And break it did! And then the voice spoke again, "The thread of the Love of God was strong enough to save you and your brothers; but it was not strong enough to save you alone."

SPECIAL NOTICE:—"Diocesan Affair"—The Girls' Friendly Society is sponsoring a Card Party on Saturday, October 8th at 1:30 P.M. in St. Stephen's Community House. The proceeds will go toward a fund for the Diocese of Pennsylvania Holiday House at Cape May, N.J. Donation 75¢. There will be Prizes and Refreshments. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

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ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONFERENCE

4,887 people attended the various sessions of the four-day International Conference on the Church's Ministry of Healing held in St. Stephen's Church September 11th through 14th.

132 Denominations were represented; Clergy and laymen coming from 27 States. Five from overseas countries representing Japan, Uganda, Ceylon, England and Canada were in attendance. There were 77 Clergymen and three Bishops; 18 Physicians and 17 Nurses in attendance. There were 18 speakers and 41 addresses. 45 new members were inducted into the Order. Some 1500 persons enjoyed the Social Hour Periods in the Community House.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Mrs. Madeline Keller who supervised all the activity in the Community House and to her twenty volunteers for their untiring efforts. Our devoted Verger, Mr. Clifton Johnson and his wife cooked and prepared the fine menu, and 196 people enjoyed the excellent Tuesday dinner. Miss Hazel Bainbridge did a magnificent and flawless job in managing the ushers, offerings, healing and Communion Services.

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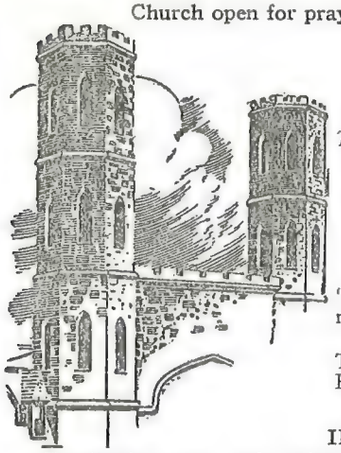
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The Prelude: "Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring" .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We thank Thee, O God, for the beauty of Thy creation, for the wonders of earth and sea and sky. We thank Thee for the homes where love dwells, for the freedom which is ours in our blessed land, for the opportunities which surround us day by day as we work and pray and play and seek to serve our fellow men. Especially do we thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we see the love which has surrounded us from birth, accompanies us in our daily labors, heals the wounds inflicted by life, ministers to our growth and character, enriches our joy, and assures us of the life eternal. Our Father, we thank Thee. Amen.
The Introit
Processional Hymn 600 .....*Darwell*
Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708
The Anthem: "Jesu, Word of God Incarnate" .....*Mozart*
Jesu, Word of God Incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; On the Cross Thy sacred body, for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the Blood and Water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy body broken, now and in death's agony.
The Sermon: "A MEDITATION ON THE COMMUNION" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 263 .....*McKee*
The Doxology
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*
Kneeling Hymn 198; Vs. 1, 3 .....*St. Flavian*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 .....*Old Scotish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 528 .....*Hesperus*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. & Mrs. Charles K. Hay in memory of parents, Mr. & Mrs. John W. Huxley.

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—Marian van den Berg (Birmingham, Ala.)

LOOK AT LIGHT

I want to share with you a page of Stanley Jones' "How To Be A Transformed Person." He reminds us that the first thing of importance is to get your attention and gaze fixed at the right place. If you look within yourself, you'll be discouraged; if you look around at others, you'll be distracted; if you look at Christ, you will pass into His likeness.

"You become like that which you gaze at habitually. If you gaze at nothing, or are continuously shifting your attention to the latest attraction, if nothing has your attention and love, then you look like nothing. Your face looks like what you are looking at—nothing. No character signs on the face—just a blur called a face. "Do you keep stationery here?" asked a prospective customer of a store-keeper. "No", she replied, "We keep moving." The modern person keeps moving not only his body, but his attention and interest, and the result is a blurred face.

"But there are those who see a Face and give themselves forever to gazing at that Face. A lovely old Japanese woman of 80 years was graduated 52 years ago at Mount Holyoke College, went back to Japan, started a girls' School. Never married—married herself to the needs of the girls of Japan. "I have a large family", she laughingly said; "Six thousand graduates are all my children." The War came and Okayama was burned out in one dreadful night, and with it the School she had built through the years by faith and toil and prayer. At seventy-five she might have said, "I'm too old to begin again. We'll call it a day and quit." Not she. She rebuilt the School and now has eleven hundred girls in it, and every day, at 80, she is in active charge. Fifty-two years of looking in the Face of Christ, and then at the faces of her girls, has made her beautiful—at eighty.

"It was said of a blacksmith in New England that he had lived so much in thought with Emerson that he looked more like Emerson than Emerson himself! He became what he looked at habitually. The Psalmist says, "They looked unto Him, and were lightened" (Psalm 34:5)."

Let it be part of our discipline to look into the Face of Christ constantly—for as we look at Light, we shall *be* Light!

The Rector participated in a Panel Discussion on "Hypnotism, Faith Healing and Psychosomatic Illness" under the auspices of the Association To Advance Ethical Hypnosis, held at the Sylvania Hotel on Sept. 22nd.

The Rector participated in a Retreat held in the Church of the Holy Communion, 20th Street and Avenue of the Americas, New York, on Saturday, October 1st.

Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Geraldine Baddeley, Frances F. Bailey, Helen G. Downes, Mr. & Mrs. Alan D. Matthews, Mrs. Jane S. Smith.

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The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Mary's Church, Reading, Penna., on the evenings of October 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

AN EMPTY CUP

At this moment a ragged child in India stands in a long line, a tin cup in his hand, hoping to receive a gift of milk. If he were standing next to you, would you fill his cup? You can by giving to our Church's Agency for helping others. Give the money that buys the milk to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. The Milk Can on our Church steps is the place to put your offering.

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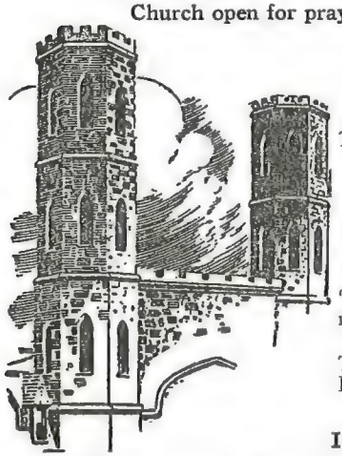
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Introit

Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 46, Page 397

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 12

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:41-52

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.
Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: "O For The Wings Of A Dove"

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The Sermon: "THE CROSS AND THE SWITCHBLADE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 455 ..... *St. Peter*

Doxology; Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 425 ..... *Rochelle*

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—Grace E. Arthur (Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburgh, Pa.)

NAME CALLING

Most of us have trouble with words. This should not be too surprising. We are living in a time when a whole company of noble words is struggling for survival in the midst of intellectual confusion and dishonesty. For example, the present regime in China calls itself "Peoples' Republic". This reduces language to absurdity. The Soviet Union uses the great word "democracy" with a promiscuousness that sickens the mind. Our own nation has not escaped completely this tidal wave of word confusion. We are tempted to call those who disagree with us either "conservative" or "liberal". And when we use these words their use has little relationship to the real meaning. Rather they carry the emotional overtones of an invective. They are labels used loosely to apply to those with whom we may think we have disagreement. In a time fraught with national peril, one of the best things that could happen would be a new public resolve to use words responsibly and with intellectual maturity.

We also have trouble with words in another sense. Words can be cruel and destructive, they can be kind and constructive. They are living things. They can do great good or great evil. They can be things of beauty and helpfulness. "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold and pictures of silver." Or they can be things that are ugly and cutting. "These words are razors to my wounded heart." Sir Walter Scott had it right!

Oh! Many a shaft, at random sent,
Finds mark the archer little meant;
And many a word, at random spoken,
May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.

We use words every day, thousands of them. They ought to be used honestly and with intellectual integrity. There should be some understanding of their real meaning. And certainly we should not indulge in name-calling as a substitute for clear thinking. Then, too, it is nice to recognize that each one of us has the power to hurt or heal the human heart according to the words we choose. It is possible to cut a person to pieces with words. It is also possible to give a transfusion to another person's soul through words that strengthen. Yes, we use thousands of words every day. Are they the kind you would welcome, played back to you at eventide?

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A harried college student sent this urgent telegram to his parents: "Am without funds or friends. Please help."

His father immediately wired back: "Make friends".

A rebuff can be a blessing in disguise . . . when it compels us to work out problems for ourselves instead of being overly dependent.

The Book of Roman Catholic Worship, newly published, contains, besides the service material, 101 hymns. Of these 63 are by permission of our Church, taken from our Episcopal Hymnal.

PRESIDING BISHOP, The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, will speak once a week on Sundays for twelve weeks on the Episcopal Series of the Protestant Hour. Music is by the Washington Cathedral choir of men and boys. This program is broadcast in Philadelphia at 9 A.M. over Station WFIL.

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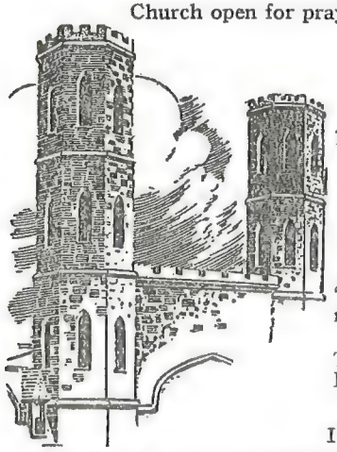
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The Prelude: "Adagio" (3rd Symphony, Op. 78) ..... *Saint-Saens*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 81, Page 442

The First Lesson: II Kings: 5

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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Period of Silent Meditation:

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None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None Other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Behold, Now, Praise the Lord ..... *Titcomb*

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord; behold now, praise the Lord.

The Sermon: "THE MEANING OF LIFE" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 345 ..... *Dominus Regit Me*

Doxology; Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by the Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of Margaret Quigley Fleischer; by Miss Helen Green and Mrs. Walter Lugar in memory of mother, Elizabeth Green; and by Mrs. Eleanor Seitz in memory of her father, Mr. R. O. Morgan.

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THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—We are still delighted that Mrs. Ruth Walter, for whom I requested prayers six months ago, has recovered much of her sight. It was practically gone at that time from a cancer which was arrested. The eye surgeon declares it is a miracle. Again thanking you for your devoted work and help to the suffering.

—Clara T. Gifford; Kennett Square, Pa.

ON GOD'S BUSINESS

The life of the great novelist, Walter Scott, was like a three-act play. First, the youthful days when poetry poured from his pen like songs from the throat of a bird. He was the darling of the gods, and no prize seemed beyond his grasp. In those days he mounted up with wings as an eagle. Then came the middle years, when he built up fame and fortune by writing one great novel after another. He worked while others slept, drawing on resources that seemed inexhaustible. In those middle years he ran swiftly and was not weary. Then came the dark hour when suddenly he found himself facing a debt of over a half million dollars, through the failure of the publishing company he owned. He could have slipped out from under this staggering burden by going into bankruptcy, and settled with his creditors for a small part of the debt. But Scott was of a finer fiber than that, and he declared, "If I live and retain my health, no man shall lose a penny by me." So, at the age of fifty-five, he plunged passionately into working to pay off this debt of honor. Day after day, month after month, he worked and worked. Now he no longer mounted up with wings as an eagle, not ran without weariness; but he *did* walk, and not faint. He wrecked his health with his terrific work; but, in the end, every penny of the debt was repaid.

The prophet promised that those that wait upon the Lord will always renew their strength; always find the power needed to carry out God's purposes. And it is a golden experience, after falling flat on our faces, to call upon God and feel the returning rush of new vigor, and soar back into life and work and achievement. It is exhilarating, also, when the chariot-wheels of our lives have been driving heavily, to turn to our Creator, and have Him pour new vitality into our spirits, and find ourselves miraculously speeding onward again. But, often in the wisdom of God, it is not our privilege to experience either of these two glorious renewals. Instead, we find ourselves renewed only to the point where we can walk on quietly, usefully, without thrills and without glory, and achieve the task God gave us to do. We are pedestrians on the road of life; but pedestrians on God's business!

Some of the noblest lives I have known have been God's pedestrians. It takes great character, tough fiber of soul, close walking with God, to walk and not faint. For that reason I believe that, if you walk on with a quiet courage, without fainting or quitting, you give special joy to the heart of God. And, if you keep at it, you will find that serenity which is the "peace that passes all understanding."

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the New Dover Methodist Church, Rahway, N.J., on Sunday evening and Monday morning and evening, October 16th and 17th.

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The Afternoon Branch of the Women of St. Stephen's is now being called St. Stephen's Fellowship Group and men are also invited. It meets from 12:30 until 2 P.M. in the Community House, behind the Church, on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Refreshments are served. The Bible Study talks will continue for the 4th year on October 16th by Mrs. Alfred W. Price. The Life of Christ will be started by a comparison of the 4 Gospels. Everyone is welcome.

ST. STEPHEN'S FALL IN-GATHERING of the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, October 30th, 1966 at the 11 O'Clock service. We hope you will be here to see your offering presented at the Altar. If that is not possible, please send it to Mrs. Ruth Leithead, Custodian—U.T.O., St. Stephen's Church, 19 South Tenth Street, Phila., Pa. 19107.

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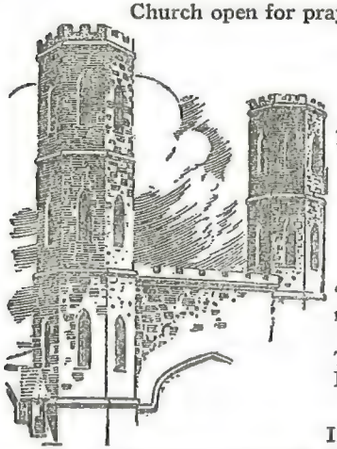
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Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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The Prelude: "I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, who hast taught us in Thy Word that we are members one of another, we bring to Thee the record of our lives, stained with the memories of offenses against our brethren. We confess before Thee the indifference that has wounded the brokenhearted, the cynicism that has frozen the enthusiasm of youth, the cruelty that has checked the gentle confidence of age, and all our sins of indolence and neglect. Grant us Thy pardon. Teach us so far as lies in our power to make amends. And grant us wisdom to choose whatever things are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and of good report; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 285 .....*Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 111, Page 482

The First Lesson: II Kings: 6:8-17

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: Bless The Lord, O My Soul .....*Ippolitof-Ivanof*

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art Thou, O Lord. Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits; bless thou the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He His wrath forever . . . O blessed art Thou, O Lord.

The Sermon: "THE DIFFERENCE CHRISTIANITY MAKES" ....The Rector

Offertory Hymn 570 .....*Llanfyllin*

Doxology; Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 489 .....*Sicilian Mariners*

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NEVERTHELESS

Beano was a tough young gangster who observed one day, with a shrug, "It's a crumby world. The big shots don't know what to do about it — what do you expect of us?" Beano was quite right — it is a very crumby world indeed, where so many dreams crumble to pieces, and slip through our fingers, and are lost.

Jesus never denied what a mess men have made of God's world. Nor did He turn His face away from the hard Cross that towered higher and higher before Him. When He was warned that the old fox Herod was threatening to crush Him and His work, He faced that squarely and declared, "Nevertheless, I must go my way today, tomorrow, and the day following." At His darkest moments He had a way of squaring His shoulders, and lifting His head, saying, *"Nevertheless."*

His disciples then began to learn the use of that unconquerable little word. After a fruitless night of weary fishing, Jesus counseled them to launch out for another try. Peter rose slowly to his feet, looked out over the waters that seemed empty of fish; and then, with a trace of a smile, said, "Nevertheless, at Thy word, I will put down the nets." Jesus, kneeling lonely in the Garden of Gethsemane, prayed for deliverance from the Cross. Three times He prayed, hoping for the green light from His Father, that He might take the road that led through the Galilean countryside, rather than the dark road to Calvary. Each time there came no answer, "Yes", and He submitted Himself utterly to the Father's will, saying, "Nevertheless, not My will but Thine be done."

"It's a crumby world", so it's very easy to shrug your shoulders and say, "So what's the use?" But the Christian quietly marches on. It may be a sorry world; nevertheless, with God in it, there are always triumphant possibilities. A man or a woman may be down, — nevertheless, if he gets up and goes with God, he discovers new wonders in the deeps of life. Jesus' most memorable victory came after the shadowed hour of Herod's threat; and after the darker hours of the Garden, when the Road to Calvary became the glory-lit Road to Resurrection.

We who follow Christ have made this very great discovery — that He who goes with God, goes from strength to strength. The road may be dark — nevertheless, the traveler with God goes always toward the sunrise. The one urgent matter is to be sure that you go with God. As Thomas A'Kempis wrote, "You know from long experience that these storms come, and that they pass. For after Winter comes Summer; after the night, the day; and after the storm, a great calm . . . Accept these trials as sent by God in His infinite wisdom for your good; wrap love and prayer about you like a comforting garment, and let the storms pass by."

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—Mrs. Alberta Work (Clearwater, Florida)

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ADVANCE NOTICE is given of the Baptism on Sunday morning, October 30th at 11 A.M. of the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David L. German, III. Refreshments and Reception will follow in the Community House, to which the congregation is invited.

Our sincere "Thank you" to these Bulletin subscribers: Miss Elizabeth B. Bowne, Miss Katherine Carroll, Miss Rita Catalano, Rita J. Clark, Mrs. Paul E. Dornheim, Catherine Fuerst, Miss Anne Surgent, R.N.

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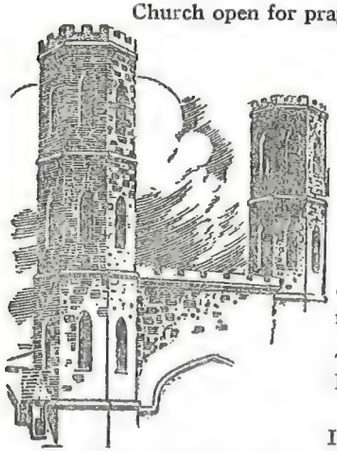
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The Introit

Processional Hymn 315 .....*Kremser*

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Offices of Instruction, Page 290

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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Period of Silent Meditation:
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None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Laudate Dominum—Sing Praise To God .....*Mozart*
Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For He hath shown his kindness toward us, His love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, lasteth for all eternity. Praise to the Father and Son also, and the Holy Spirit, as it was then and will ever be, both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE BABY".....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 276 .....*Nun Danket*

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Recessional Hymn 551 .....*Ein Feste Burg*

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A DEEPER FAITH

"Please help me to find a deeper faith." Such a request is often placed before a Minister. An emptiness is acknowledged and a yearning to fill that emptiness is expressed. Always it reveals a wistful longing to gain something not presently possessed. It comes from earnest desire. Sometimes the need is urgent.

The first thing that must be said is that no high attainment comes easily nor immediately. Faith represents man's highest capacity and it would be unwise to claim that it is to be picked up for the asking. An infant makes faltering first steps and often stumbles. He walks before he runs. Then, if by chance a man wishes to become a skilled runner he trains under demanding discipline. The point is plain. A primary concern is to understand that everything has its price. This would seem to be a law of life. The whole matter of religious faith is no exception. If you want it, you can have it. But you cannot have it for nothing.

The second thing to be said is that faith is not simply a matter of accepting a certain doctrine. Many believe that they are or are not persons of faith, depending upon the acceptance or rejection of prescribed credal statements. They confront dogma hopefully, and then in all honesty turn away wishing poignantly that it could be embraced. Because they define faith as a body of belief, they conclude that faith is beyond their grasp. This is a tragic misfortune.

This leads me to say a third thing. Faith is not blind acceptance but daring action. It is the supreme motivating power within man. It moves his life from the present to the future. It is the force behind every exploration and experiment. It is the action which carries him from the known into the unknown, thereby enlarging the known. It is the hypothesis of the scientist. It is the marriage vow. It is the business venture. It is the military strategy. In short, it is action based on commitment to that which is not wholly known and remains to be proven.

With this in mind, religious faith is seen as the act of belief and trust before all the evidence is in. Its validity is not established by reading a book. I can read a book on how to swim. It may help. The proof starts with the doing. With the plunge, and it gains strength by steady strokes in the water. We do learn by doing. We learn to walk by walking. We learn to speak by speaking. We learn to love by loving. We learn "to faith by faithing." The problem with many of us is that we continue to stand on the sidelines wondering if we can have faith in this or that. Here is our error. Take a belief, let faith move it from contemplation to action. The proof comes in the living.

ALL SAINTS' DAY—1966

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into life eternal since last All Saints' Day.

Dec. 1—Roger W. Clawson
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Jan. 8—Ellen A. Vail
Feb. 11—Gladys Kennard Moore
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May 16—Bessie M. Sanderson
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Oct. 14—Wilhelmina P. Sachs

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THE UNITED THANK OFFERING OF THE WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH will be presented at the Altar today at the eleven o'clock service. Individual offerings not included in the presentation should be sent to Mrs. Ruth Leithead, St. Stephen's Church, 19 S. 10th Street, Phila., Pa. 19107.

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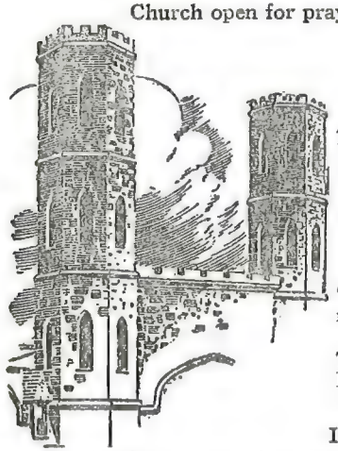
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The Prelude: "Blessed Are Ye Faithful Souls" .....*J. Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord of the great sacrifice, restrain our eagerness for the things that are seen. Thy Cross is our rebuke. Increase our spending for the things eternal. Lord of the sinless life, our hope is to become like Thee. Fulfill our hearts in service, that our hope be not in vain. Lord of the holiest joy—the joy of boundless giving—teach us Thy grace of losing, that our joy may indeed be full. The World counteth all things lost if it gain not the things it may reckon. Help us to count all things but loss, to win Thee, the wealth unmeasured. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 599 .....*Vigiles et Sancti*

Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708

The Anthem: Ye Now Are Sorrowful (from Requiem) .....*J. Brahms*

Ye now are sorrowful, howbeit ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful, and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were mine, but at the last I have found comfort, yea I will comfort you.

The Sermon: "REMEMBERING THE SAINTS" .....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 126 (Vs. 1, 4) .....*Sarum*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 472 .....*Pilgrims*

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The time came when Sam and Aggie died. Chloroform sold the old river boat and built himself a little shack. There he lived contentedly, working at humble tasks, at peace with God and men. One rainy day the men were standing around at Clem McCullough's store, because there wasn't much else to do; and they were spoiling for some fun. They all looked up and grinned when Chloroform came in. He had a long, thin neck with a big Adam's apple, and, as usual, his pointed face was covered with a grin. He told Clem that he was aiming to get a mess of catfish down in the creek, and he needed a number four hook. If Clem would let him have it, he would bring some catfish back to Clem in payment. Then the men started in. First they asked Chloroform if he thought that one hook was enough; and then, hadn't he better buy himself a new, strong line? They told him he didn't worry enough; but he didn't seem to think he had anything to worry about. They said it was his duty to begin to worry; and the best way was to get into debt—now, what did he want, more than anything else in the world? Nothing, he guessed, except a number-four hook. So Clem bade him look all around the store, and pick out what he wanted most; and charge it. So Chloroform took a good deal of time, looked around, even at the racks where Clem had hung the calico and taffeta dresses. But when he had finished, he stammered that there wasn't anything he really wanted—except a number-four hook. So they got out the big Sears, Roebuck catalogue, and got him to thumb through it. When Chloroform finished, he looked up (and the men weren't grinning or sniggering any more); and he seemed embarrassed as he said, "Ah reckon Ah don't want anythin' 'ceptin' a number-four hook. Everything's mighty purty, tho'." So Clem gave him the hook, and he ambled contentedly out.

There was a long silence; and Perry Lokey said, "It beats the life outa me. He don't want nothin'. Reckon there's never been anybody like that before." Clem McCullough's eyes were thoughtful and his voice was low: "Yes, thar was. Ah heard of somebody else like that. They didn't have any catalogues in those days, so they let Him look around from a mountain-top. He didn't want nothin' you could carry in yore hands or put in yore pockets," then Clem did a funny thing. He looked around that big old store of his, and his eyes swept the overflowing shelves and the bulging bins and the full racks. "Sometimes," he said, and his voice sounded as if he was thinking out loud, "sometimes Ah think Ah'm a mighty pore man."

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The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Congregational Chuurch, Florence, Massachusetts, November 6th-8th, inclusive.

We extend our thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Elsa N. Ashbrook, Mrs. William Budd, Elizabeth M. Campbell, Viola Del Costello, Mrs. M. B. Fishburn, Mr. Ross J. Griffith, Bessie M. Lawfer, Dr. John D. Tate, Mary Louise Wood.

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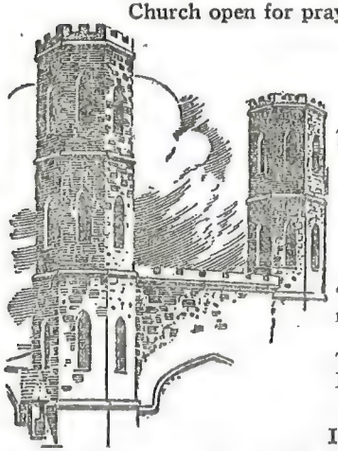
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The Introit

Processional Hymn 289 ..... *St. Anne*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 68:1-20, Page 419

The First Lesson: Job 1:1-21

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 11:18-30

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None Other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "God Is My Shepherd" ..... *Dvorak*

God is my Shepherd, I want for nothing. My rest is in the pleasant meadows, He leadeth me where quiet waters flow! My fainting soul doth He restore, and guideth me in the ways of peace, to glorify His name. And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander, my spirit shall not fear, for Thou art by me still; Thy rod and staff are with me, and they shall comfort me.

The Sermon: "RIGHTEOUSNESS MAKES PEACE"..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

Doxology; Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 487 ..... *Ellers*

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THE GATHERING SPIRIT

In another of Joel David Brown's stories there is a memorable scene when the old maid goes to a steamship office to plan a trip. The clerk was a red-headed Irishman named O'Reilly. The first place he suggested was South America. The old maid sniffed, "I don't think I want to go to South America. I understand that there are a lot of Indians and half-breeds down there. And I may as well tell you that there's another place I don't want to go to. I don't want to go to Ireland. They tell me that it's cold and wet and full of Catholics." That was too much for O'Reilly. "Faith an' begorra, Miss," he replied briskly, "suppose you go to hell. It's hot and dry and full of Protestants!"

I do not know, for a fact, whether O'Reilly's last statement was correct. I hope not! But I do know that I thoroughly agree with the vigor of his reply to the bigoted spinster. She could not have paid much attention in Church—if she went to a Christian Church. Nor could she have read her New Testament with any degree of care. For never in its pages can you find any encouragement of narrow bigotry. Paul, in writing his unruly Corinthian friends, scorches them for their quarrelsome cliques—"I'm for Apollos"; "I'm for Cephas"; "I'm for Paul." He asks, sternly, "Is Christ divided?" Read thoughtfully the words of Jesus. His purpose was to draw people together—"Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wing; and you would not!" No, the only division Jesus made between people was between those who are willing to obey God's will and those who are not—and He was forever seeking to shepherd the disobedient and willful people back into the family of God.

Therefore, it is our Christian duty to simplify and deepen our loyalty to Christ. It does not matter, I think, to God, whether we go to a Church that uses Holy Water, or to one that does not. He seems chiefly interested in the spirit of our living with other men; whether our energy is poured into sharp-barber prejudices and squabbles, or into the compassion that gathers people into loving friendship and understanding.

In a town in New England, on the Sunday evening before Christmas, they set up a great, single candle in the Square. They light that Christ-Candle, which stands for the One Christ they all follow, the One God they all worship. All the clergy of the town, Protestant and Roman Cathoic, gather on the platform and, one by one, they light their candles at the Christ-Candle. Then, leaning over the edge of the platform, they pass on the light to those who are nearest, and the light spreads across the thousands standing there under the Winter sky. No man cares which Church his neighbor belongs to, so long as he passes on the light. That Candle-Light Service draws them all together, as the Master has always desired—"How oft would I have gathered . . ."

Learn the gathering spirit!

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING—The Diocesan Presentation Service will be held Tuesday, November 15th, at 8 P.M. in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market. Bishop Swift will receive the offering. Miss Frances M. Young, Executive Director of the Women's Work of the Executive Council of our Church will be the speaker. She will tell of her visits to far off places, where U.T.O. grants have been received. The Service will be preceded by dinner in the Neighborhood House, across the street from Christ Church. Please call the Church House for reservations before November 7th.

The Rector will conduct a service for the students at Devereux School, Devon, Sunday, November 13th at 7:30 P.M.

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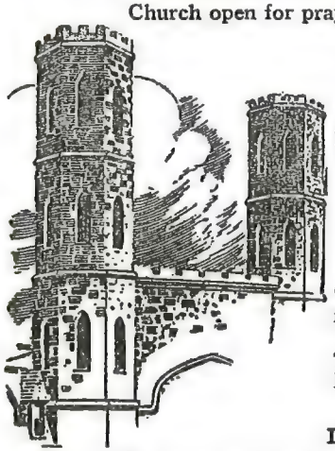
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Ye Sweet Retreat".....*Wm. Boyce*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Honor and majesty attend Thy ways, O Lord; strength and beauty are in Thy sanctuary. We thank Thee for sunlit memories of transforming moments when the gates of heaven opened, and we heard Thy voice and received Thy blessing. Descend upon us now and with Thy gracious power cleanse us from evil. Widen our spiritual horizons. And grant that this hour of worship may be filled with Thy holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 309 .....*Creation*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 103, Page 466

The First Lesson: II Kings 19: V. 14

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 6: V. 19

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None Other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Praise".....*Alec Rowley*

To the Master of Music and loveliness: Praise, power, dominion forever. To the Lord of the Word of Creation be praise, power, dominion forever. Maker of movement color and light; Praise, power dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Theme of all song, inspiration of Love; to the Artist of Life, To the Greatest and Least: Praise, power, dominion forever. For He is the greatest upon His high throne, and He was the least as the child of a maiden: Praise, then, praise to Jesus whose Mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee; give us Thyself both in Time and Eternity. . . . Offering all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty. Praise, power, dominion forever.

The Sermon: "THE REALITY OF GOD".....THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 416 .....*Beatitudo*

Doxology; Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 261 .....*Tidings*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Beatrice L. Van Sciver in memory of her parents: Ann and George R. Van Sciver, Sr.; and by the Ellinger Fund in memory of Catherine Hussey Lewis.

The Altar Decorations for Thanksgiving Day, Bread of the World, are in memory of James Carrigan, long time Verger of St. Stephen's Church.

Thanksgiving Day Harvest Festival Service Nov. 24th at 11 A.M.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. James O. Lyman

4:00 P.M.—Bible Class in the Community House

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6:30 P.M.—Social Hour in the Parish House

REMEMBER

The children of Israel had had forty tough years—years of war, hardship, and frequent disappointment. They had been searching for a Homeland, and were at last approaching it. Moses looked forward with confidence to the day when his people would be enjoying the Promised Land. But he was a wise leader who knew the shortness of men's memory. So he left them a command in the days of prosperity and peace: "And thou shalt *remember* all the ways in which the Lord thy God led thee."

When you sit down to Thanksgiving Dinner, with a beautifully browned turkey in front of you, and the happy faces around the table, then "thou shalt *remember* all the way the Lord thy God led thee." (Or you may be in a hospital bed, with a tray in front of you; Or overseas in an army camp—but wherever you are, you can remember!) Be sure that you *remember* the dark valleys He led your family through, what miracles He wrought in untangling the mess you had made of life. *Remember* the time when you thought you had come to the end of everything—and God made of it a new beginning. *Remember* the widening horizons—God leading our land out of the night-mare depression days, with their vanished bank-accounts and the terrible unemployment; out of war, its grief and its horrors.

In such wise *remember* there is quiet power, and every household needs such steady power in this atomic age, with all its unknown possibilities. Amid all the changes and chances of life, *remember* that there is One certainty, the love and the leading of God. Pause, therefore, before your fork spears the first bite of turkey, and, in the hush that follows, thank God for all His goodness in past years, and for the assurance of His continuing Light in the years to come.

But someone may be protesting that God does not let them see very far ahead. A visitor once came to Bunker Hill just outside Boston. The caretaker gave him a small lamp to light his way up the long spiral stairway. He looked up into the dark space ahead, and said, "This will not do. It doesn't light the way very far. See how dark it is up there!" And the caretaker smiled, and replied, "You're not up there yet. Why do you want it lighted until you get there? The lamp is bright enough on the step where you want to put your foot, isn't it?" And it was. So, on this Thanksgiving Day of 1966, you can be greatly thankful—*Remember* that God always gives us enough light to take the next step. For all the years of your life you can be sure that He will light the way for your next step!

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Dear Dr. Price:—I am indeed happy to let you know my daughter is much improved. God has answered our prayers. For over 12 years she has been a victim of severe headaches which took their toll of her nerves and health. Like the woman in the Gospel she spent all on many physicians. Thank you again for the faithful ones in your Prayer Fellowship who held her up in prayer for so long—Mrs. Clyde Homer (Palmyra, N.J.)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Clarksboro, N.J. Methodist Church on the evenings of November 20th, 21st, 22nd.

BREAD OF THE WORLD

The Thanksgiving Altar on November 24th will be decorated, not with flowers, but bread; breads of various national cultures represented in the Melting Pot of Philadelphia.

There will be Jewish Rye, Challa and Bagels; Russian Rye and Egg Rolls; Italian Grissini and Spoletti; Swedish Knackerbrod, Konimisbrod, Crisp, Schwarzbrot and Vollhornbrot; Danish Farm Bread and Pumpernickel; French Brioches, Croissants and Griettes; German Pumpernickel, Kutzelbrot, Raggenbrot, Hamberger, pein Brot and Weizenkeimbrot; Irish Soda Bread; Greek Frotozola; Norway Ideal Flat Bread and Crisp Bread; Baltic Rye, East German Stollen; Finland Crisp; Euphrates Bread from the Near East; Japanese Rice Biscuits; Chinese Fortune Cakes; Polish Potato Bread; American Wholewheat and Raisin Bread; English Allwheat Crispbread. Worshippers are urged to take a bit of bread home for their own family tables.

Our sincere thanks to these helpers in the United Thank Offering: Mr. Philip A. Arnold, Mrs. Fred J. Baehrle, Hazel L. Bainbridge, Gertrude Bergen, Mrs. Wilson C. Leithead, Marion Briscoe, Helen T. Bradley Clement B. Buell, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas D. Colona, Mrs. Cora M. Cooke, E. Dahl, Viola Del Costello, Mrs. Mildred P. Fox, Mrs. Catherine Fuerst, Mrs. M. E. Gilbert, Mrs. Helen LeDent, Mrs. George S. Foreman, Ruth German, John Glassey, Mrs. Edith Hanson, Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Mrs. Rex Herder, Lillian and Mel Hirsch, Henrietta Jones, Frances Tinsley Kalich, M. J. Labriola, Ruth G. Leithead, Mrs. J. Ludlow, Marie L. Marable, Mrs. Isabel C. Mayer, Isabella Ponton, Caroline M. Price, William H. Ruhl, Kathryn Schrott, Mary E. Shinn, Beatrice L. Van Sciver, Nadia Watson, Thelma M. Weeks, Sarah S. Winn, E. Lillian Wyatt, Helen M. Volz, V. S. Wells.

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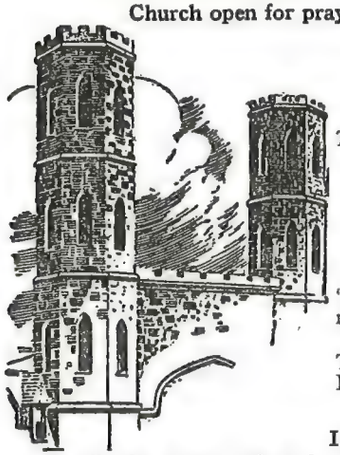
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The Preude: "Come Savior of the Gentiles, Come" (The Creator) .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord, I believe in Thee, help Thou my unbelief; I love Thee, though not with a perfect heart as I should; I long for Thee, yet not with my full strength; I trust in Thee, yet not with my whole mind. Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and serve Thee, my trust in Thy power to keep me. What is cold do Thou kindle; what is lacking do Thou make up. I wait Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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Psalms 120 and 121, Page 502
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The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal
Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a guest,
Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "Sleepers, Wake!" .....*J. S. Bach*
Wake, awake, for night is flying: the watchmen on the heights are crying, Awake. Jerusalem, arise! Midnight's solemn hour is tolling, His chariot wheels are nearer rolling, He comes; prepare, ye virgins wise. Rise up, with willing feet go forth, the Bridegroom meet; Alleluia! Bear through the night your well-trimmed light, speed forth to join the marriage rite.
The Sermon: "FOR HE COMETH, FOR HE COMETH!" .....THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 439 .....*Franconia*
Doxology; Presentation of the Colors
Recesssional Hymn 5 .....*St. Thomas*

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—Nancy D. Waters (Atlanta, Ga.)

Dr. H. Alexander Matthews, organist and choirmaster at St. Stephens for 16 years before his retiring in 1954, is to be honored by an evening of his music at First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets, November 30th, at 8:15 P.M. Robert Elmore will play organ numbers and the Philadelphia Chorale under the direction of Earl Ness will present Choral music by Dr. Matthews. This well known and beloved composer is expected to be present.

ADVENT

Martin Luther, like most men, had his weaknesses. For one, he had spells of black discouragement, of unrelieved gloom. No persuasion seemed strong enough to draw him out of the grim waters of his dispair. Once when he had been persistently pessimistic and irritable for weeks, Frau Luther is said to have dressed herself in mourning, and come into his study weeping bitterly. Her husband looked at her in amazement, half afraid that in his dark distraction he had overlooked a family tragedy. "What is the matter?" he asked sharply. His wife sobbed. "I thought God was dead, For weeks you have been running the universe alone, and trying to keep from us the news that God is gone." No doubt Luther wanted to shake his wife, but instead—as Margueritte Harmon Bro has pointed out—he shook himself, and climbed back to the heights of faith where he belonged.

This is "Advent", the Season when we think forward to the coming of God on earth, in the life of Jesus. (Someone has well said that God became "focussed" on earth in Jesus 'life.) It is the Season when we remember John the Baptist's Trumpet Call, "Prepare the way of the Lord." He was proclaiming, "You've been running your lives without God; and you've made a bad mess of it. Now God is coming—close to you. Get ready—prepare the way for Him to get into your life, and right in the center of it."

The Advent Trumpet Call comes, first of all, as a shock. For so many people—like John the Baptist's hearers—are living their lives with little thought of God: living as if they belonged to themselves, and had the right to do as they please. That is a dark sin, for it is "Playing God", acting as if one were "Boss" of one's own life. When we do that, our lives get badly fouled up, just as Martin Luther did; and we have to be sharply reminded that "He who is mightier" is on His way—God come to rule and direct our living.

But, down deep, Advent is glorious Good News—for the message is that the great and loving God is coming to our aid. God does not sit at home, waiting for us to find Him. Like the father of the Prodigal Son, as soon as we are really turned in His direction, He comes swiftly and lovingly to meet us. And then we can let go our loads for His strength to bear—and, if they are the right loads, burdens we bear for God's sake and the sake of other people, He will pour His strength into us so that they are no longer too heavy. He is coming to give Himself to us—"prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, our U.T.O. Custodian, reports that the offering of the Women of St. Stephen's Church for the Fall In-Gathering of the United Thank Offering was $329.00, from 106 contributors. This is an increase of one hundred dollars over the Spring In-Gathering which was $229.11 from 75 contributors.

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

December 4th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come at. St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by Pledges the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work on the Church in 1967. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their Pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the Annual Re-Dedication and Pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beautiful Christmas Cards of St. Stephen's Sanctuary of last Christmas, are available. The cost is $3.00 per box of 20 folders and envelopes.

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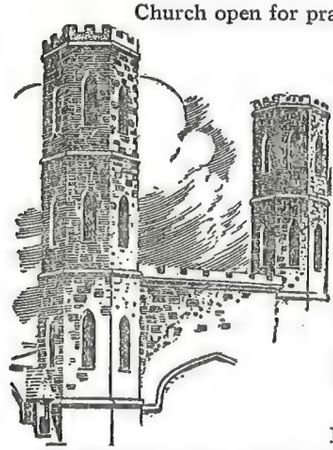
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling" ..... *J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION: O God, we lift our eyes to wider horizons. We bring to Thee the weary, seeking rest; the troubled, seeking peace; and the sinner, seeking life. Remember in mercy those in whom the vision of the good life has faded. Renew their faith in Thee and in themselves. Give them a fresh heart for new days. Guide clumsy fingers so that from the common threads of everyday they shall weave tapestries of enduring loveliness. Beyond these broken prayers we bring the longings and aspirations too deep for words. Receive these unspoken yearnings. Give us quiet confidence. Bid our souls find security in Thee. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
Processional Hymn 4 ..... *Greenland*
Response to Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "O Come, O Immanuel" ..... *Elmore*

O Come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice, Immanuel shall come to thee. O Israel! O Come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us all knowledge show and cause us in her ways ot go. Rejoice . . . O Come, Thou Day-Spring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice . . . O Come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee. O Israel. Amen.

The Sermon: "WAKE THE SLEEPING GIANT" ..... THE RECTOR
Offertory Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
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Gloria in Excelsis #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
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YOUR GUEST-CHAMBER

Did you ever stop to think of the quiet, unseen preparation for the First Christmas in the mind and heart of Mary?

It may have been at the end of the day, when her work was done, and she was sitting, drousy and day-dreaming. That is the time of day when thoughts come knocking on the door of our minds; the time of day when it makes a great deal of difference which thoughts we admit. There came a shining Presence, so wondrous that forever afterwards she described it as an angel of God. She knew that God wanted something of her life. Something great was near to her. And her first thought was of unworthiness, her short-comings and sins. So she was fearful, and "troubled." It frightened her to think of God the Eternal having something to do with her. But her second thought was of courage and thankfulness—all her heart said "Yes" to God, and she learned that, through her, He planned to make Himself known to men. So she slammed the door of her mind shut in the face of fears, and opened it to the coming of God; and sang the song "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord."

Brother Lawrence had the secret of it, too. "When he had failed in his duties, he simply confessed his fault, saying to God, "I shall never do otherwise if you leave me to my myself. 'Tis You who must hinder my falling, and mend what is amiss." After this he gave himself no further uneasiness about it." Fears found the door barred against them. God and His peace found the door flung wide open. So Brother Lawrence lived with a song on his lips, and a great peace in his heart.

As Christmas draws near, first ask God to forgive the sins you are aware of, and to show you the others—that you may find the cleansing of His forgiveness; and then set a vigilant watch at your mind's door. Confident in God's power, deny entrance to the old fears and worries. Gladly welcome every impulse of honest loving-kindness, every thought of compassion and loving service—that the guest-chamber of your inn may be free to welcome Him when Christmas comes.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington, Kentucky, December 4th—6th, inclusive, Sunday evening through Tuesday, and will speak to the students in Asbury Theological Seminary, in Wilmore, Ky., on December 7th.

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FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

December 4th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come at. St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by Pledges the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work on the Church in 1967. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their Pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the Annual Re-Dedication and Pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

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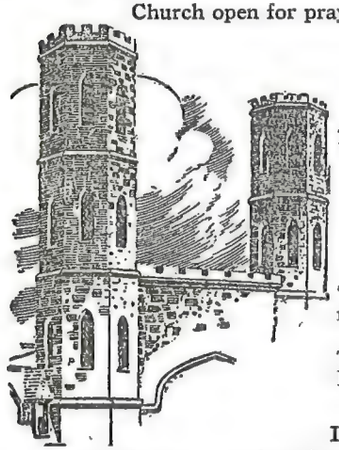
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The: Prelude: "Behold, A Rose Is Blooming ..... *Brahms*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, help us to lift our thoughts, if it be but a little way out of the dust and smoke of life's endless battle. Let us forget for an hour our trivial cares and paltry hopes, and see all things, even the love and joy of this world, in the light of Thine eternal calm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
Processional Hymn 236 ..... *Irby*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 56, Page 408
The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:1-18
The Benedictus, Page; Chant #639, Hymnal
Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "And The Glory Of The Lord" ..... *Handel*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The Sermon: "STANDING BEFORE GOD" ..... *The Rector*
Offertory Hymn 300 ..... *Winchester New*
Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 9 ..... *Merton*

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CLEARING THE AIR

When Charles Dickens sat down to write "The Christmas Carol", he had something important in his heart. He wanted to tell people what a difference Christmas can make to people if they will open their lives to the secret of Christmas. So he invented old Scrooge, the hard old money-bags whose one thought was to squeeze more cash out of life for himself; and who thought all Christmas loving-kindness and gayety was so much humbug. So the story begins, "It was cold, bleak, biting weather . . . the fog came pouring in at every chink and key hole." So the tale begins in a fog, because all men who grope and grasp for themselves, caring little for others, are stumbling through thick fog.

Then, through those dreams, old Scrooge begins to catch sight of the secret of Christmas made fresh in Jesus Christ, the secret of Christmas—that only good will and God-given loving-kindness can make sense out of life. That love made flesh in Jesus Christ can alone clear the air. Scrooge's blood is stirred with warmth for Tiny Tim and his happiness. And he wakes from the dreams, repenting for his stupid selfishness: "Running to the window he opened it, and put out his head. No fog, no mist—clear, bright, jovial cold—cold, piping for the blood to dance to . . ." "What's today?" cried Scrooge to a passing boy, "Today!" replied the boy—"Why, Christmas Day!" So the story draws to a close. He who catches the deep-down Christmas spirit, the spirit of the loving Christ, gets outs of the fog into the clear light of loving other people.

God sent Jesus among men, just because they were in a fog. The only way He could tell the story was in a life—in love lived so wondrously before the eyes of men that they would see, and never forget. It is good news that, when we let Him be born again in our hearts, we escape from the fog into the clear light of His loving ways. It is Good News that He Who is "called great" will enable us to escape our prison of self-love into the glad freedom of caring for others. It is Good News that love at work in your own Christmas preparations can clear the air for those around you, and give them new courage. Reba Stevens put it:

"Still Bethlehem, the Town, Lies where it lay long years ago,
Its olive orchids basking in the sun,
Its hill sides set with lilies red and white.
"Still brown-faced children play through crooked streets
And wander on the hills;
Still men sow seed and harvest grain; still women bake;
Still runs life's endless circle, round and round,
And common days are filled with common toil.
"But all the world goes the more bravely on its task,
Because once, long ago, a Little Child was born
In Bethlehem."

ST. STEPHEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP will have its 3rd meeting after service on Sunday, December 18th in the Community House. Coffee, or Wassail will be served with cupcakes. After short meeting the Story of Jesus will continue, from the Wise Men to John the Baptist. All are welcome.

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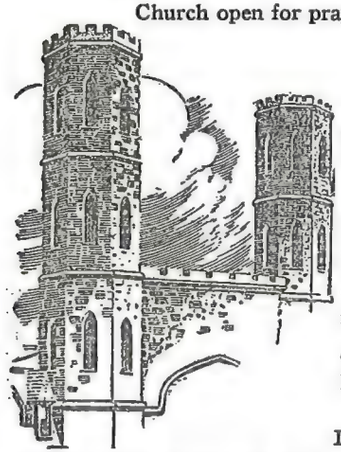
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The Introit
Processional Hymn 20 ..... *Divinum Mysterium*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 90, page 453
The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10
Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:1-13
The Benedictus, Page 14, Chant #639
Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "The Shepherd's Farewell to the Holy Family" ..... *Berlioz*

Thou must leave Thy lowly dwelling, the humble crib, the stable bare, Babe, all mortal babes excelling, content our earthly lot to share. Loving father, loving mother, shelter Thee with tender care! Blessed Jesus, we implore Thee with humble love and holy fear, in the land that lies before Thee, forget not us who linger here! May the shepherd's lowly calling ever to Thy heart be dear! Blest are ye beyond all measure, thou happy father, mother mild! Guard ye well your Heav'nly Treasurer, the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child! God go with you, God protect you, guide you safely through the wild!

The Sermon: "THE END OF THE WORLD" ..... *The Rector*
Offertory Hymn 425 ..... *Rochelle*
Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
Recessional Hymn 440 ..... *Watchman*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by the Vestry in memory of Miss Laura Bell.

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GOD'S BEST RECORDING

The Coming of God into human flesh is an event, not merely an idea. It actually happened and the writer of the Epistle of John was able to say that they had heard Him, they had seen Him, had looked upon Him and had touched Him. They had had intimate fellowship with Him. Jesus was to them the manifestation of God. A little boy once put it this way: "Jesus is the best picture that God ever had took"! In these days of disc jockeys, we can say that Jesus is God's best recording. God actually came to earth and lived in the midst of mankind as a man in the person of Jesus. We call this the Incarnation.

But the Incarnation is not merely a one-time historical event. It is part of the very heart and nature of God. The God who lived in Jesus longs ever and always to dwell in and to be revealed in mankind. The Incarnation is something of repeatable nature. God would live in us today. We sing the Gloria Patri: "As it was . . . *is now*". God would repeat in us what He did in Jesus. Our lives may be far, far behind what His was, but the truth remains that the same God will by the miracle of re-birth enter into and live within us. This is His deep desire so to do.

This is implicit in Phillips Brooks' Carol:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel.

God's way of living on earth and walking the streets of our cities is through each of us. Through us He will enter our Churches and our Negro ghettos. It is through us that He will enter our politics and business, our communities and social gatherings. We recall St. Theresa's words, that God has no hands but ours with which to bless His world. By a simple but daring act of faith the least one of us can open his heart and claim the Presence of this Great God who longs to live in human lives. Each one of us can exclaim: "Joy To The World! Joy in my heart! The Lord has come; He lives in my life."

CONFIRMATION, DECEMBER 11th, 1966

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Y. Y. Tsu, D.D. administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation in Christ Church, Philadelphia, at 4 P.M. on December 11th. The following from St. Stephen's Church were confirmed:

Sandra D. Leopold
Muriel L. Wesley
Pamela K. Wesley
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Darlene E. Wesley

YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES for the year 1967 will be ready for you today. They are arranged in alphabetical order on the table in the rear of the Church. We will appreciate it if you will pick up your box of envelopes so as to prevent damage if and when they have to go through the mail.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES are as follows: Christmas Eve—10:30 P.M., and on Christmas Day at 9 A.M. and 11 A.M.

Our grateful "Thank You" to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. George R. Chyba, Mr. Will Coffee, Mrs. Fred C. Miller, Mrs. Helen Schmid, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Seitz, Mrs. Rachel Semon, Mrs. A. H. Sherer, W. H. Charles, Mrs. Raymond Ross.

A PARABLE

Once upon a time a priest was riding a plane and a gentleman came and sat down beside him. Soon they were chatting away and the stranger said, "You know, I have great respect for religion. I am a scientist myself; in fact, an astronomer. Religion is a good thing to have, but I think it can all be summed up very neatly in the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'."

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BEFORE THE WEEK IS UP, MAIL YOUR PLEDGE TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

—A NOTE TO THE CHURCH—

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Signed .....

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The Prelude: (a) My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord .....*Marcel Dupre*
(b) Air in D .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou, who art the Light of the world, the Desire of all nations, and the Shepherd of our souls; let Thy Light shine in the darkness, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God . . . O Come to our hearts, Lord Jesus; there is room in our hearts for Thee. Amen.

Processional Hymn 21 .....*St. Louis*
The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #709
The Epistle
The Choral Response: "A Babe Lies in a Cradle" .....*Arr. McCurdy*
The Gospel, The Creed
Anthem: "The Snow Lay on the Ground" .....*Trad. Carol*
Sermon Hymn 39 .....*Holy Night*
The Sermon: "CHRISTMAS 1966" .....*The Rector*
Offertory Anthem: "The Three Ships" .....*Taylor*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711
Kneeling Hymn (The Choir) "O'er the Cradle of A King"
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*
Recessional Hymn 12 .....*Adeste Fideles*

Flowers and Christmas decorations are provided by special funds: The East Window is decorated in memory of the Magee Family; the Atmore Window in memory of Mr. Craig Atmore.

—CHRISTMAS DAY — 11 A.M.—

The Prelude: (a) "In Dulce Jubilo" .....*Marcel Dupre*
(b) "Sleepers Wake!" .....*J. S. Bach*
The Introit
Processional Hymn 319 .....*Antioch*
The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #709
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The Choral Response: "While All Things Were in Quiet Silence" .....*John Bishop*
The Gospel, The Creed
The Anthem: "Away In A Manger" .....*Orvis Ross*
The Sermon Hymn 30 .....*The First Noel*
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Offertory Anthem: "Thou Child Divine" .....*Elmore*
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REALITY AND THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Here is an item reported by the United Press International: "Maidstone, England, Dec. 10—The Rev. Donald Reeves, 29, curate of All Saints Anglican Church, said today he has written a "kitchen sink" Nativity Play in which a husband and wife fight and a juvenile delinquent almost stabs a man. "Traditional Nativity stories are old hat to me", he said. "My idea is to bring reality to the Christmas story."

Indeed! A brash young clergyman presumes to "bring reality to the Christmas story". I take it that he would have the wail of a siren on a police car speeding to pick up a juvenile delinquent overpower and make silent the beauty of Christmas carols. I assume that his "Nativity Play in which a husband and wife fight" would replace the scene before which the whole world stands in reverence, the lovely miracle of birth. Think of the things he would abolish—stars and songs, the mystery of night and the majesty of the human spirit, the laughter of children and the quiet hope of the aged.

Sir, I will not accept your "kitchen sink", nor will I allow you to tear from my heart the beauty and power of Christmas. You insist upon something you call "reality", and in doing this you have created instead a myth. Consider: there is ugliness in the world, but the world is not altogether ugly. There are shrieking sirens, but there are also lovely and stirring songs. There are those who fight, but there are also those who are patient and forgiving. There is hate, but there is also love.

It is a pity that at the age of 29 you feel compelled to admit that Christmas is "old hat to me." Though I am older than you are, it must seem clear to you that I am quite unsophisticated. I will tell you the truth. I need Christmas. There is much in the everyday world that speaks to the "kitchen sink" mind. As for me, I shall wait with great expectancy the words that give me the new life which I need, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." I hope that in these words you, too, may find some reality this Christmas!

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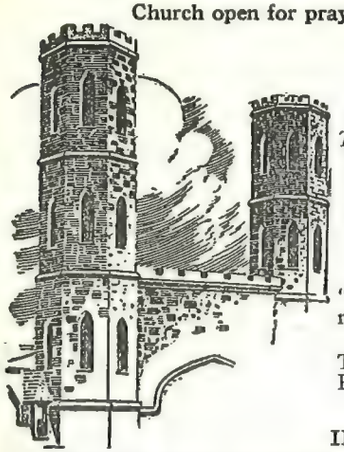
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The Prelude: "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away".....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and everlasting God, the Source of our life, the Strength of our pilgrimage, and the Goal of our Journey; stir our spirits by Thy Spirit, that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Make us sensitive of Thy presence. Often we have forgotten Thee and turned aside from Thy ways. Touch our lips with the live coal from off the Altar; open our ears to the assurance of pardon; and kindle our hearts with eagerness to go forth as Thy messengers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
Processional Hymn 289 .....*St. Anne*
The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 .....*Willan*
The Anthem: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee .....*J. S. Bach*
Now let every tongue adore Thee! Let men with angels sing before Thee! Let harps and cymbals now unite! All Thy gates with pearl are glorious, where we partake through faith victorious, with angels 'round Thy throne of light. No mortal eye hath seen, no mortal ear hath heard such wondrous things; therefore with joy our songs shall soar in praise to God for evermore.
The Sermon: MERCY FOR THE NEW YEAR .....*The Rector*
Offertory Hymn 433 .....*Langran*
Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*
Kneeling Hymn 208 .....*Penitentia*
Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 .....***Old Scottish Chant***
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OUR CHANCE TO TRY AGAIN

Do you remember how penmanship was taught years ago in school—by means of a copy book? At the top of the page was a line of beautiful writing printed from a steel engraving. The rest of the page contained blank lines on which the pupil was to copy the sentence above. Here we looked at that top line and wondered how any person could ever have written so perfectly!

I remember one day busily copying this top line over and over. Slowly and carefully I labored. It was the best work I had ever done. I turned around to see the teacher slowly walking up and down the aisles examining the pupils' work. "How slowly she walks," I thought. It seemed that she would never come to my desk. I was so eager to show her this neatly finished page—I had really done very well, this time! A moment later, as I was writing on the next to the last line, suddenly in an up-stroke the pen caught in a rough spot in the paper and sprayed several blots of ink over the page. My work was ruined. I looked up and now the teacher seemed to be approaching my desk so rapidly. I leaned over my work, hoping to block her view of the "disaster." However, in a moment she arrived, looked at the spoiled page and then with a deep and understanding smile she reached down, took the page in her fingers and turned it over. "Here is a new page," she said, "Try again."

How like life this is! When our work seems good, how slowly the Master seems to reward! How often we blunder! Sometimes on our best days! Then how quickly God's eye is on us! But the God of judgement is also the God of Mercy and He reaches down to us in love and bids us take new heart. This is a New Year. Turn the new page. In fact each twenty-four hours is a new day and we all have our chance to try again.

Maturity in Christian living is not so much a high degree of perfection, as an increasing willingness and humility to keep beginning again, each time with a deeper trust in God and with firmer resolve in our hearts. Let this be our bulwark that "if God is for us, who can be against us?"

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's Faithful Servant"

August 20th—Chris Elain Tonner
August 28th—Robert Paul Morley
October 30th—Alexandra Plaisance German

MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together, Let No Man Put Asunder"

July 30th—Arthur Saunders—Joyce Z. Young
September 1st—Charles Heber Clark—Mary Espy Maguire

NEW COMMUNICANTS

"No Longer Strangers, But Members of the Household"

Miss Gertrude Bergen
Miss Viola Del Castello

BURIALS

"From Strength To Strength in the Life of Perfect Service"

July 7th—Anna Kronmaier
October 14th—Wilhelmina P. Sachs
October 27th—Mary J. Allen

The Rector will be away during the month of January, leaving Jan. 2nd for Sparks, Nevada where he will be visiting with his daughter, Jean for ten days. He will conduct Missions of Christian Healing in St. Stephen's Church, Reno, Nevada; St. Stephen's Cathedral in Portland, Oregon; Church of the Holy Communion, Tacoma, Washington; the Anglican Cathedrals in Victoria, B.C. and Vancouver, British Columbia, and returning home on February 1st.

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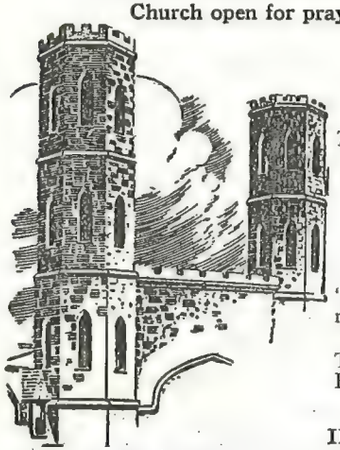
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The Prelude: "How Brightly Beams The Morning Star" .....*Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, give unto us the spirit of true and sincere worship as we draw near to Thee in this holy place, that we may be delivered from all coldness of heart and wanderings of mind. Bless to us the ministry of Thy servants, and grant that we may all worthily show forth Thy praise, humbly learn Thy word, and render our thanks for all Thy mercies to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 46 .....*Morning Star*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 97, Page 460

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-9

Te Deum, Page 10; Chants #613, 617, 613, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-12

Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Chant #646, Hymnal

Period of Silent Meditation:
My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
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The Anthem: How Brightly Beams the Morning Star .....*Robert Elmore*
How brightly beams the morning star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining! Brightness of God that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light, who long for truth were pining! Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw Thou near us. Great Immanuel, come and hear us.

The Sermon: "HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?"
1. Nicodemus And The New Birth .....*Rev. Andrew W. Mayer*

Offertory Hymn 268 .....*St. Patrick-Deirdre*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 52 .....*Dix*

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YOUR VICTORY NOTE

Early in the Old Testament and late in the New we read the refrain, "I will be your God and you shall be my people." Over and over, like the recurring theme of a symphony, the reassurance is declared. During the stories of the liberation from Egypt, in the Psalms, from the lips of the Prophets these words are repeated, "I am your God, you are my people." This is the Bible's Theme Song. It is God's covenant, the assurance of His great love and concern for man, and man's perennial response to God.

How many lives have been guided by noble themes! La Place, the great French mathematician, said, "I think God's thoughts after Him." David Livingston's basic faith was, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." On one occasion after his twenty-sixth attack of Malarial fever, he rose unsteadily from his bed and then dropped to his knees exclaiming, "My God, I know You are a Gentleman of honor and integrity. I'm depending on You, for You have said, 'I will never leave you.'"

In the Tale of Two Cities, Sydney Carton's theme song was "Greater love hath no man but this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." With these words singing in his heart, he went to the guillotine comforting a frightened girl and dying as a substitute for Darnell that he might live.

A noble theme will hold a symphony together, making possible its development and carrying us forward through its changing moods to a glorious climax. When a man lives with faith in a great theme, he steps in harmony with the distant music of heaven. The victory note of the early Church was "Jesus is Lord." St. Paul rang the changes on "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Let the Bible, or the words of the poet in hymn or Psalm, speak deeply to you this week. Let some noble thought or theme sing its way into your very soul.

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Dear Dr. Price:—Just a week ago today, while I was supporting Shady Kabit while trying to teach him to float, he suddenly said, "Mrs. Weathers, I can move my legs." I observed a very faint type of bicycle movement, and I said, "O Shady, the Lord is healing you," and he calmly nodded his head. His family folks were incredulous. Saturday, it was much stronger and today he was able to bicycle in the shallow water, pushing his legs down until his feet brushed the bottom of the pool. I would like the prayers to continue for the next month for strength now in the muscles, knees and ankles. I still simply can't get over this miracle, but I feel ashamed to admit I still can't see how he can walk on those legs. I'm so glad many are praying.—Paula Weathers (Saudi Arabia)

BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscriptions to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. We mail out at the present time about 696 every week. They go to individuals and families of people who live in 18 of our States, and a few to Canada. It goes not only to members, but also to shut-ins and people who value the weekly messages. Due to the necessity of mailing almost half of them each week by first class mail, the weekly cost figure is in the neighborhood of $70.00. Our receipts for the year 1966, reported by the parish treasurer, came to a total of $1,155.00 toward expenses of the Weekly Bulletin; about $234.65 more than last year's receipts; but about $900.00 less than total expenses.

If every family would give $2.50 per year, the cost would be met. Of course a great many on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so a generous check or two from those who are financially able to do so, will help cover for those unable to contribute toward this expense. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising costs of printing and higher mailing cost make this appeal necessary. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience.

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY—1966 REPORT

During the calendar year 1966 we completed and returned 3,905 pieces of sewing to the JEFFERSON HOSPITAL. For the sewing of these pieces as disbursed $459.12, which includes carfare for the sewers. At Christmas each sewer received a box of candy and a gift from St. Stephen's Church, also a gift from the Benevolent Society.

—Anna W. Hauger, President

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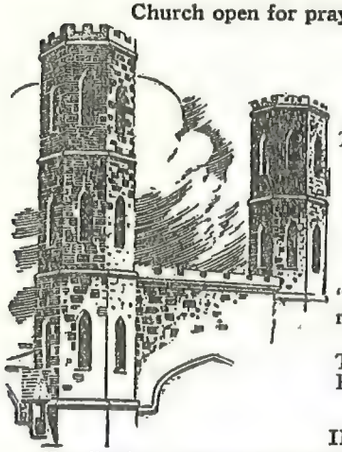
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The Introit

Processional Hymn 54 .....*Dulce Carmen*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 118, Page 487

The First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Te Deum, Page 10; Chants #613, 617, 613, Hymnal

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Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Chant #646, Hymnal

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Jesu, joy of man's desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright; drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, 'round Thy throne.

The Sermon: "HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?"
II—The Rich Young Man, Realization Thru' A Cross .....*Mr. Mayer*

Offertory Hymn 355 .....*Miles' Lane*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 356 .....*Evelyns*

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GOD WORKS THROUGH YOU

My friend Jim (which is not his name) had been on Skid-Row for three years—in and out of jail, sometimes sober, often drunk. At last he was thoroughly sick of it. He went to Daddy Hall of Galilee Mission, a down-to-earth man of God who loved people. To this man he confessed that his life was out of control, and that he did not know the answer. Daddy Hall replied very simply, "The answer is God," My friend objected that God is invisible, that you can't see Him. Daddy Hall said, *"God works through people."*

Those four words got through the fog to where my friend lived. They began to make sense. He *had* seen God through Daddy Hall, this quiet, practical, greatly loving man who always had time for drunks and rift-raff. So *that* was what God is like—a patient Father who has time to listen to any beaten human being who truly wants to know His answer. You simply have to turn your life over to this Power greater than your own.

That was 18 years ago. Jim has come to know God, and to be His channel. He has found that God gives him difficult tasks to do, difficult people to love; and that He always gives a love and wisdom necessary. People begin to "see God" through transformed lives.

This is Epiphany—the Season of the Manifestation of God, God making Himself known visibly on earth. He made Himself known most clearly in the life of Jesus Christ. He makes Himself known today in the lives of those in whose hearts Jesus lives. *God works through people.*

There are a few people who may never see God, unless they see Him through you. That is a sobering thought. You may balk, but the fact remains that God may be depending on you. You will need to obey the new Commandment of Jesus, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." A stiff assignment. Dare to tackle it, humbly, under God.

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MATTERS FINANCIAL

In these days of constantly rising prices it will not be a surprise to know that inflation has affected our parish as it has every individual home in it. We shall need an increase in operating expenses for the year 1967.

Although St. Stephen's has some endowment income, the legacy of the past, a much larger part of our total annual income (about two-thirds of it) comes from the generous pledges and other offerings of living parishioners and friends of the parish.

Nevertheless, it is impossible to reduce our expenditures without damaging our on-going program. The best we can do is to hold down expenses to an absolute minimum consistent with our mission in downtown Philadelphia.

I realize that there are many parishioners whose Church Pledge is already so large that a further increase is just out of the question. I urge such parishioners simply to hold the line and I thank the Lord for their generosity.

Others of us, including new members, may wish to consider or reconsider the suggestion which is based on the clear Biblical teaching that good stewardship demands of us the giving of a certain specific proportion of our income to God's work.

It is not always easy for a family or an individual accustomed to giving as little as 1% to move up immediately to 5% or the Biblical 10%. For most people, however, it should be possible in a given year to move up more gradually—say from 2% to 3%, or from 4% to 5%. If all parishioners are converted to this kind of thoughtful proportionate giving we should have no trouble reaching our goal for 1967. We ask for your prayers in this important matter.

ST. STEPHEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP will have its 4th meeting after the service this Sunday, January 15th, in the Community House. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Price will continue her narrative of the Life of Christ, from John the Baptist, on to the calling of the Twelve.

A raincoat has been hanging in the Community House, 2nd floor ever since the Fall Bazaar of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing. It is a dark brown, striped man's coat with a zip-out lining. The owner may have the coat by calling for it at the office.

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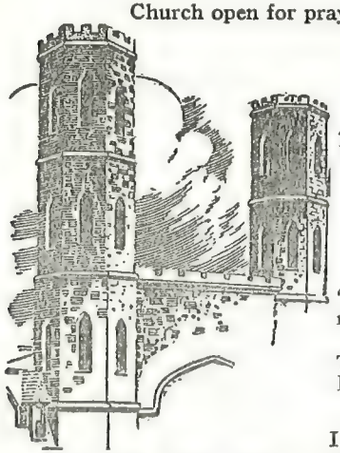
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This Church is erected on the site where Benjamin Franklin flew his famous kite.

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first — St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ — and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 1967

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11:00 A. M.—Morning Prayer & Sermon, Rev. Andrew W. Mayer

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "O God, Thou Faithful God" .....*Karg-Elert*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Grant unto us, Almighty God, the peace that passeth understanding, that we, amid the storms and troubles of this life, may rest in Thee, knowing that all things are in Thee; not beneath Thine eye only, but under Thy care, governed by Thy will, guarded by Thy love, so that with a quiet heart we may see the storms of life, the cloud and the thick darkness, ever rejoicing to know that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Guide, guard and govern us even to the end that none of us may fail to lay hold upon the immortal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 71, Page 425

The First Lesson: Isaiah 30:8-21

Te Deum Laudamus, Page 10; Chants #613-617-613, Hymnal

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Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Chant #646, Hymnal

Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: Fairest Lord Jesus .....*David McK. Williams*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the beauteous garb of Spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast. Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown. Amen.

The Sermon: "HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?"
III—Thomas—Contrary To Facts .....*Rev. Andrew W. Mayer*

Offertory Hymn 345 .....*Dominus Regit Me*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 498 .....*Gardiner*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. Joseph Stokes Leeds in memory of parents and sister; and by the Vestry in memory of Mrs. Emily K. Campbell.

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THE HARD THING

The great Commandment of Jesus was, "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." One's first impulse is to protest, "but that's *impossible*—I can't love anyone with warmth, as God does." But Jesus never bids me to do what cannot be done. How, then, can I love as God loves?

In Elizabeth Goude's "The Scent of Water", cousin Mary gives us a clue. She is a choice, odd, lonely woman with a conflict in her heart— "A bad thing, fear and darkness pressing in, and there was the glad singing of love, the "Yes, I will" that is my song. I'd not known, before, that love is obedience. You want to love, and you can't, and you hate yourself because you can't, and all the time love is not some marvelous thing that you feel, but some hard thing that you do. And this in a way is easier because, with God's help you can command your will when you can't command your feelings."

"All the time love is not some marvelous thing that you feel, but some hard thing that you do." You can do the hard thing because God gives your will the strength to do it. When Cousin Mary's dark times came over her, she learned to accept them quietly, and then, through God's grace, to plant her steps firmly on the way of love which leads out to the light.

"Love is . . . some hard thing you do." It was a hard thing for Jesus to love exasperating Peter, or to wash the feet of His disciples who were too proud to wash each other's feet. Love, in Jesus, was more than sweet words. It was obeying God when He commanded hard things to do in love's name.

At the center of our lives there must be that "Yes, I will" answer ready for each command of God in a day of living; for the power-to-do comes with the obeying. "Yes, I will" when He rouses us out of a TV thriller, to make a needful telephone call; when He speaks through our cloud of self-pity to write that long-delayed letter; when He stirs us to rise out of weariness to take care of someone's need.

All God asks of us is the *willingness* to obey Him.—He gives the power to do the hard thing, always!

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Dear Dr. Price:—Your Healing Services have meant so much to me. The Lord has healed me at your Altar by the laying-on-of-hands, and I miss not being in Philadelphia. Thanks, also, for the faithfulness of those praying around the clock. The Lord hears and answers their prayers.—A. M. Seneca (Inverness, Florida)

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. William Arthur, Francis F. Bailey, Hazel L. Bainbridge, Miss Doriss Bland, Mrs. Ella Bordner, Mrs. Louise Braun, Mrs. Paul Erdman, Elizabeth B. Bowne, Mrs. Kathryn Brinsko, Mr. & Mrs. R. Douglas Cole, Arthur C. Comby, Mrs. Edward J. Cooke, Alfred F. Cooley, Elsie Dahl, Miss Miriam Daley, Clarence T. Garrett, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. David L. German, Sr., Mrs. E. Hallowell, Hugo H. Hanson, Sara E. Hart, Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, John H. Henzel, Miss Jeanette H. Hollenbach, Miss Elise Kaesler, Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, Dorothy E. Kohl, Michael J. Labriola, Mrs. Christina Leight, Francis L. Marion, Rev. G. C. Meckling, Mrs. Laura D. Nichols, M. E. Peoples, Mr. & Mrs. John L. Pintavalle, Mrs. Zelda Rawlins, Helen M. Reynolds, Mrs. Anthony Rinkers, William H. Ruhl, Mary E. Schearer, Florence Schuh, Mrs. Gertrude H. Scott, Miss Mary V. Seaford, Mrs. St. George L. Sioussat, Charles G. Slatcher, Marion Slatcher, Margaret J. Stanley, Mrs. Edith R. Stout, Gertrude J. Steele, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Summers, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Thompson, Mrs. Lois Thomson, Mrs. George L. Townsley, Nicholas L. Todd, Mrs. A. P. Valentine, Beatrice L. Van Sciver, Mrs. Walter B. Walker, Mrs. William J. Walker, Irene Wheatley, Mrs. Herman A. Williamson, Jessie R. Wilson, E. Lillian Wyatt.

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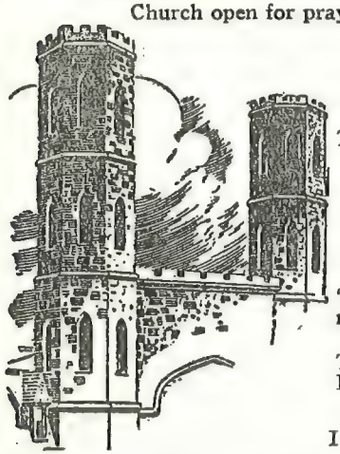
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The Prelude: "Our Father, Who Art In Heaven" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty God, Giver of every good and perfect gift; teach us to render unto Thee all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise Thee not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 308 .....*Monkland*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "In Faith I Calmly Rest" .....*J. S. Bach*

In faith I calmly rest, and put my trust in God, although sore oppressed with anxious care and dread; His friendship my reward, in Him my joy I find; He keepeth watch and ward o'er me and o'er my house. Therefore I thank my God, and joy to do His will; I know, whatever befall, His love doth lead me still. So, like a little child who clasps his Father's hand, serene I take my way, in faith untroubled stand. Great peace they surely have who in the Lord confide, who cast on Him all care, and in His love abide.

The Sermon: "HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?"

IV—Saul (St. Paul): "Who Art Thou, Lord?" .....*Rev. Andrew W. Mayer*

Offertory Hymn 542 .....*Duke Street*

Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 384 .....*Regent Square*

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CREATIVE LISTENING

Several years ago an unforgettable letter was published. It was written by a boy who was trying to tell his parents why he had run away from home:

"Dear folks: Thank you for everything, but I'm going to Chicago and try to start some kind of new life.

You ask me why I did those things and why I gave you so much trouble, and the answer is easy for me to give you, but I'm wondering if you will understand.

Remember when I was about six or seven and I used to want you to just listen to me? I remember all the nice things you gave me for Christmas and my birthday and I was real happy with the things for about a week at the time I got the things, but the rest of the time during the year I really didn't want presents. I just wanted all the time for you to LISTEN to me like I was somebody who *feels* things too, because I remember when I was young I felt things. But you said you were busy.

Mom, you are a wonderful cook, and you had everything so clean and you were tired so much from doing all those things that made you busy, but you know something, Mom, I would have liked crackers and peanut butter just as well—if you had only sat down with me a little while during the day and said to me, "Tell me all about it so I can maybe help you understand."

And when Donna came I couldn't understand why everyone made so much fuss because I didn't think it was my fault her hair is curly and her teeth so white, and she doesn't have to wear glasses with such thick lenses. Her grades were better, too, weren't they? . . .

I think that all the kids who are doing so many things that grown-ups are tearing their hair worrying about, are really looking for somebody that will have time to listen a few minutes and who really and truly will treat them as they would a grown-up who might be useful to them. You know—polite to them. If you folks had ever said to me: "Pardon me" when you interrupted me, I'd have dropped dead. If anybody asks where I am, tell them I have gone looking for somebody with some time because I've got a lot of things I want to talk about. Love to all."

Is there someone, very near to you, who is looking for somebody who has some time? If you found time to listen to what is in their heart, God's love might be manifested through you.

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Why do we pray for others if God is no "respecter of persons", and His Good Will toward all men is impartial? Because the degree to which His power enters a given life varies with the disposition of the person for it. Prayer is a principal means of opening one's self to the power and love of God that is already *there*—in the depths of reality. He is always ready to guide, to bless, to make whole, to enrich, to comfort and to heal; such barriers as there are to His coming in us are not in Him, but in each of us. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I shall come in. . . ."

In Intercession we help to release His power and grace into the lives of others. We do not beg and and beseech God to help and heal these needy persons, but pray that their capacity will be increased to receive God's healing, wisdom and guidance.

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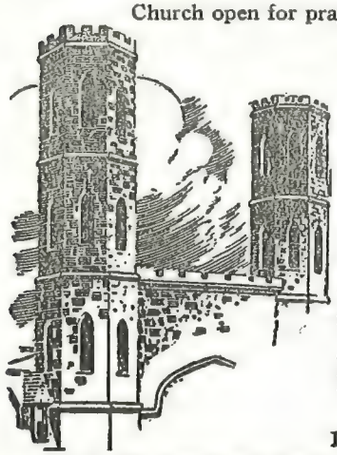
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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Song of Peace" ..... *Jean Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty God, in Thee is our only hope. Increase in our own and in every nation the spirit of truth and justice, peace and godly love. Turn the hearts of all men unto Thee, and so hasten the blessed time when the kingdoms of the world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ; in whose name we offer these petitions, even the same Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

The Response to the Decalogie, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "O Sacred Feast" ..... *Healey Willan*
O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya.

Offertory Hymn 435 ..... *Rest*

The Sermon: "THE RELIGION ABOUT JESUS" ..... *The Rector*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

Kneeling Hymn 436 (V. 1, 3, 7) ..... *Pax Tecum*

Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal # 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

Recessional Hymn 487 ..... *Ellers*

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A MAN KNOWS AS MUCH AS HE DOES

A group of zealous, determined people were cross-examining my friend about her faith. They seemed sure that she had missed the "true faith", so they opened the Bible to the 7th Chapter of Revelation, and asked her, "Do you think that you are one of the hundred-and-forty-four thousand of the saved, named in verse 7?" "Oh, No," she answered, quietly. "Then where do you come in?" they persisted. Smiling, she replied, "I hope to be in the 'great multitude which no man could number' you'll find right in that same chapter." They ceased fire. They had met someone who knew her Bible.

St. Francis of Assisi was once thinking about "knowledge"—what do we mean when we say, "He *knows* the Bible"? What does it mean to "know"? St. Francis' answer was—"A MAN KNOWS AS MUCH AS HE DOES."

A woman can memorize a cook-book, but she does not *know* cooking until she can put an appetizing meal on the table day after day. The people who really *know* are the ones who can take ideas and *do* them. Gertrude knew, in her mind, the contents of the Bible. But she also had that deeper, truer knowledge—the Bible came alive in her living. She could meet the cross-examination of her faith, with a friendly smile and a mischievous, compassionate answer, so close to the Spirit of her Master.

This is one of the secrets of Jesus. When a lawyer questioned Him to see if He really knew religion, Jesus bade him to love God and his neighbor. When he asked, "Who is my neighbor?", the Nazarene did not give him a learned book-definition. He showed him how to be a neighbor. *"A man knows as much as he does."* A modern Christian has written a glorious book, "How To Be The Lord's Prayer."

Do you *know* your Bible? The simplest way to do so is to listen to what God is saying to you through each passage; and then go to work to live that truth. In a life-time of doing that, we can know the Bible as well as Gertrude does!

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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH AND THE NEW YEAR

Here is where our humble adoration of Almighty God begins.

Here is where the care for others in mutual love is given and where our prayers to God are said.

Here is where we work and pray and give for the spread of God's Kingdom.

Here is where "the brother that hath" is privileged to give to "the brother that hath not," and where we take seriously our mutual responsibility.

Here is where our heartfelt gratitude for BELONGING to Him, to the company of His Saints, in heaven and on earth, for our untold blessings in this Parish, bursts forth into our generous response of prayer and praise and joyful service and generous and meaningful giving of our material resources. What matters who gets what we give, the poor and needy in our midst, a struggling church in our Diocese, a chaplain on some college campus, our brothers and sisters in some distant place, for all are one in Christ? We BELONG to one another.

Here is where we are transformed in 1967 and always to be His people in the world.

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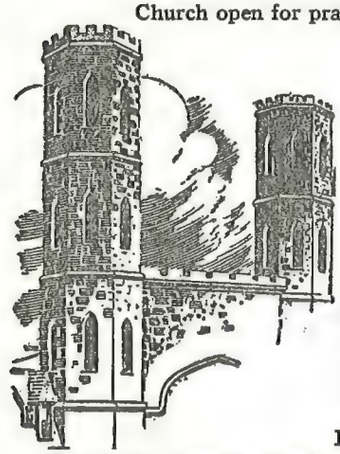
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The Prelude: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Strengthen our hearts, O Lord, that we may rise to our full stature as Thy faithful sons and daughters. Make us brave. Give us courage—courage to think clearly about the meaning of life, even though understanding means bidding farewell to cherished illusions; courage to blaze the way for new truth, even though acceptance shatters the pleasant little world of make-believe; courage to love the right, even though that love means sacrifice and service and ceaseless longing; courage to fight the wrong, even though battle means wounds and weariness and heartaches. So fill us with Thy Spirit, O Lord, that we may be more than conquerors through Him who loved us and gave Himself for us; even Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 55 .....*Heinlein*

The Venite, page 9; Chan #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 62, page 413

The First Lesson: II Samuel 12:1-13

Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 18:10-14

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Sermon Hymn 388 .....*St. Thomas*

The Anthem: "Behold The Lamb Of God" (The Messiah).....*Handel*
Behold the Lamb of God . . . that takest away the sins of the world.

The Sermon: THE PARABLES OF JESUS: I—The Kingdom of God. .*The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem: "He Was Despised" (The Messiah) .....*Handel*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 337 .....Hamburg (219)

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WASTED HIS SUBSTANCE

What does God say to you in the story of "The Prodigal Son"? Do you see a foolish young man who left home to throw away himself and his money on wine, women, and song? Do you sigh over his *riotous living?*

Dr. Ralph Sockman found this story speaking directly to *him.* He began to ask himself, "Are you the persons our youth gave promise of being?" He saw people frittering away their time and their talents on trifles. He suddenly saw himself doing these things himself, wasting his substance, not in riotous living but in careless, dwarfed, God-less living. So he came to himself and said, "I must take my place beside that Prodigal . . ." God was speaking clearly to him through that young man's story, showing that he himself had been in a far country, far away from God. Now, as he thought of the Prodigal, he said, "This is *me.*"

Lent is now upon us, stirring in us a sense of something missing. Like the Prodigal, we find ourselves, "in want." Perhaps God is speaking to me through that story of wasted substance. Perhaps He is clearing away the fog, so I can look with honesty on that wasteful youngster, and say, *"this is me."* Is He saying that to you?

To me He is saying htat the point of the story is not the naughty wine, women, and song, but the wastage. "He WASTED his substance . . ." At evening we look back over the day, and what do we see—too much time pored into small activities that help no one; to much thought squandered on talk-talk-talk without purpose; too many golden hours wasted on an empty attempt to be entertained by the Sunday newspaper, or most of the TV shows. So we should go back and read Luke 15 again and we keep recognizing ourselves in the story—me, who wants to belong to myself and do what I please; me, who has a lot of time and energy to waste or use rewardingly, and who is spending it recklessly, and veryfoolishly. The Prodigal Son—*this is me!*

As Lent continues, how do you stand? Do you have plenty of courage to meet difficulties; plenty of love for those who need to be loved; plenty of faith to light the way through dark passages? *Do* you? Or, like the Prodigal Son, do you find yourself "in want"?

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Mrs. L. E. Scher (Hollywood, Florida)

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We extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Spaugh of Charlotte, North Carolina, who will be our Lenten Noonday Preacher February 13th through the 17th. His topics follow: Monday, 13th—HOW TO HAVE PEACE AND SECURITY. Tuesday, 14th—HOW TO HAVE PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. Wednesday, 15th—HOW TO HAVE HEALTH AND STRENGTH. Thursday, 16th—HOW TO HAVE POWER AND INFLUENCE. Friday, 17th—HOW TO HAVE ADMIRATION AND LOVE.

Our Lenten Noonday Preacher on Saturday, February 18th is the Rev. Robert C. Hofmeister, C.S.S.S., Church of the Crucifixion, Phila., Pa.

COUNCIL OF CHURHES

The Annual Appeal for contributions to the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches is now at hand and a special envelope is enclosed herewith. The Council is responsible for a high degree of co-operative services and programs that no single Denomination or Church is able to perform. The Council includes five departments through which forty services and programs are managed. Many present services need to be extended, and other needs await further Christian co-operation. Your generous response is solicited.

Letters of appreciation have been received from All Saints' Hospital and Episcopal Hospital for St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Day Offering which amounted to $352.36. This was divided equally between these two fine hospitals.

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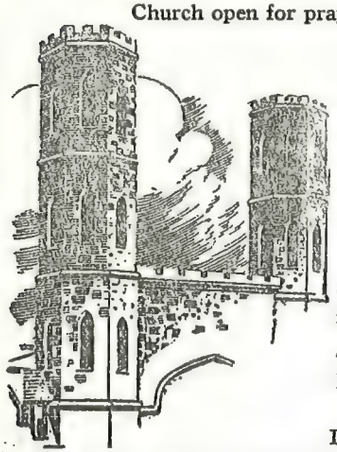
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, 1967

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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "When On The Cross The Savior Hung" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord God, out of the mystery we have come. Across this little landscape of our life we wend our way. We come to Thee in utter sincerity, as eager questing spirits, that in this holy hour some revelation may be given. Make radiant the darkness, kindle our hearts with a flame of love, send us forth into the future in confidence and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 435 .....*Rest*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 96, page 459

The First Lesson: I Kings 21:1-22

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Mark 10:17-31

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" (The Messiah).....*Handel*

Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

The Sermon Hymn 462 .....*Sawley*

The Sermon: THE PARABLES OF JESUS—II, OUR RESPONSE...*The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem:
"And With His Stripes We Are Healed" (The Messiah) .....*Handel*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 458 .....*St. Margaret*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Mary Varallo in memory of Joseph, Jr. and Anna Frascone; and by Mrs. Howard D. Weir in memory of her husband.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Elmer S. Carll

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—Howie J. McIntosh (Belair, South Australia)

ADVENTURE INTO GREATNESS

Sometimes we get trapped in smallness. We need to be stretched, to say "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills . . ." When you rest your eyes against such beauty-in-the-large, as a majestic mountain, you are stretched out of your littleness.

Lent can be an adventure into greatness. You might shift the pictures on your walls—set one picture where you will see it often: a live picture of Jesus or of some friend in whom you see Him most. You might get hold of the biography of someone in whom Jesus would live for you—Dwight L. Moody or Wilfred Grenfeld, or Abraham Lincoln or Dr. Tom Dooley,or "The Little Flowers of St. Francis." You could turn over to the Lord your talent for cooking, and each week in Lent, gladden some wheel-chair-prisoner with a loaf of special bread, or ease a many-children mother with several loaves of good every-day bread. You could lift your daily Quiet Time into greatness by using some top-flight day-by-day book like Oswald Chambers,' "My Utmost For His Highest," or one of Stanley Jones' rewarding volumes. You could do something that God suggests to you directly to bring you face-to-face with the greatness of His mercy and love.

It's easy to be trapped in smallness, and it's really tough for a human being to escape from it. On our own steam, it's just not possible. But turn it over to Him. Be willing to open the door toHis effective power. You will find that He can win the victory over smallness of mind and heart. It's exciting, then, to find His victory-in-you passing on into the lives of others, through His being alive and at work in you.

Dr. Sockman tells of a woman who came to her doctor, on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Her family cares had frayed her nerves until she saw mole hills as mountains. His prescription for her was, *"Go away and see something big."* She could have stood by Niagara Falls or the Grand Canyon; or slipped away to the country and gone out at night to stand under the mighty, star-studded arch of heaven. Her recovrey depended on the enlarging of her spirit.

The Pastor will conduct a Mission of Christion Healing in the Marshall Memorial Methodist Church, Woodlynne, New Jersey on the evening of February 19, 20, 21.

ST. STEPHEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP will have its 5th meeting after service on February 19th in the Community House. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Price will continue her narrative of the Life of Christ, from the First Miracle through the visit of Nicodemus.

We welcome to St. Stephen's Church as the Lenten Noonday preacher, Monday through Friday, th Rev. Robert C. Batchelder, Rector of the historic Church of St. James, Lancaster, Penna.

A hearty welcome to the Rev. Matthew W. Davis, Rector of St. Andrew and St. Monica Church, Philadelphia, who will be our Saturday preacher.

LENTEN PRESCRIPTION

1. One quota of pure resolve to take time to think of God's Presence and Purpose in your life.
2. One maximum endeavor to attack your "pet failing."
3. One weekly (not weakly) promise to go to Church.
4. Forty daily self-assssements toward an Easter Offering, to show that you care.
5. Six additional hours of helpful service.
6. One serious, constructive book on matters spiritual.
7. The reading of the Forward Day By Day.
8. A glad anticipation that Easter shall not be a mere date on the calendar, nor a mere mob-mindedness custom, but a time of Christened risen Life within you.

—Mix together and take a heartful every morning.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF MEMOIAL FLOWERS FUND—1966

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Received from Memorial Flower Endowment Fund:

Katherine Kennedy Fund	$ 40.00
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Susan Thackara	5.00
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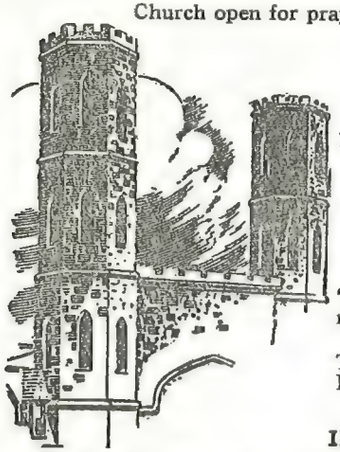
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The Prelude: "Meditation on 'There Is A Green Hill Far Away' "..... *Sowerby*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, Thou lover of mankind, in whose hand is the life of every living creature, we lift our hearts to Thee in grateful devotion. Grant that this day may be free from inner discord. Help us to rise above storms of passion and murmurs of self-will. Strengthen us to subdue our wayward impulses. Grant that our better selves shall take command. Guide us to order our lives that this may be a day of unclouded harmony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 65 ..... *Horsley*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 119:14-15; Page 497

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:7-21

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "Thee We Adore, O Savior"..... *Palestrina*

Thee we adore, O Savior, bless Thee and praise Thee forever, for on the holy Cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed.

The Sermon Hymn 59..... *St. Flavian*

The Sermon: THE PARABLES OF JESUS—III, DISCIPLESHIP.... *The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem: "The Bird of Christ"..... *Orvis Ross*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Christ upon the Cross: my little nest was near, hidden in the moss. Holy, holy, holy, "Come bear, O wee brown bird," Christ spake, and Lo, I lighted upon the Living Word. Holy, holy, holy, I heard the mosking scorn: but holy, holy, holy, I sang against a thorn! Holy, Ah! His brow was bloody; holy, holy, all my breast was ruddy. Holy, holy, holy, "Christ's bird shalt thou be": Thus said Mary, Virgin, there on Calvary. Holy, holy, holy, a wee brown bird am I, but my breast is ruddy, for I saw Christ die.

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional 593 ..... *St. Dunsten's*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Theresa Reed and Mrs. Howard Mortensen in memory of Mary Reed.

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—Elizabeth and Antonio Aharino (Philadelphia)

DISCIPLINED LIVES

In Lent we need to face the towering fact that God runs the universe. Therefore, the only sensible way to live is to obey His laws. Nothing else makes much sense. Our lives have to be *under the discipline of God's laws.*

The Mutineers of H.M.S. Bounty discovered this. They came ashore on tropical islands that seemed like Paradise—no officers to command them, no rules to obey. They could do as they wanted to. But Norman Elliott points out, "as time went by they discovered something they had not bargained for. Family relationships were impossible. What anyone wanted, he took, if he had the will or the strength to do so. No one's wife or mate was safe. No husband could be trusted. Property was for the asking, or rathar for the taking . . . Before long, fear ruled the island; fear, not only of others, but of one's self. No one could be trusted . . . What they had thought of as heaven on earth became hell on earth.

"Then, it is said, someone remembered that they had had a Bible on the ship. They went back and found it. They read it greedily in order to learn how to live, in order to find security, in order ot know the rules, and the God of the rules. Trust once more became possible, and with it a return to mental, emotional and physical balance."

A Roman army officer once asked Jesus to heal his servant. When Jesus offered to go to the officer's home, he said that this would not be necessary, for Jesus could just "say the word." He explained, "For I also am a man under authority . . ." He knew that power flows through disciplined people—in the army, and in God's world. He and Jesus understood each other because they both obeyed the power that was over them. Both lived disciplined lives.

"Since it is God who created life, it is clear that it is from the Bible that we may most surely learn its laws," writes Dr. Paul Tournier. I've never known anyone who put himself honestly under God's authority, who was disappointed with the outcome. Under God's commanding, one begins to grow—like the garden tended by a man who knows nature's laws. Under God's commanding, one keeps on growing—making new discoveries, falling flat and getting up in His direction, finding that true obedience leads always to God's victory.

This is something that only God and you workout.Let Him bring your life under His command this Lent, quickly responsive to His whispered bidding. There will be one special area within you that He will want brought under His authority at last. Let Him work at it steadily with you. Then greet Easter with the joy of one who has a new freedom to obey his Lord!

THE PRICE LECTURESHIP

The Rector has been honored by a Special Lectureship in his name on the Church's Ministry of Healing provided by the generous funds of Mrs. Andrew J. Phillips of Olympia, Washington, given to the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California. The Rector will give the first Annual Series of Lectures May 8th, 9th and 10th. This is one of the great milestones in his 37 years' experience in this important ministry. The future leaders of the Church from one of our outstanding Theological Schools will thus be given an insight into this neglected subject.

The Rector presented for Confirmation in Holy Trinity Church on February 19th at 4:00 P.M. Miss Dorothy J. Chew and Mrs. Myrtle M. Fink. We are happy to have them as communicant members of St. Stephen's Church.

Miss Ann Snow reports that our Church Periodical Club gave an Interpreter Bible and four subscriptions to "sharing" Magazine to Missionaries in the field this past year.

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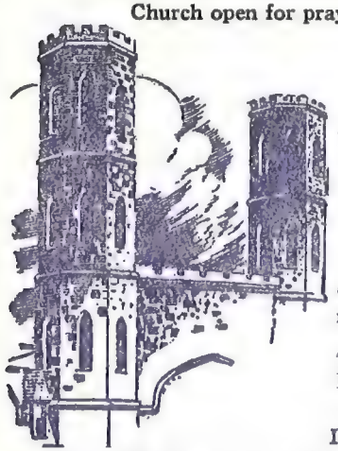
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SUNDAY, MARCH 26th, 1967

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The Prelude: "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" ..... *J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, not only at the Easter season, but every day, may our hearts be bright with the undimmed light that shines through the centuries from the open tomb, out of which the Master came forth in newness of life. Let no redeemed child of God live in darkness, or gloom, or sin; but may all who are called by Thy names, keep themselves in the glorious light of Thy love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.
The Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*
The Hallejujah Chorus (The Messiah) ..... *Handel*
The Kyrie, Hymnal #709
The Anthem: "The Trumpet Shall Sound" (The Messiah) ..... *Handel*
The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible; . . . and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption; and this mortal must put on immortality.
The Sermon: "THE RESURRECTION" ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*
The Sanctus, the Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 89 ..... *Salzburg*
The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Recessional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

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More than ever St. Stephen's Church needs your generous Offering, to maintain our work and to support the work of Christ beyond the parish. *More than ever* all of us need to learn the joy of giving! Easter Offering envelope is enclosed.

THE MIRACLE OF EASTER

The First Easter was breath-taking in its shock of joy. Death had come to Jesus, yet there He was before their eyes, *alive!* Doubting Thomas would not believe the great news until he had seen for himself.

They had been drawn to Jesus because He was so alive with love, and understanding, and joy. Wherever He went, the grass became greener. Men blinked their eyes, and came awake. He came where there was deathly illness—and the sick man's pulse quickened into health. He came where men were caught in the treadmill of hard, plodding work—and He led them into adventure. He came where men's sins had the upped hand—and brought them a power mightier than sin, a power for freedom! He came where hope had died—and led them into sunrise Wherever He came, and men accepted Him, they came to life.

So, after that Day of Days, they remembered His saying, "I am the Resurrection, and the Life"; or, in a better translation, *"I am the Resurrection, and I am Life."* He Himself was Life. Wherever He was welcome, there was awakening into aliveness.

This Easter Miracle began to take place in *them.* Peter, once frightened by the questions of a servant-girl, stood fearless before the authorities. Stephen, appointed to a humble task, died loving his murderers as Jesus had loved His. Wherever one of them let His deathless and loving Spirit dwell in his heart, life became radiant. Daily they were discovering that *He is Life.*

Death is still a mystery. Jesus gave no blue-print of the life beyond this one. It is here, on this earth that we are to learn that in Him is true aliveness. When we accept within ourselves His Living Presence as our Guide, we are able to make the right choice at each fork in the road. His quiet whisper, within, indicates which is His road. So there comes a new song in our hearts—joy as we live in Him who is stronger than death.

Once we know that death has bowed to Him, we can trust our loved ones to His care. We know that they are safe with Him. We have found, ourselves, here and now, the deep security of His care. As long as we have put our lives into His hands to guide, the road has been glorious with His victories, full of tough and memorable adventure. On this Easter Day, we hear Him assuring us, "I am the Resurrection, and I am Life." And our hearts respond, "Thank You, Lord—we know it!"

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Mrs. Keller, and her helpers will serve a hot luncheon, and they will appreciate it if you will contact the office to say you expect to partake of the luncheon.

THE RECTOR'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

On March 15th the Rector of St. Stephen's Church completed twenty-five years of service. Nothing I have done in my life has given me greater joy than the time in serving God in your fellowship. All these years have passed as a watch in the night, because of the joy they have brought.

I should be blind and ungrateful indeed if, in addition to thanking God for all His mercies, I did not also recognize the great part your generosity, your friendship, and your love has played in the making possible such years of contentment. The outside world is apt to judge a parish by its Rector; if it is successful they give him the credit, if it is weak they blame him. But you and I know that the Rector is just one person among many. The Rector is not the parish, you are. For these good years we have had together you are responsible.

We have been through some strenuous times together in St. Stephen's Church, but only the irresponsible could escape obligations and tension. In the ultimate analysis what is most important is that God affords us an opportunity for challenge and service to Him and our fellow man.

It seems fitting that we should express our gratitude in a Parish Celebration of the Holy Communion or, as it is also aptly called, the Holy Eucharist or Thanksgiving on Sunday, April 2nd at 11 O'clock. Following the service we shall have our Annual Parish Meeting. This consists of a short business meeting to elect the Vestrymen for the ensuing year. A light luncheon will be served and an opportunity for fellowship will follow.

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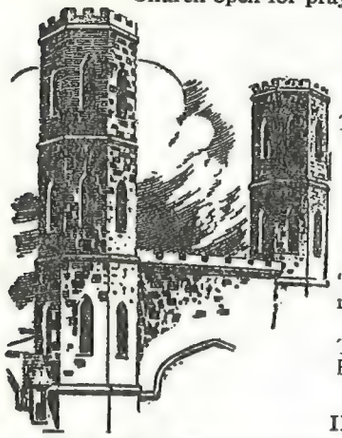
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The Prelude: "Piece Heroique' ..... *Cesar Franck*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, Thou art my Father. Thy will and Thy plan alone matter. I yield myself utterly to Thee that I may know and do Thy will. I thank Thee for accepting me in Jesus Christ, for forgiving all my sins, cleansing me from everything that is wrong, and now filling me with Thy Holy Spirit. I thank Thee for grace and guidance. I thank Thee for power adequate for every task. I thank Thee for Thy love, and that Thou art loving others through me. And now with Thee I go forward from victory to victory. Amen.
The Introit
The Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*
The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm 96, Page 459
The First Lesson: Zech. 9:9-16
The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 11:1-11
The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Blessed Is He That Cometh" ..... *Gounod*
The Sermon Hymn 72 ..... *Batty*
The Sermon: ACCEPTING JESUS ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Anthem: "The Palms" ..... *Jean Faure*

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day, in festal preparation. Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away; e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare. His word goes forth, and people by its might once more regain freedom from degradation. Humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness find restored the Light. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation. Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. Join all and sing, His name declare. Let every voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna, praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 64 ..... *Winchester New*

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I thank God every day for the miracle healing of a badly blocked heart valve, greatly enlarged heart, with constant pain and discomfort. The healing was instantaneous and occurred at one of your healing services here at St. Luke's Church last January. The condition had grown progressively worse for years, but has not returned since that wonderful healing. I was very weak and asked for the prayers of your Fellowship for about two months. This was granted and my strength gradually returned to normal. I am indeed grateful and my faith in the power of prayer is stronger than ever.

—Marian S. van den Berg (Birmingham, Alabama)

SAY "YES"

Dag Hammarskjold, the heroic United Nations Secretary-General, once wrote, "But at some moment I did answer "Yes" to Someone—or Something—and from that hour I was certain that existence is meaningful and that, therefore, my life, in self-surrender, had a goal."

Jesus had been learning to say "Yes" to His Father ever since He had been a boy tackling His Father's business; cleansing Himself for that business, in the wilderness; accepting God's mission, at His baptism—saying *"Yes"* again and again, even when it took an agonizing struggle.

Now, on Palm Sunday, He rode into Jerusalem where His enemies waited for Him. He rode as "One under authority," as a soldier obeying His Captain, no matter how grim the prospect. He sweated it through to "Yes" in the dark Garden of Gethsemane. He managed to say "Yes" on the Cross. Soldier-like, He obeyed, even when He did not understand why. His life did not belong to Himself—He had turned it over to God and God's commanding. So God was able to depend on Jesus' "Yes" to rescue the world from its sin.

Michael Quoist, in his "Prayers," speaks for each of us—"I'm afraid of saying "Yes," Lord. Where will You take me? . . . I'm afraid of signing my name to an unread agreement . . . Oh Great and Terrible God, what more do You want?" Quoist shows that God wants of each one of us what He wanted of Jesus—our share in God's saving the world from its sin. God speaks (to you, to me!):

Son, I want more for you and for the world.
Until now you have planned your actions, . . .
You have asked for My approval, you have asked for My support;
You have wanted to interest Me in your work,
But don't you see, Son that you were reversing the roles? . . .
You will no longer do your own works, but the will of your Father in heaven.
"Say 'Yes,' Son.
I need your "Yes" as I needed Mary's "Yes" to come to earth.
It is I who must live in your family,
For it is I who must do your work,
It is I who must be in your neighborhood, and not you . . .
I need your "yes" to continue saving the world!"

ST. STEPHEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP will have its 6th meeting after the 11 O'Clock service on March 19th, in the Community House. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Price will continue her narrative of the Life of Christ.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Usual Lenten Noonday services. The Rev. Canon Richard Lief, D.D., Pasadena, California, will be the preacher. The Holy Communion will be celebrated Wednesday at 5:30 P.M.; on Maunday Thursday at 1:00, 5:15 and 8 P.M. Special Music by the choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening service. Red carnations given to all the women who attend this service.

HEALING SERVICES at 1:15 and 5:30 P.M. on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY

Meditations on the Cross by Canon Lief, 12:30—2:00 P.M.
2:00—3:00 P.M.—"The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois: Solo Quartet, Chorus Choir; Harp; Tymapni, Organ.
SATURDAY, March 25th: 12:30 P.M.—Noonday service, the Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D. Rector is the preacher.

RE-UNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES:—Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector of St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Classes at the Maundy Thursday service at 8 P.M.

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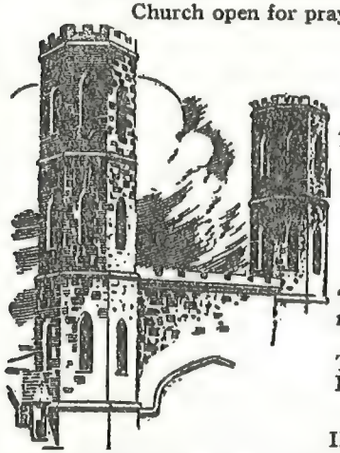
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SUNDAY, MARCH 12th, 1967

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The Prelude: "Passion Chorale" .....*Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal God, we pray Thee for our country. Grant us to see it, not through our own, but through Thine eyes. Keep us ever mindful that Thou art the Father of all mankind, that Thou dost entertain no favorites, but dost love all nations, kindreds, and peoples. Forgive us the sins that have brought us to this hour. Purge us of our stubborn pride, and write the law of Thy will in our hearts with the finger of understanding love. Let there be within us compassion for the suffering of all men; in the Spirit of Christ we pray. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 75 .....*Passion Chorale*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #62, Page 413

The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy" (The Stabat Mater).....*Dvorak*
Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy, We, Thy faithful Passion, all Thy sorrows share with Thee.

The Sermon Hymn 407 .....*St. Hilda*

The Sermon: THE PARABLES OF JESUS: V—JOY AND PAIN....*The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem:

"At Thy Glorious Death and Passion" (The Stabat Mater).....*Dvorak*
By Thy Glorious Death And Passion, saving me in wondrous fashion, Savior, turn my heart to Thee . . . Thou, O Christ, art my Salvation, hear and heed my invocation, let Thy mercy light on me.

The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 74 .....*St. Cross*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Helen LeDent in memory of her husband; and by Mrs. Cyril Berger in memory of her husband.

Memorial Flowers notice overlooked in making up the Bulletin for last Sunday, March 5th: Flowers presented by Mrs. William F. Machold, to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Shippen Morris and his wife, Augusta; and their son Edward Shippen Morris and his wife, Leslie Hun Morris.

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DIE TO SELF

One day, during the sunlit days of His ministry in Galilee, Jesus explained to His disciples that "He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things, . . . and be killed." Peter protested, and Jesus replied, sternly, "Get thee behind me, satan." Why so stern? Perhaps because it was very hard for Jesus to turn from Galilee toward Jerusalem. Pehaps because He had to let go something He wanted to keep awhile—His adventure for God on earth, among the people He loved.

We all know that Jesus came to teach us how to live. But do we also know that *He came to teach us how to die?* He had loved the happy, exciting Galileean days—the crowds responding, the disciples beginning to catch-on. And now God was bidding Him to walk straight into the death-trap set for Him in Jerusalem. He must "die" to the joyful Galileean days. So, over the protest of Peter, He let go. He "died" to Galilee.

He explained, "A man who tries to save his life shall lose it; it is the man who loses his life for My sake that will secure it." This puzzles us—that the road to life is through death; that we must die in order to live. It doesn't sound ilke common sense, and it isn't—it is *uncommon* sense, holy wisdom! Dying leads to life.

Our teen-age years are full of tumult and pain. At one moment the maturing person passionately wants to be an adult; at another, he wants to be back at his mother's knee. He has to "die" to childish living—be willing to let go a child's protection. Some people never let go of their childhood days, and so live unhappily, as children who don't get what they want, who are willing to "die" to kindegarten living. But those who have the courage to turn from this being-taken-care-of to taking care of others find the stern choice leading them to high adventure. We simply have to "die to self." "A grain of wheat must fall into the ground and die, or else it remains nothing more than a grain of wheat; but if it dies, then it yields rich fruit."

Jesus demonstrated that the way to life passes through death. What is there, right now, that you need to "die too," so that you can push aside what bars your way into new life? It takes quiet, honest prayer, and real courage, to let God shed His light on what must be discarded. That s what Lent is for—to follow Jesus' way, let go the Galileen joys, or the hampering sin, and stride toward death into a new adventure of living.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price: —I am glad to report that Weldon Bellville's heart returned to normal quite quickly. Thank you for the prayers of your fellowship in his behalf. There is no doubt their intercessions accounted for his recovery.

—Meriane Bellville (Amsterdam, Holland)

We are privileged to have as our guest preacher Monday through Friday at 12:30 P.M., the Rev. Chester A. Porteus, Rector of Christ Church, Quincy, Massachusetts. The Saturday preacher will be the Chaplains of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Rev. Otho Hoofnagle.

The Rector will preach in St. Gabriel's Church, Hollis, Long Island, Wednesday night, March 15th.

On Monday, Noon, March 20th, The Seminary Singers of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, will give a Sacred Concert in St. Stephen's Church, before and after the Noonday service. (12:15 - 12:30, and 1:00 - 1:15).

THE BIG SIDE TRIP: LSD and marijuana are not medically classed in the same way as heroin. Heroin is extremely habit-forming. But narcotics and LSD all serve the purpose of making you feel like things are not what they seem. While many LSD users claim that the drug heightens creative powers, it seems more likely that it only obscures real limitations rather than transcending them. This perhaps is the greatest evil—that by thinking they have power and ability that does not exist, by taking this quick, thrilling trip to what feels everything, the drug takers may miss completely the real knowledge of themselves, the one way that can lift them beyond the limitations that bind. —Charlotte Meredith (United Evangelical Action, Aug. '66)

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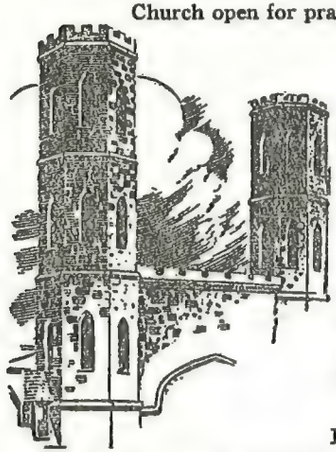
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The Prelude: "My Heart Is Filled With Longing".....*Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, who through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, hast planned Thy Church upon earth, and by the Holy Spirit hast called us into the communion of Thy saints: increase our sense of unity with all who bear Thy name; draw us to one another in the bonds of faith and love; and make us not only true members of Thy holy Church, but also its faithful servants, knowing that in serving it, we are serving Thee and Thy gracious will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 199 .....*St. Thomas*

The Response to the Decalogue #708.....*Willan*

The Anthem: "God So Loved The World".....*Stainer*
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Offertory Hymn 203 ..... *Rockingham*

The Sermon: THE PARABLES OF JESUS: IV—FORGIVENESS....*The Rector*

The Sanctus #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 205 .....*Obligation*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 489 .....*Sicilian Mariners*

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—Angeline Coccia (Burlington, N.J.)

WHAT COMES FIRST?

"Think of it—nine ungrateful lepers, and only one was grateful!" So we are apt to comment.

Albert Schweitzer, in his "Memories of Childhood and Youth," tells how, many times he stood by an open grave and there quietly said to himself the grateful words his lips should have spoken to the departed while he was still in the flesh. It wasn't because he lacked gratitude, but that he valued too low the pleasure felt at receiving real proofs of gratitude. If he had thought how much it meant to be thanked warmly for a deed of kindness, he might have overcome his shyness.

Schweitzer believed that "all ten lepers were grateful, but nine of them hurried home first, so as to greet their friends and attend to their business as soon as possible, intending to go to Jesus soon afterward and thank him. But things turned out otherwise; they were kept at home longer than they meant to be, and in the meantime Jesus was put to death."

The heart of this story is, *"What Comes First?"* That is a question to keep at the center of Lent. It is the most urgent matter, the life-giving action that must come now, before anything else. With God's help, we must *see* what is really urgent, and do it immediately, before "starting home"—taking care of our own concerns.

How many golden chances we miss, because we get involved in small matters first. How many life-giving words of love we never speak because we get diverted by some twittering distraction, and we do not open our lips *now*. One of the great words in the New Testament is "straightway"—"Straightway they left their nets and followed Him"; And straightway one of them ran and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar . . . and gave Him to drink," had they not acted straightway, the chance would have gone by forever, to follow in the steps of Jesus, to refresh His parched lips as He was dying on the Cross.

Often this week you will stand at a point where you must choose between several possible actions. At that point you can ask God, "Which comes *first?* Which, to You, is the most important to do?" God will pour His light unto what must be done straightway. If you are open to Him, and willing, He will also give you the strength to do it.

What a difference this will make to others! The grateful leper did this—"He sought out the person who had helped him, and refreshed His soul with the assurance of his gratitude."

We want to thank these Bulletin subscribers; Mrs. George Barrett, Mrs. George Bishop, Mrs. Walter Boon, Mrs. Marie P. Berger, Helen T. Bradley, Diane Buckalew, Elmer S. Carll, Evelyn Clark, Mrs. Holly Coors, Dorothy Coyle, Mildred C. Faris, Sallie Elsie Gehring, Mrs. Muriel B. Griner, Edith Hanson, Elizabeth L. Hiergesell, Marie Hobson, Edna C. Hunter, Frances Tinsley Kalich, Miss Mary C. Kutzer, William H. Leyrer, Mrs. Mary Lord, Mrs. Stephanie Mitchell, Mrs. Mae Renne, Madolyn Rimmel, Mrs. Doris M. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Spaeth, Miss Ottilie Stein, Mrs. Catherine B. Stillwell, Mrs. William F. Wahl, Thelma M. Weeks.

A LITTLE PRAYER

Short Enough To Memorize:

"Every day and every hour, Father
I breathe in Thy lifegiving Power.
Power to be well
Power to be pure
Power to love
And Power to endure."

Stick this in your vest pocket, your handbag, or billfold, your dresser or the corner of your desk drawer, until you know it by heart. Use it before every important occasion or anything that puts you on your mettle—say this Little Prayer, FIRST—It takes only ¼ minute, BUT IT HELPS!

We extend a hearthy welcome to the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, D.D., Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, who will be our guest preacher Monday through Saturday, at 12:30 P.M. For many years Dr. Aulenbach has come to us during the fourth week of Lent and his many friends will be happy to welcome him, and we trust many new friends will be on hand to hear his inspiring messages.

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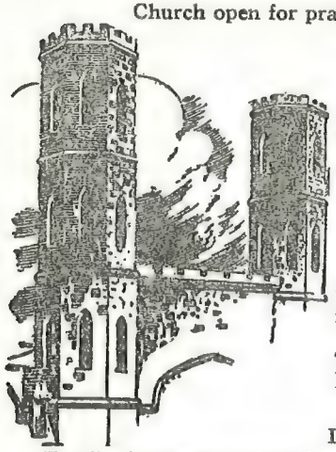
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My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "Ye Are Now Sorrowful".....*Brahms*

Ye are now sorrowful, Howbeit, ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful, and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were mine, but at the last I have found comfort. . . . Ye shall again behold me.

The Sermon: "EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN TONGUE".....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 379.....*Capetown*

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Dear Dr.Price:—

A month ago I beseeched you to pray for my daughter who is an alcoholic. She is now much improved. My heart is so full of gratitude to all of you. She means so much to her fine family of children. I feel certain God will keep her in control.

—H. W. B. (Riverton, N. J.)

YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER

One day I was watching a small child dialing a telephone call. She was absorbed in doing it correctly. You could see uncertainty and eagerness, all mixed in together. Then came the answering voice of her friend. She had gotten through! With a look of happy relief, she settled down to talk.

There is nothing more exciting than a new power—especially if it is a power of communicating with others. The Day of Pentecost marks such a moment in the Early Church. Suddenly the Christian people found that they could communicate freely with each other and with "foreigners." They could get through to people who spoke other languages.

Few skills are more important than the ability to communicate. It may be a plain matter—learning to dial, or arranging where and when you are going to meet a friend. It may be a more difficult message—like convincing a resentful person that you really love him. It may be a matter of life or death—transmitting to a very sick person the confidence that they can recover their strength in God's strength.

Christians have always had a reputation for communication—of being able to share with another some wondrous secret of life, or simply sharing a warm and saving love. Jesus had promised His followers: "Ye shall receive." He bade them wait patiently at Jerusalem until this new power was given them. Then, on a memorable Day of Pentecost it was given. No wonder they were excited.

The "power" was called "The Holy Spirit"—it was the living, loving, understanding Spirit of Jesus Christ, alive and effective in them. It was something much more than an idea. It was God Himself, living within the mind and heart of a human being. When you have welcomed Him within you as Lord and King, then He is able to work in you, and through you, and love others into newness, through you. You find yourself "reaching" others, able to warm them into new courage.

This is a costly gift, not easily gained. You can have it only through obedience, through willingness to let God have His way in your life. But the cost seems small, once you fnd that new and glorious power. His Spirit in you can channel God's great treasures of strength, and gladness, and peace to others. The Lord may be saying to you, this minute, "Ye shall receive power!"

St. Stephen's Church has been named a residuary beneficiary in the Will of Mrs. Ethel Mae Stackhouse of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mrs. Stackhouse has been a valued member of St. Stephen's Church for many years. We are grateful for her generous remembrance for the work of the Church she loved.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Brooklyn, N.Y. Sunday night through Tuesday. Noonday services will be held in Holy Trinity Church, and evening services in St. Paul's Church and All Saints' Church.

— A WORD OF GRATITUDE —

The Committee under the leadership of Mr. David L. German, responsible for the Anniversary Fund, presented to the Rector and his wife, wishes to express their gratitude to the two hundred people who shared in this gift.

THE WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S will have their final meeting of the Season on Thursday, May 18th at 10:30 A.M. in the Community House. A film on Missions in Laos will be shown, and a special luncheon will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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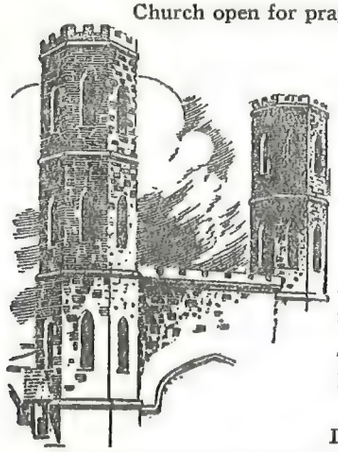
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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 1967

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11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Trumpet Tune".....*John Stanley*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious Father, we thank Thee for happy recollections of our childhood: for affectionate parents whose care covered our thoughtless years, for the exciting world which we surveyed with open-eyed wonder, for playmates whose companionship increased our joys, for generous friends whose love was a quiet sanctuary in days of trouble and for understanding teachers who lured us on to richer experiences by holding before us visions of life's splendid possibilities. Grant, O Father, that the remembrance of our own childhood may make us better able to serve the welfare of the children Thou hast committed to our care. May we welcome their eagerness with joy, meet their impatience with understanding, and bring wise counsel to bear on their problems; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 352.....*Diademata*

The Response to the Decalogue #708, Hymnal.....*Willan*

The Anthem: "Unfold, Ye Potrals".....*Gounod*

Unfold, ye portals everlasting, with welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, back to the heavenly mansions hasting. Unfold, for Lo, the King comes nigh. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty. . . . Of hosts He is the Lord; of angels and of powers: the King of Glory is the King of the saints.

The Sermon: "ASCENSION".....*The Rector*

The Offering Hymn 455 .....*St. Peter*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #771 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 196 .....*Eucharistic Hymn*

The Gloria in Excelsis, #739, Hymnal.....*Old Scotish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 355 .....Miles Lane

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Catherine Fuerst in memory of her mother, Mrs. Elsie Stigman; and by the Ellinger Fund in memory of Catherine Hussey Lewis.

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My friend, E. M. Walsh, who visited your healing service with me a year ago is cured of his arthritis. He had been troubled two years with it; had medical attention; so we all can credit his complete recovery to spiritual healing.

—John M. Whiting, (New York City)

The Rector will give a series of lectures on the Church's Ministry of Healing at the Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8th, 9th, and 10th.

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HAVE HANDS—WILL GIVE

Jesus once said, "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving." (In the older translation, "It is more blessed to give than to receive.") Have you found this to be true in your own life?

Lillian Dixon, Missionary-Extraordinary in Formosa, is know as "Typhoon Lil," because of the irresitable power of her faith. Nothing can stop her, for God works through her freely. Through her God loves the head-hunters, starving, the sick and the lepers, the orphans, the illiterate. Like her Master, she is apt to take care of their bodies first, and then their souls. She is determined that they shall find the wholeness of His Joy, His Peace.

Through her, God has poured out vast amounts of rice and other food, has built hospitals for their healing and schools for their learning, orphanages for abandoned boys and girls. Then one day, she says, "People have done something for you. Pass it on! That is your gift for God." She said to the women patients at the Leper Hospital. They looked puzzled. A few days later they came to her, saying, "At first we didn't know what we could do for anyone. Then we thought of something. Once a week those of us who have hands will wash the hair of the women patients that have no hands. Would this be, do you think, a gift for God?" "A beautiful gift!" Lil replied.

So these leper women found the full joy of the Christian Way. Once a week they gave a big lift to the morale of the women who had no hands—by giving them a hair-do! Those who had received so much now found a deeper joy in becoming God's givers.

Most of you who read these words *have hands*. Yet some of you are not overflowing with joy. Why? Could it be that you have not let God use your hands in His love to surprise others with kindness? Perhaps you have not realized the wealth you have to share with others. A friend was wondering what she could find as her gift of God to people. She was not rich in money, so what on earth could she give? Then she realized that she had a real talent for cooking, good strength in her hands, and a wonderful recipe for fruit cake. Last year she made more than a hundred pound-loaves of this delicious fruit cake for lonely, discouraged friends. That was her gift of God for them. So she, and they, found a new, shining joy.

Your watch-word might be, *"Have hands—will give."* Then just ask God what your hands and heart can do for Him, for His needy ones. It is *far, far happier* to give than to get!

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS JESUS?

On Good Friday Pilate sent a report to the emperor saying, "He is dead—case closed." On Easter Day Mary, Peter, John, Cleopas and even doubting Thomas said, "He is not dead; He is Risen."—The case was re-opened.

And so the question was raised again, If Jesus is not dead, "Where is He?" Some of His disciples were with Him one day, and while He was talking He disappeared, as He had done on several occasions since Easter morning. This time, they said afterward, He seemed to go up right into the clouds above and disappeared from their sight. The fact is, He disappeared. And, in time, the Church gave a fresh answer to the question; the Church said, "He ascended into Heaven." And the day of Jesus' disappearance became known as Ascension Day.

He disappeared, but only that He might re-appear everywhere at all times, to all men, women and children who come to know, love, and accept Him as their Saviour. He disappeared to human eyes only that men might "see" Him with the eyes of the soul and the mind.

Ascension Day is the day of the greatest promise ever made, because Jesus promised He would send His Holy Spirit to be with His people all the time. They were not to look backwardto an earthly kingdom which would never be restored. They were to look forward to the coming of God's Kingdom, and they were to be His witnesses to the end of the earth.

"Where is Jesus?" The answer is: He is with God; He is God. And each time we receive the Sacrament of the Holy Communion, He is also with us. Ascension Day is the day of promise, a promise that has never been broken. Read Acts 1:1-16.

The Rt. Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, D.D., Bishop of Penna. will deliver the address at a Service of Evensong to be held at All Saints' Hospital on Monday, May 15th at 4 o'clock precisely. All members of the parish are cordially invited to attend this Dedication Service of the new Patient-Care Wing of the Hospital. The address of All Saints' is 8601 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia.

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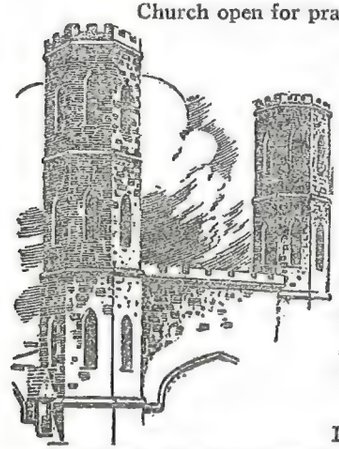
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The Introit

The Processional Hymn 286 .....*Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 146—Page 522

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:36-49

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: (a) Recitative and Air "Draw Near All Ye People")....*Elijah*
(b) Chorus: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord")..... *Mendelssohn*

The Sermon: THE RESURRECTION—FLESH OR SPIRIT?" .....*The Rector*

The Offering Hymn 523 ..... *Russia*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 485.....*St. Margaret*

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LET GOD TAKE OVER

The great Air-Liner "Arizona" droned steadily Eastward through the night from Los Angeles, high above the clouds. In the dimly-lit cabin the passengers dozed, thought happily of home-coming just ahead, thought over business deals to be worked out in cities over the horizon. Suddenly a propeller broke loose, through the fusilage, opening a great hole in the cabin ceiling. The passengers were half-deafened as the sub zero gale shrieked in, hurling hot oil and clattering chunks of metal over them. The wounded, over-speeded engine howled, and shook loose; the right wing dipped suddenly; and the plane sank sickening toward the earth. The lights went out. In the passengers' minds there was but one thought, "Do we have a chance?" The two stewardesses, one of them staggering groggily with bleeding head, could only answer, "Please fasten your seat belts, we will be in Denver in 20 minutes." A woman fainted; a man slumped in his seat, dead from a heart attack. Many prayed as the plane sank lower, and the brilliant lights of Denver crept toward them. Suddenly there was a thump—the agony was over, and they were safe on the ground. A passenger remarked, "That landing was like being born again." And the pilot-captain said, "In a situation like that, you just move over a little bit, and let God take over."

Anyone with even a dash of Christian faith knows enough, in a terrifying emergency, "To move over a little bit, and let God take over." Out of war days many such remarkable stories have come, like Eddie Rickenbacker's experience on a life-raft. Most of us remember at least once when death brushed uncomfortably close, and we had no desire to die, and we "Moved over a little bit."

But what hosts of nice, decent people have never learned that this act of "moving over" is expected to be the *daily habit of a Christian.* "Courage is faith that has said its prayers." A Christian is meant to have a praying faith that asks God to be at our side, guiding the controls of our lives. The quiet saint in the Tuberculosis Sanitorium had that courage which is "Faith that has said its prayers." Again and again through each day's pain, she had moved over a little bit, and let God take over.

It only takes a little thought to see that each day's living is filled with moments when we need God's help if we are going to bless those about us. It is *not* alone in the terrifying emergencies that we need His aid. It is in the every day crises—which we have been too dull to recognize as emergencies—that we need Him most of all. A little boy stands before you, disobdient; if you lose your temper, and sear him with angry words, you may leave a scar on his heart for the rest of his days. If you "move over a little bit," and speak with wise love, you may plant in his heart for always the wondrous knowledge that he is loved, even when he has done wrong, Each day brings its emergencies—when what you say and do will wound or heal. So begin each day, at your first waking moment, by giving yourself into His guiding, by asking for His prompting when the crucial moments come. At the threshold of *every* day, "Move over a little bit, and let God take over."

UNITED THANK OFFERING

St. Stephen's Spring In-Gathering for the United Thank Offering will be Sunday, April 30th at the eleven o'clock service. If you can, bring your offering in the enclosed envelope. If that is not possible, send it to the Church office, in care of Mrs. Ruth Leithead, Custodian of the U.T.O.

This is the last offering before the great Triennial In-Gathering at Seattle in September. At that service the Presiding Bishop, holding the golden alms basin, stands before the congregation with the Missionary Bishop to receive the offerings presented by the Diocesan Custodian. It is a thrilling and thankful occasion.

Everyone on our mailing list will receive the special envelope. I am sure that many of you, men included, are glad of this opportunity to have a part in building Churches and Schools, caring for the aged, healing the sick, teaching new skills and helping to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Diocesan Spring In-Gathering of the U.T.O. will be Wednesday, May 17 at 10:30 A.M. at the Valley Forge Military Academy Chapel.

May our offerings be worthy expressions of our grateful hearts.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Paul's Church, Chicago, Sunday evening, through Tuesday, April 30-May 2nd.

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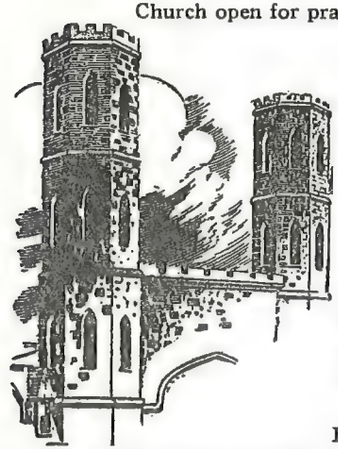
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INVITATION

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Adagio" ..... *Barber*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, we lift our faces to Thee. We turn from the busy concerns that engage our minds, from the trivial pleasures that fill the passing moments, from the pressing cares that burden our days. And we come to this quiet sanctuary at this holy hour. Subdue the clamor of our hearts, soften every alien note, and grant that in this hour of worship we may hear Thy voice and learn Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
The Introit
The Processional 301 ..... *St. Denio*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm, 111, Page 482
The First Lesson: II Esdras 2:42-47
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. John 11:18-30
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Behold, Now, Praise the Lord ..... *Titcomb*

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the House of the Lord, even in the courts of the House of our God. Lift up your hands in the Sanctuary, and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord.

The Sermon:
"THE DIFFERENCE THE RESURRECTION MAKES"..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 360 ..... *Alhano*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 384 ..... *Regent Square*

Flowers on our Altar today are provided by The George Sinnamon Fund in memory of Dr. and Mrs. George Sinnamon and by the Carrigan Fund in memory of James Carrigan, long time Verger of St. Stephen's Church.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. John L. Pintavalle

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THE FOLLOWING VESTRYMEN were elected for the year 1967-68 at the Anual Meeting on April 2nd, 1967:

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A GOOD LISTENER

What was it about Jesus that astounded the scholars in the Temple? Because they found this 12-year-old Boy *"hearing them,* and asking questions." He had already learned to *listen,* and to hear what they were saying. It takes a very sensitive kind of listening to hear, really, what another person is trying to communicate to you. One reason why all sorts of people sought out Jesus was that He really listened to them. Nicodemus, the educated scholar, came by night—and Jesus *heard* (in all the scholarly words) his craving to be made new like a little child. Jesus listened so closely that He "heard" what was in Nicodemus' heart.

We have to outgrow our impatience to take over the conversation. Paul Tournier says, "To love means giving your full attention to the one who is talking to you."

Usually we do not listen to each other, and if we do it is often with ill-concealed impatience until we have our say, and show how wise we are. In "Life Together," Bonhoeffer say "many people are looking for an ear that will listen. They do not find it among Christians, because these Christians are talking when they should be listening. But he who can no longer listen to his brother will soon be no longer listening to God either: he will be doing nothing but prattle in the presence of God too."

A true Christian is a good listener, getting to know the real person behind the words, learning to love and understand that person as God does. When one gets over the desire to do the talking, then one gets closer to being like Jesus, then one has a chance to help others as He did—by listening, and understanding, and then helping with a very few words of genuine love.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr. Price:—

It seems only yesterday—Dec. 19th, 1944, that a friend suggested St. Stephen's for our center of worship during our prospective Winter residence "in town." Our first attendance was on a stormy Winter's day—streets difficult owing to slush. Among those at the Communion Rail were three burly men, their clothing—"overalls" far from clean! Later Mr. Kennedy and I agreed that in our varied wanderings we'd never observed similar individuals in "our Church of the moment" and "this is the Church for us!" Such a fortunate decision! So much inspiration we received from your teachings, profoundly impressive spiritual leadership and "Healing" of which we never before had heard. —Mrs. Arthur Kennedy (Pittsburgh, Penna.)

CONVOCATION MEETING

In a new division of Convocations, St. Stephen's Church, Christ Church and St. Clement's Church have been moved from the North to the South Convocation. All the intercity Churches will now be together.

The Convocation Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25th in the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany. The women meet at 3 P.M. Evening Prayer at 5:15 P.M. and dinner at 6 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION

We return to Jesus for the simplicity that is in Christ." When His life was nearing its end, when He realized that He had to leave His disciples, He wanted to give them something that would unite them, something which would make His presence known to them. How did He do it? He did it very simply—what could be more simple than bread and wine? He took the bread and He brake it and gave it to them saying, "This is My body, which is broken for you." And then He took the wine which was poured out and He passed it around to them and said, "Drink. This is My blood which is shed for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." And after He had left them, "they continued steadfastly in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." This little service became the center of Christian Worship. It is called by various names—the Mass, the Holy Eucharist, the Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper. In this Church we call it the Holy Communion, and communion means fellowship—fellowship of Christians one with another, and above all, with Christ. Those who come regularly to the Lord's Table are called communicants—they are in a state of communication with Christ. We must keep these lines of communication open day by day if we are going to find some answer to the complexity of modern living, if we are going to live in the right relationship with our fellow men in this neighborhood and in the larger neighborhood of the world.

Very simple, is it not? But this to me is the simplicity that is to be found in Christ Jesus.

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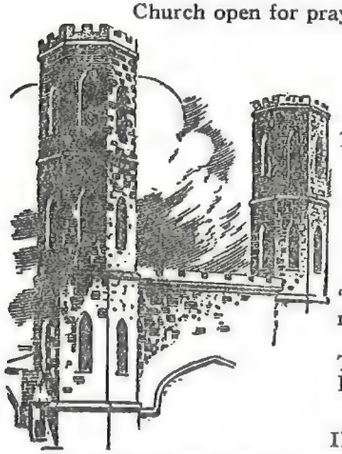
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The Prelude: "Air in D"..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, Thou art my Father. Thy will and Thy plan alone matter. I yield myself utterly to Thee that I may know and do Thy will. I thank Thee for accepting me in Jesus Christ, for forgiving all my sins, cleansing me from everything that is wrong, and now filling me with Thy Holy Spirit. I thank Thee for grace and guidance. I thank Thee for power adequate for every task. I thank Thee for Thy love and that Thou art loving men through me. And now with Thee I go forward from victory to victory. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 279..... *Praise To The Lord*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 81, Page 442

The First Lesson: II Samuel 12:15-23

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

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The Anthem: Brother James's Air (Marosa)..... *arr. Gordon Jacob*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for His own Name's sake. Yea, tho' I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil Thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart alway my dwelling place shall be.

The Sermon:..... *The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer*

The Offertory Hymn 423..... *Federal Street*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 528..... *Hesperus*

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STANDING IN THE DOORWAY

One shudders to read Jesus' burning rebuke—"You hypocrites that shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in men's faces; you neither enter in yourselves, nor let others enter when they would." What a dreadful sin—to stand in the door, not going in, nor letting anyone else enter. One remembers the four men who tried to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus for healing and found the door blocked by standing people. This is a shameful thing, *the sin of standing in the doorway!*

One shudders more deeply when a still small voice asks me if sometimes I stand in the doorway, myself. One remembers hurtful words with his wife, then the telephone ringing, and the cheerful, warmly loving tone of my voice. This is strangely like those Scribes and Pharisees who polished the outside of the cup so carefully and leave the inside dirty. Could it be *me* that Jesus was talking about? Could it be self-satisfied me, busy with many piddling "religious" chores while I neglect the heart-break and hunger of those around me? Could it be that my life incarnates so little of God's love that I don't come into the Kingdom, or stay outside—but stand on the threshold, blocking the way for others? Could I be guilty of the *sin of standing in the doorway?*

One shudders most of all to hear Jesus' flaming rebuke turn into mighty, hurting love: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, still murdering the Prophets, and stoning the messengers that are sent to thee, how often have I been ready to gather thy children together, as a hen gathers her chickens under her wing; and thou didst refuse it!" All the time when I've been blocking the way to Him—He has been loving me, yearning to gather me under His strong protection, eager to warm me with His warmth. What am I thinking of, still standing in the doorway?

Yes, He is speaking to me. When I know that, I have to get out of the doorway, and come in, closer to Him. I ask His forgiveness, and He grants it with quiet joy. I begin to obey Him—and His power flows into me. I go on costly errands, and find Him by my side. And, now that I am out of the doorway, perhaps there will be some who will see a small bit of Him in me, and find their way in, themselves.

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Dear Dr. Price:—

Every day I give thanks for the healing of my hip. I can now walk without the walker or canes, thanks to God through the laying-on-of-hands at the Altar of St. Stephen's Church. God has been very good to me and I am grateful for your wonderful prayers. —Polly Crawford (Tazewell, Virginia)

THANKS

Mrs. Price and I thank you all for the work, generosity, and affection which made possible our celebration of twenty-five years as Pastor and congregation. And we thank God for His unwavring blessing of our work together during these years. May we rise refreshed from this period of recollection, and go on to greater works of God.

Mr. German has informed us that over 150 members contributed over $1200.00 for the purchase of a Color Television Set for the Rectory. For a number of years Mrs. Price has been urging me to buy her a Color T.V. There is no question that procrastination on my part has paid off. There is now enough money for the finest of sets, with remote control, plus a portable one for use in our Summer cottage.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Gethsamane Cathedral, Fargo, North Dakota, Sunday evening, April 16th through Tuesday. and then on to Saint Michael and All Angels, Winnipeg, Canada, to meet with the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Manitoba.

The Girls' Friendly Society Sponsors will have their 19th Annual National Weekend at the Ben Franklin Hotel, April 21st—23rd. They will have their Corporate Communion at St. Stephen's Church on Sunday at 8 A.M. The Rector will speak at the Breakfast and give the Invocation at their Banquet on Saturday.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP for both men and women, will meet this 3rd Sunday, after the Church Service, in the Community House, where coffee and cookies will be served. Mrs. Price will continue the Review of the Life of Christ, which is following the events of His Galilean Ministry, with many pictures. All Are Welcome.

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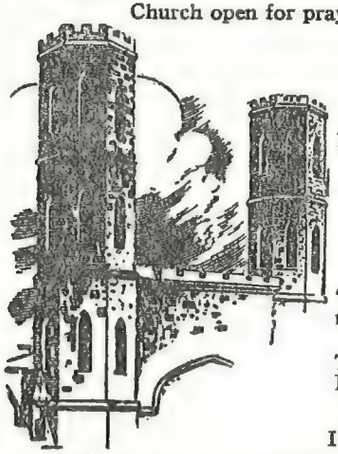
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: 'Psalm XIX"..... *Marcello*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Blessed and eternal God, who hast bestowed upon Thy servants precious gifts of heart and mind and spirit, grant us grace, we beseech Thee in the beauty of holiness. Make us responsive to the atmosphere of reverence and teach us to hallow Thy name. Sensitize our spirits to a keen awareness of the Father infinite in wisdom, love and power; enrich our minds with the quiet ministries of Thy Holy Spirit; and gladden our hearts with the deep assurance that Thy Son is our Savior. And to Thee shall be the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Landes Domini*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 46, Page 397

The First Lesson: II Samuel 1:v. 19

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson St. John 20:24-31

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:
None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: I know That My Redeemer Liveth (Messiah)..... *Handel*
I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

The Sermon:
"THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 424 ..... *Vox Delecti*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 549..... *All Saints New*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Harold Atherholt and daughter, Mrs. Robert Keller in memory of her husband and father, Harold Atherholt; by Mrs. William Arthur in memory of her husband; and by Mr. Raymond Winter in memory of Harry J. Hauger.

We wish to make a belated correction: Mrs. William D. Smith presented flowers in memory of her husband some weeks ago.

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THE DARK VALLEY

No one wants to be sick, or disabled, or tied to a wheel-chair. That's for sure! We are not going to discover the "Why" of our predicament. Only God knows that. We *can* stop crying out, "Why did this happen to me?" And ask, instead, "What can I do about it?" There are exciting answers to *that* question!

Tournier, writing about "Shut-Ins, that host of people hemmed in by long-time disability," suggests, "But such a disability, far from being an insurmountable obstacle, can be the starting-point of a great adventure. Many disabled people, re-trained for new work, can say, "I would not have lived such a successful life if I had not been disabled . . ." It can happen that a sick person under-goes experiences that are more valuable than all the successes of the healthy. Calvin wrote to an illustrious invalid, "You know, my Lord, how difficult it is amidst the honors, riches, and influences of the world to lend an ear to God . . . *God has willed to take you aside, as it were, so as to be* heard more clearly . . . He has given you this opportunity to profit in His school, as if He wanted to speak to you privately, in your ear."

God does not ask you to "like" your narrowed world. Jesus did not like His confinement in the wilderness to be tempted, or that narrow Garden, for His final test. But, in both places, He asked, "What is Your will for Me, right here where I am, in this narrow place? What can I do, for You?" Every humblest follower of the Master can ask that brave question, and find a glorious answer. God has taken you aside, so that you can hear Him more clearly.

I remember my friend "Mac," who had lovingly companioned his wife through years when she was not herself, until her death. After that, his "Place" became narrow and narrower. His painful club-foot, and several of the unwelcome ills of uncoming age, kept him out of the mainstream of life. But, somehow, he knew that God had taken him aside, so as to be heard more clearly. So Mac listened, and lived as he was bidden. His life spoke to us—"Here's Good News, my friend—in the toughest places, God stands by and gives what-it-takes for victory." That afternoon when I saw him for the last time, there was the old sparkle in his eyes, and an even greater warmth of affection in his voice. When valiant old Mac did, his funeral service had a sure note of triumph—God's triumph—all through it.

So the Psalmist could write, in honesty, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death . . . I shall fear no evil, for Thou art with me." Those whom He calls aside into the dark valley, can hear Him more clearly, and travel with Him in triumph!

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—R. E. Hinman (Baltimore, Md.)

HERE is a successful sermon. In his Autobiography Benjamin Franklin told of hearing a sermon by the famous revivalist, George Whitefield. He wrote: "I perceived that he intended to finish with a collection, and I silently resolved that he should get nothing from me. I had in my pocket a handful of copper money, three or four silver dollars, and five pistoles in gold. As he proceeded, I began to soften, and concluded to give the coppers. Another stroke of his oratory made me ashamed of that, and determined to give the silver; and he finished so admirably that I emptied my pocket wholly into the collectors dish, gold and all."

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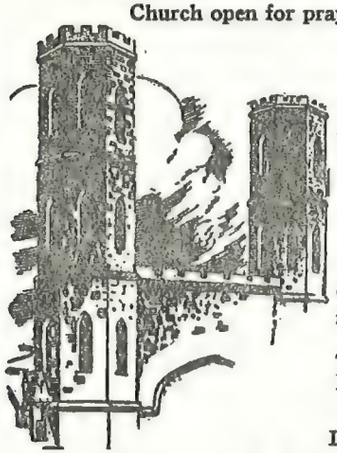
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, we thank Thee refreshment of sleep and for the Glory and vigor of the new day. As we set our faces once more toward our work, we pray Thee for the strength sufficient for our tasks. May Christ's spirit of duty and service ennoble all we do. May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done and we go to our long home to meet Thee face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
The Processional Hymn 347 ..... *Hyfrydol*
The Response to the Decalogue #708, Hymnal ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Hallelujah!" ..... *Handel*
The Sermon: "THE FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH" ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 96 ..... *Ellacombe*
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 207 ..... *Edsall*
The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Recessional Hymn 352 ..... *Diamenata*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Grace Hetherington and Mrs. Kathryn Neild in loving memory of sister, Mollie Hirsh; Flowers on the Magee Window are in loving memory of Ross W. Fishburn, from his wife, Mildred B. Fishburn.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
AN INVITATION FROM THE RECTOR

This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of my election as your Rector. This a joyful and happy thought for me, as I hope it is for all of you also. While twenty-fifth anniversaries are not unusual, still, they are not common. Some parishes change Rectors frequently. But St. Stephen's Church and its Rectors have had such affection for one another that there have been only eight Rectors of this parish in the one hundred and forty-five years of its existence.

In order that we may offer thanks to God for His many blessings to us over the years, I ask all members of St. Stephen's Church, and our friends to fill the Church at 11 A.M. The service will be a joyful one. The Choir will sing Handel's "Hallelujah." We need you to complete our joy.

MOVE AHEAD

God gives us His guidance. He shows us the way ahead. When we listen *and are willing* to obey. We know this.

What makes the difference is our willingness to move in His direction. There was the man who had been lying by the Pool at Bethesda for thirty-eight years. Could Jesus lift him into health and usefulness? You see, in all those years, the man had come to enjoy the "fringe benefits" of being an invalid—people hastening to help him, frequently sympathy, being supported by the hard work of others. It might be that he was "enjoying" his illness and would prefer to cling to it. Jesus had to know if the man was willing, so He asked, "Do you want to be healed?" The man *did*—he preferred freedom from being an invalid. He was willing to stride forward into usefulness. So Jesus bade him "rise and walk," and he was on the move.

Bruce Larson has written, "Respond immediately to whatever guidance God gives you in prayer. Until you walk in the light you have, you will never get more light. God's guidance is like the lamp on the miner's hat which throws a beam six feet ahead. Unless you walk those six feet, you will never see more of the path before you. So God's guidance is step by step." After the man has responded to Jesus' guidance, then he could begin to see what God had for him to do next.

Once we have begun our pilgrimage under God, we are more available to Him, Paul Tournier puts it: "God guides us when we are on the way, not when we are standing still, just as one cannot steer a car unless it is moving."

In the days after Easter, the early Christians obediently remained at Jerusalem, awaiting further orders. They waited expectantly, like soldiers before battle. The Day of Pentecost came—the Spirit spoke to them in power—and they moved out on the King's Highway.

God's victories come to people who have been moving resolutely under His bidding. You may be stuck in some situation where you cannot see the future, or guess the outcome. But you can wait at your Jerusalem, willing to move ahead with the Light, as He gives you light. He will always guide you through today—which is the only day you have.

Remember—He can only steer one who is at least ready to move.

CORNELIA CONNELLY

We are to have the great joy and priviledge, Sunday, April 2nd, of welcoming Mother Mary Dennis and Mother Maria Caritas of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, who will speak at our Annual Parish Meeting in the Community House following our 11 O'Clock service.

Mother Mary Dennis is the Librarian and Mother Maria Caritas is the Professor of History at Rosemont College.

It may be a surprise to most of us that St. Stephen's Church is vitally connected with the Roman Catholic Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Cornelia Peacock, born in 1809, had the misfortune of losing both parents during her childhood. Her half-sister who was the wife of the first Rector of St. Stephen's Church, the Rev. Dr. James Montgomery, undertook the care of Cornelia. Cornelia received the Sacrament of Baptism in St. Stephen's Church and at the age of twenty-two married the Rev. Pierce Connelly, who was Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Natchez, Mississippi.

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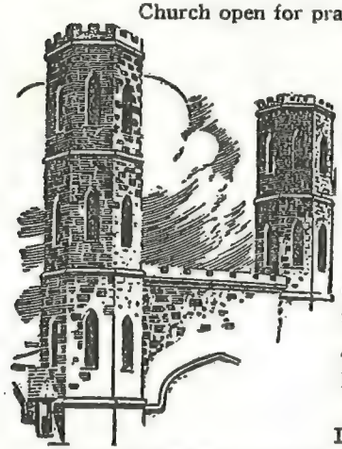
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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Aria" .....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou God of every day and night, who changest not amid all the changefulness of human life, we adore Thee, we worship Thee, we rejoice in Thee. Other helpers may fail but Thou failest never. Other joys may depart but Thou, who are supreme joy, abidest forever. Help us to realize so vividly Thine unwavering love and never mistaken providence, that we may each day with courage, enter into every situation with confidence, and, with a kind of recklessness, give ourselves in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Introit
The Processional Hymn 301 .....*St. Denio*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm, #119:V, VI, Page 492
The First Lesson: Genesis 41:1-49, 54-57
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:14-30
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Hear Ye, Israel! (Elijah) .....*Mendelssohn*

Hear ye, Israel! hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou? that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord, the Lord thy Maker who hast stretched for the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations.

The Sermon:
"THE NEW THEOLOGY AND THE NEW MORALITY" .....*The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 572 .....*Maryton*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors, Closing Prayer, Benediction
The Recessional Hymn 497 .....*Dundee*

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GOD'S WORD IS ACTION

Something moving—that's what attracts your attention. Times Square in New York has a flashing sign across which a little man marches and runs and jumps, his lively actions telling the "good news" of some advertised product. People on the sidewalk stop and watch.

In fact, the spoken word has to have "moving" power in order to catch people's interest. William Barclay tells of a hero, just returned brom battle, unable to tell the story of heroism of his fellow-men, for lack of powerful words. "Whereupom there arose a man" afflicted with the necessary magic," and he told the story in terms so vivid and moving that "the words came alive and walked up and down in the hearts of men.

God Himself tried "words," first—in the Psalms, in the flaming Prophets. Jeremiah so felt the weakness of words that he earnestly tried, "play-acting"—putting a yoke over his neck to "say" that power is with those who bear God's yoke, who obey Him. But even this action did not give wings to Jeremiah's words.

So God turned to action. He "spoke" to mankind in the life of Jesus Christ. "In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us . . ." As Jesus walked among men in Galilee, a growing company began to *"see"* God in the flesh, in action. Harvey Cox puts it, "God's Word is *Action* . . . When God talks, something happens He *does* something He speaks and the world is created , . . In the final analysis, God's Word for man is Jesus of Nazareth. He *is* God's Word."

In these days of space exploration, our minds get dizzy with the vastness of the universe; and dizzier with the majesty and power of the God who created it. Our tiny human brains cannot possibly take in what so great a God is like. But, in Jesus Christ, He has given us a clue to His nature. "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father," Jesus promised. So, in Jesus, we see as much of the mighty God as we can understand. We see Him in action, moving through life in ancient Israel; and, today, moving through our world in Christ-like people. Our attention is caught by an Albert Schweitzer, a Pope John, a Martin Luther King, a Gandhi, a Dr. Tom Dooley. In them we see a true glimpse of God on the move, in action.

It would be that someone will catch a glimpse of God's acting in YOU!

HEALING MISSION

On the Sunday mornings in July and August the Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Stephen's Church at 11 A.M. The Mission, of course, is for all—not just for the sick! Here is a special opportunity for realizing the power of God in your life. Begin now to make your prayers in preparation for the Mission, and come to the services and join with many others who will kneel at the Altar Rail to talk with God about their problems. The Mission is a demonstration of the Gospel in Action. The Public is Cordially Invited.

During July and August the weekday services will consist of a preaching service Wednesdays at 12:30 P.M. and the Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 5:30 P.M. and Fridays at 12:30 P.M.

The Rev. Robert H. Stetler will conduct the Friday services during July and August, and the Rector will conduct the Wednesday services during that period.

The Chapel for the Hard of Hearing received $411.00 in memory of Mrs. Emma Meckling, who died suddenly in her ninetieth year on June 4th. Mrs. Meckling was the mother of the Rev. Gustav Meckling and a communicant of St. Stephen'e Church.

A selected group of our Boy Scouts sponsored by our Church, Troop #2, participated in the Flag Day ceremony at the Betsy Ross House, June 14th.

This being the final issue of our weekly Bulletin for the Season, we list below the Flower donors for July and August:

July 2—The Ellinger Fund, in memory of Catherine Hussey Lewis
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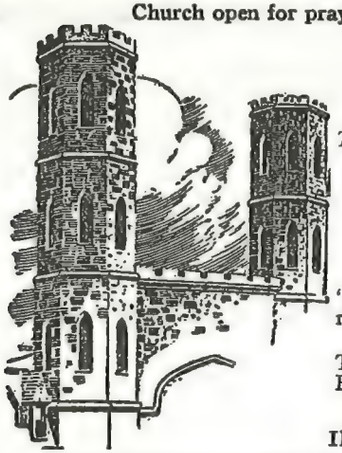
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The Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in G Minor.....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy whole Church throughout the World. Fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, cleanse it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where is is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches thereof, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 91, Page 454

The First Lesson: Genesis 37:2-35

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

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The Anthem: "Praise" ..... *Rowley*

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The Sermon .....*Bishop DeWitt*

The Offertory Hymn 388 .....*St. Thomas*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors, Closing Prayer, Benediction

The Recessional Hymn 551 .....*Ein' Feste Burg*

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TAKE THE FIRST STEP

Sometimes we face a situation that is too much for us.

Lillian Dixon, the St. Paul of our day in Formosa, was on a trip into the hill country, in flood time. The native guides were leading the way along what was left of a rail bed, much of it being washed away. They came to a wide river in full flood. Where there had been a trestle, none was left, only drooping twin bands of steel track, joined precariously by wooden ties that, instead of supporting the rails, hung from them by their spike-heads. "We go across *that?*" Lil's woman companion in disbelief. One of the Tyal men took Lil's hand firmly and urged her forward. "Can I do it" Lil wondered. Then she remembered the lines that had given her strength, and steadied her steps, so many times:

"When He says, "follow Me," I'm no longer small,
But suddenly as tall as He is, and my stride
Extends at His command . . ."

Carefully she placed one foot out on the first tie beyond the abutment. It seemed firm enough. The Tyal guide nodded approvingly. If the spikes pulled out of the ties under their combined weight—well, her ministry would be ended. Not finished, just ended. But God somehow managed before she came into the world, and she presumed that He would somehow manage after she left it. She took the next step, and the next. As they left behind the firmness of the stone abutment, the rails began to tremble and then to sway at each step. She was conscious of the roaring gray water beneath, the thunder of the boulders being swept along in the current. She concentrated on placing her feet on the ties. The Tyal gave a mutter of satisfaction, squeezed her hand, and released it. They were across!

You may not be in a spot like that, where, like Lil, you wonder if you can do it. Like her, you know that you are not able, in your own strength. You may be facing life without a beloved help-mate of many years. Or you may feel crushed under the leaden weight of home cares beyond your power. You may be far from your wife or husband, and your small children—craving them intensely. You may have a slender income, and pressing needs; or an old enemy like alcoholism, which is moving in on you again; or a job with such pressure that they seem unbearable; or aching aloneness because you would not take an "easy" way out; or steady grinding pain, day after day, without promise of easing . . . Like Lil, you feel very small, very weak, until you hear Him calling you to step forward.

Then, *when you take the first step,* you are "no longer small." You find victory, in Him!

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL AND CARD PARTY

Benefit of the chapel of the hard of hearing Community House, Saturday, June 24, 7:00 P.M. Donation $1.00.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry:

Dear Dr.Price:—

I wrote you a month ago to have my name put on your Prayer List. I want you to know I have improved wonderfully. My problem was pernicious anemia which had affected my spine. I am much stronger and able to be at work every day. Please accept my sincerest gratitude. I do not know how I can thank these wonderful people who join the prayer chain. God bless you and St. Stephen's.

—Helen Murphy (Cincinnati, Ohio)

BISHOP'S VISITATION

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The Rev. Mr. Meckling spent last week in New York 'signing' some of the Prayer Book Services into the 'language of the Deaf' on motion picture film strips. These pictures were produced for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church and will be used to train Priests to minister to the Deaf.

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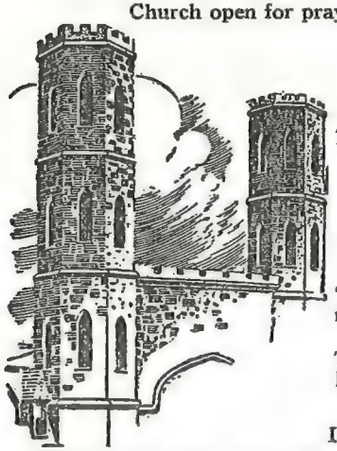
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, who hast set us in a world of beauty and wonder, we beseech Thee to give us wisdom to unseal springs of love. May we find a joy in the loveliness of nature, the strength of friendship, the conquest of difficulty, and the satisfaction of service. Teach us to delight in simple things. And when moments of high privilege are granted to us, may we welcome them with joyous reverence. We ask in the name of Him who bequeathed His joy that our joy might be full; even Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
The Introit
The Processional Hymn 513.....*Melita*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm, #56, Page 408
The First Lesson: Genesis 4:2b-10
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled Breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: Father Omnipotent.....*Edward German*

Father Omnipotent! Protect us, we pray Thee, save Thou our Native Land from those who would betray Thee; God, keep Thy children free, no other help have we; O Great Deliverer, be our Strength and Stay; Judge Thou our cause, O Lord, in mercy befriend us! Thou, only Thou are righteous, by Thy grace defend us; bind up our hearts that bleed; guard us in time of need; gear us, we humbly plead! In Thee we trust. Send out Thy truth and light, the world round victorious! Shine thru' the Nation's soul in honor yet more glorious! Strong with Thy Spirit's might, aid us in Freedom's fight; Lord God, defend the Right for evermore. Amen.

The Sermon: "VIETNAM".....*The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 536.....*Old Hundred Twenty-Fourth*
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—Bob Redman (Huntsville, Alabama)

FREEDOM SONG

Not far from Albany, New York, there is a friend, Amelia Van Dusen, who became house-bound in 1962, after having her first stroke. Being one who loves the out-of-doors and travel, it was rough to be suddenly imprisoned behind four walls. But she is also a Christan, so she wrote:

"When the body wears out and its too hard to walk,
Oh, to travel by land or by sea,
I just wave it good-bye and in Spirit I fly to wherever I most want to be.
I can stand on the top of a mountain with no effort whatever for me,
And gaze at the scene spread before me, for my Spirit forever is free.
Once more I can revisit the places that in youth I was privileged to see,
Or revisit in memory, cities, that once were familiar to me.
What if wild life stays away from my door, I can picture again in my dreams
Familiar scenes of those days of yore and woods in which life teems.
To see wild geese in yearly flight, I close my eyes and look,
I hear bright blue-jays screaming, and see deer at dawn by a brook.
Off there in the distance far I see a snow-capped peak
Like a beacon of hope for the weary, the poor, the needy, the weak.
I can scud with the fleecy white clouds across a shimmering sky
And gaze on the home of my childhood where many loved ones lie.
One more I can visit the Alamo, or stop in at Province Town,
Or sit by the pounding surf and watch the sun go down."

Houdini was perhaps the master escape-artist of all time. He held audiences spellbound as he wormed his way out of locked strong-boxes and steel-hooped barrels. But it takes much more than Houdini to break out of four walls that have closed in on you, and you are no longer free to go walking across the world. It takes a person of child-like faith and courage, trusting the God of freedom to open a way out of any prison!

So our friend, whose lines we quote, closes her freedom-song in victory:

"So sit there in your chair, my body, and enjoy your aches and pains,
I'll just step out in my Spirit and enjoy the world again!"

Dr. Elmer S. Carll was honored at an Appreciation Dinner on May 26th at the Torresdale-Frankford Country Club by the National Boys' Club Association for his thirty years of creative service to the Northeast Boys' Club. Dr. Carll is a valued member of St. Stephen's Vestry.

Mrs. Evelyn Murray, daughter of the Rector, will receive her degree of Bachelor of Arts at the Eastern Baptist College on June 11th.

SUGGESTION FOR A SUMMER SUNDAY

During a Sunday morning "coffee hour" several members of St. Peter's Church, Westfield, N.Y., invented a game called "Hymn Dedications."

It all began when someone suggested that the dentists' hymn should be "Crown Him with many crowns," (No. 352). Another suggested the seamstress' hymn, "Behold a Sower! from afar" (No. 401). The spirit of the sport had caught by the time another volunteered the actors' hymn, "What Star is This, with beams so bright" (No. 47).

Then came the tax collectors' hymn, "Ten thousand times ten thousand" (No. 590); the carpenters' hymn, "Saw you never in the twilight" (No. 50); and the quiltmakers' hymn, "Peace, Perfect peace" (No. 436). The game almost ended with the suggestion of the Swiss cheesemakers' hymn, "Holy, holy, holy" (No. 266), but someone had to add the men's clothing store hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds" (No. 495). This, of course, was a reminder of the grocers' hymn, "Let us with a gladsome mind" (No. 308) and the civil engineers' hymn, "When I survey" (No. 337). It all ended with the suggestion of the gossips' hymn, "Now my tongue, the mystery telling" (No. 199).

Said the Rector, the Rev. Richard H. Baker, "Nothing terribly earth-shaking or even particularly edifying—but we had fun."

Our sincere thanks to these late arrivals (in our hands), contributors to the U.T.O.: Marie P. Berger and Miss Nadia Watson.

We also thank these Bulletin subscribers: Rita J. Clark, Mrs. Sue B. Potter, Miss Emily G. Ravenel, Mrs. Rice, E. Lillian Wyatt.

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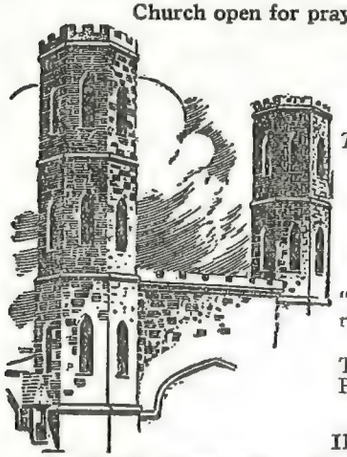
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The Prelude: "O God Have Mercy".....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, our Father, we bow in gratitude for all spiritual ministries. We thank Thee for those influences which gladden our hearts: for acts of kindness which touched gray days with color; for the gracious ministry of the home; for light in the eyes of those who have given us their love; for mountain top experiences which inspired us to seek goodness, truth and beauty; and for moments when the House of God became a shrine in which we kept our tryst with Thee. Inspire the people of this Republic to fulfill their destiny as a Nation that Thou hast blessed. Here have come citizens from every race. Here they found refuge; here they builded homes; and here they invested their lives. We thank Thee for those who were heroic in times of peril, showed fortitude in days of terror, and gave freely to the last full measure of devotion. Teach us to bring durable peace out of war, order out of chaos, brotherhood out of conflict. So may our people learn to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee, our Father. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elisabeth*

The Response to the Decalogue #708 .....*Willan*

The Anthem: "O God, Have Mercy" (from St. Paul).....*Mendelssohn*
O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for the mercy's sake. Deny me not, O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy spirit from me, O Lord, a broken heart, and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, O Lord and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.

The Sermon: "THE DIVINE PROMOTHEUS".....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 208 .....*Penitentia*

The Sanctus, #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 205 .....*Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739.....*Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 487.....*Ellers*

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—R. E. Nichelson (Valley City, No. Dakota)

FATHER FORGIVE THEM

In the Comic-Strip "Peanuts," Charlie Brown and his chum are seated together, in the blackest gloom. They are grieving over yesterday's Ball Game. Charlie moans, "164 runs to one! *And we were so sincere!*"

Charlie Brown may discover, as he grows up, that *sincerity is not enough.* There must be disciplined, hard practice, which produces skill, and gets the enemy out. Sincereity alone does not do that.

Nor is sincerity enough in one's religion. The Scribes and the Pharisees were sincere enough in crucifying the dangerous young Nazarene who was attacking their hypocrisy. Saul was altogether sincere in consenting to the death of Stephen, as he "laid waste to the Church." White Americans, North and South, are equally sincere in separating themselves and their families from the Negroes, in many ways. But, again, *sincerity is not enough.*

Martin Luther King points out, "We must recognize that Jesus was nailed to the Cross not simply by sin but also by blindness. The men who cried, "Crucify Him!" were not bad men but rather blind men . . . In 1857 the system of slavery was given its greatest legal support by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott Decision. The Court affirmed that the Negro had no rights which the White man was bound to respect. The Justices who rendered this Decision were not wicked men. On the contrary, they were decent and dedicated men. But they were the victims of spiritual blindness . . . Sincerity and conscienciousness in themselves are not enough . . . We do not need to be blind . . . One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong. Only through the bringing together of head and heart—intelligence and goodness—shall man rise to a fulfillment of his true nature . . . "This is the condemnation," says John, "that Light is come into the world, and man loved darkness rather than light."

It may be that we, in North and South, may have to begin to listen until we hear the voice of One who lifts up His voice to His Fahter, as He pleads for a sincere and blind people, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!" How sinfully blind we have been! It makes me wince to remember that the loudest voice claiming White superiority was that of Adolph Hitler. Somehow one does not relish keeping step with such a memory!

We White people who would be Christians can only ask the Loving God to touch our eyes, and make us *see.* We must ask the Father of all mankind to help us to *see* all His children as He does, as His own beloved sons and daughters. He may be able even to make us see we were acting as Christians. *But God can make blind men see!*

Listen! Be very still, for it may be that you will suddenly hear Jesus crying out once more, "Father, forgive them . . ."

Mrs. Margaret J. Stanley, Custodian of the United Thank Offering of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing, wishes to thank those members of the Chapel who contributed: Mrs. James Lewis, Dora Kronmaier, Mrs. Ruth Bechtel, Mrs. Thomas Holloway, Mrs. Louise M. Price, Laura Roddy, Dorthy Morrison, Mrs. Leon Merrow, Mrs. Emily Weber, Ethel Marshall, Elizabeth Hawley, Gladys Given, Mrs. Francis Spratt, Mr. & Mrs. R. Douglas Cole, Gertrude Bergen, Edward Sutton, The Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, Mr. Robert Leight.

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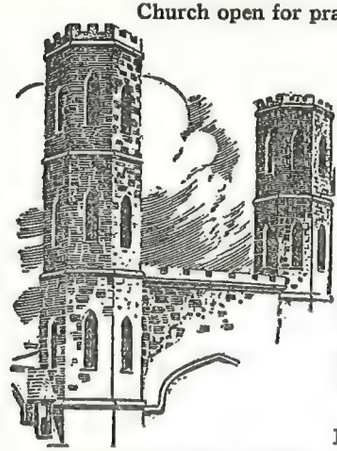
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The Introit

The Processional Hymn 289.....*St. Anne*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "How Lovey Is Thy Dwelling Place".....*Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore.

The Sermon: THE TWO ACCENTS OF THE GOSPEL.....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 528.....*Hesperus*

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—Helen Wynn (Cinnaminson, N.J.)

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

"I will arise and go to my father," the Prodigal Son decided. After those sorry years of wasting, he could still be sure that his father would receive him. So Jesus gives us the picture of God—He is like the father who waited and waited, still loving that foolish youngster. The great God of heaven and earth is like that!

There is nothing He will not forgive when a human child of His starts home. *Nothing!* All He asks of the returning child is honest penitance and the desire to follow the ways of His household. One of my friends was on skid-row for three years then he came home and has been home ever since. Another friend wasted his substance in riotous self-pity until it almost wrecked his life—then he came home, and was received. It almost takes your breath away to find that God does not keep you waiting on the front steps, but runs to meet you before you reach home. He forgives—and you start to live!

Some of you have a burden of guilt on your hearts—something you did, or didn't do. Missed chances to love and lift someone who is now gone from your sight. Hopeless? Not by a long shot! Simply trust Jesus that God is like that father—waiting to forgive you when you come home. Dare to trust Him, and be on your own.

It *is* hard to believe that God will accept us as His own child again. Our minds say, "No!—He couldn't, after the way I've failed Him." But something in us deeper than our minds dares to say, "Maybe He can forgive and take me in. I'll have courage to trust Jesus' assurance. I'll start homeward and find out."

Someone has told how a young man was on the way home in a train. He had been very silent throughout the trip, but at last he said to the man seated next to him, "I've been in a great deal of trouble. I stole some money and ran away, but I couldn't stand it any longer so I wrote my people that I wanted to come home. I told Dad that if he wanted me back to hang a piece of cloth on a branch of the apple tree near the railroad station, and if I didn't see it there, then I would ride on past. Now we are nearly there and I'm afraid to look. You look and tell me if there is a piece of cloth on that tree."

A few minutes later came the good news, "Son, there's a cloth hanging from every branch of that tree!"

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, U.T.O. Custodian, reports that 65 contributors gave $261.00 for the Spring In-Gathering of the United Thank Offering.

THE MILK CAN

Because two-thirds of the world's population is undernourished or starving, because modern means of communication and transportation have made all the peoples of the world neighbors of one another, and because the House of Bishops of our Church has called upon us to accept our responsibility as Christians and as citizens for dealing constructively with the issues of population, poverty and peace; the Bishops have urged the people of the Church to give substantially to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

Since 1943 we have had a Milk Can on the stemps of our Church to receive such offerings. With the aid of Government Food the Milk Can contributions have amounted to over a quarter a million dollars in food for the children of Europe, then for the children of Korea, and in recent years for material aid to needy people around the world.

Keep Your Contributions Coming!

We wish to thank these Bulletin Subscribers: Helen G. Downes, Mrs. Margaret Nachtigall.

We wish to thank, also, these additional contributors to the U.T.O. Frances F. Bailey, Mrs. Marie P. Berger, Olga Carlisle, Michael J. Labriola.

DON'T TEMPT THE LAW SAYS COP.—This almost-too-good-to-be-true story appears in the latest issue of the Angelic Parish magazine of Stanwix, England. A Vicar attending a conference of clergymen left his auto in a prohibited area of York, with this note on the wind-screen: "I am a minister of the Church attending a conference which I have done for 15 years. I am already late and the parking places are getting fewer—forgive us our trespasses."—When he returned he found the following note: "I am an officer of the law and I have been doing this beat for 20 years. My superior is due within the hour, and they are getting stricter—lead us not into temptation."

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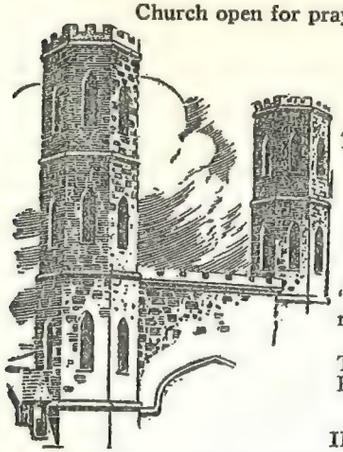
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 186-7

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11:00 A. M.—CHURCH SCHOOL

11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Arioso"..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, whose shepherd care is extended to all Thy children, we praise Thee for the green pastures, the quiet waters, and the restored soul. Preserve us from blundering along paths of disappointment. Lead us in right ways. Guard us from evil. When we walk in valleys of deep darkness, let Thy love be our shield, our light and our salvation. We ask in the name of the Good Shepherd. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 266 .....*Nicaea*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #105:1-20, Page 470

The First Lesson: Genesis 1-2:3

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:
My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven.....*Gordon Young*
(Text: Hymn No. 282)

The Sermon: "THE TRINITY"..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 564 .....*Lyons*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 269.....*Moultrie*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Edna and Miss Evelyn O'Rear and Mrs. Clara Lewis in memory of beloved Arnot Lewis; and by Miss Nadia Watson in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watson.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Edwin S. Heins

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—E. A. D. (Philadelphia)

THE ONLY ANSWER

Howard Thurman is one of the great Christians of our day—Friend, writer, preacher, teacher, Pastor, Christian gentleman. Once you know him, you don't notice that his skin is darker than yours. All sorts of people come to talk with him—Dock hands, business executives, alcoholics, students . . . Elizabeth Yates, his biographer, comments, "Leaving, they would say, in one way or another, "He met us where we were, and treated us as though we were where we ought to have been." Some found him a comfort; some found him a challenge; but each one left him feeling as if standing a little taller than before."

Men felt that way when they left Jesus. They felt taller than before—stronger against life's storms, a new meaning in their lives. But how on earth did Dr. Thurman come to possess this same great power?

He has come over a very rough road. Traveling on a train, a white woman points at him and asks the conductor, "What is *that* doing in this car?" The conductor replies "*That* has a ticket." Or he opens and holds a door for a white woman in some public place, and she passes through without a word. These may seem like little things, but, year after year, they could crush a man. "This is where I die daily," he admitted to himself as he wrestled with the turmoil in his heart. Like his Master, he is willing to die to himself, to let God crowd the anger resentment out of his heart. *Then* he is free to let God live through him, let God love the proud ones who look down on him and his race. This is the only answer with power—like the great message of Paul, to die daily that Christ can live and get loose through him.

Of course people feel taller when they leave Dr. Thurman—because Christ lives in him, the same Christ who loved proud and mistaken men in His days on this earth.

God needs many like Dr. Thurman in this 20th Century America, with all its pride and strife and arrogance. There are people near you who sorely need to see Jesus Christ. They need to see Him in the flesh. If they don't see Him in you, they may never see Him at all, and miss the glory of life. You may protest, "How on earth could they ever see Jesus Christ in my life?" The answer is fearfully simple—they will see Him if He is there!

Be willing to die daily to your special human weakness—then men will see in you the strong and saving Christ!

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Zion Church, Rome, N.Y. Sunday evening through Tuesday, May 21st-23rd, inclusive.

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We want to express our thanks to these U.T.O. Helpers: Mrs. P. Arnold, Mrs. Fred J. Baehrle, Hazel L. Bainbridge, Mrs. Constance Bevins, Helen L. Bradley, Viola Del Castello, Will Coffee, Cora M. Cooke, Elsie Dahl, Miss Devlin, Mrs. Chas. Drain, Mr. Garrett, Lillian & Mel Hirsch, Frances Tinsley Kalich, Mrs. Harry J. Hauger, Mrs. Henrietta Jones, Mrs. Ruth Leithead, Mrs. J. Ludlow, Jane S. Macleod, William Gold, Frances Marion, Mrs. A. W. Mayer, Marita Patino, Caroline M. Price, Mrs. S. P. Shaw, Mrs. St George L. Sioussat, A. Snow, Mrs. Edith R. Stout, Mrs. George Townsley, B L. Van Sciver, Mary Varallo, Helen Volz, Thelma Weeks, Mrs. V. S. Wells, Sarah S. Winn.

NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK

MAY 21 to MAY 28

When General Booth's son poured forth his concern for the ragged wretches sleeping under London's bridges in the bitter cold, the General replied, "Do something!"

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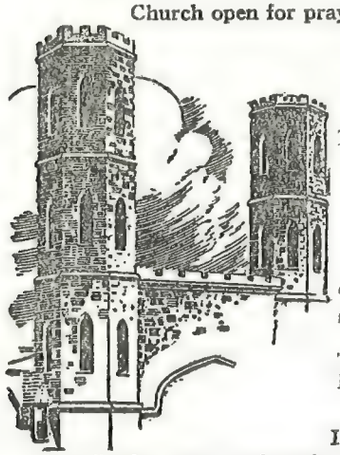
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal God, by whose providence we are supported, in whose love we are comforted, and through whose light we are guided; we praise Thee for the dawn of another day. Make this be a good day. Sustain us through all the hours by the remembrance that Thou art our Father. So shall we be able to face all the events of this day with serenity and confidence. Give us the royalty of an inward happiness, a happiness that is independent of time and place and outward circumstances. So shall we be garrisoned with fortitude and strengthened with courage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit: O Holy Savior, Friend unseen
The faint, the weak on Thee may lean,
Help me, throughout life's varying scene,
By faith to cling to Thee.

The Processional Hymn 440 .....*Watchman*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm 119: Sections 14, 15, Page 497
The First Lesson: II Kings 19: v. 14
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
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The Anthem: "Sheep May Safely Graze" *J. S. Bach*
The Sermon: "SPEAKING ABOUT MONEY".....*The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 523 .....*Russia*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 487 .....*Ellers*

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—Lillian Ragan (Fork River, N.J.)

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

I invite you to consider the Christian Church. More specifically, will you think of your relationship to St. Stephen's Church of Philadelphia. We have come to that time of year when, in keeping with the highest traditions of the free Church, we are summoned to "Stand up and be counted!" This Sunday, November 26th (Called "Stir Up Sunday," because of the Collect for the Sunday next before Advent), we shall be asked to pledge our financial support to this Church for the year 1968.

Georgia Harkness places the Christian in proper perspective: "The Church is the chief conserver of spiritual values, and it is the institutional embodiment of our Christian heritage. During the Dark Ages it preserved not only religion but civilization; it has fostered the spread of education throughout the centuries; it has nourished the spirit of democracy; it has built moral attitudes into the lives of millions of persons; it has made people more humane in their treatment of the weak and the underprivileged; it has goaded consciences to abolish slavery; it has lifted the position of women and children. We are the inheritors of this freedom and this humanization, in which the Church has not been the sole, but has been the chief agent. To turn our backs on the Church is to cast off our cultural parentage."

Carl Sandburg addresses himself with earthly honesty and disarming candor: "Most of us agree that Protestants have never hammered very much on the duty of going to Church. We have said all the time, it is necessary for the Church to make itself attractive and interesting, so that people will want to come. There are obligations on the part of people not to sit home listening to the radio. That is too easy. Do something difficult. Go through rain and snow. You have to feel that you are a part of the greatest organization on the earth that is going to outlast all the rest . . .

"You can't go tramping around from Church to Church and fulfill your obligation. You've got to settle on one Church and throw your life into it . . . Who would want to go to a picnic all the time and eat out of other people's baskets? It is our obligation as members of one Church or another, to give ourselves to it. It is the only hope of peace on earth and good will to men that exists among us. It is The Church and its Savior, its Prince of Peace, who is the last hope of earth, and yours is a high and holy opportunity to support it with your understanding loyalty."

There is no need to tip-toe lightly around this matter. We need the Church and the Church needs us. There can be no excuse for gentle evasions, for the plain fact is that money is needed in larger amounts to carry on the work of this Church. There are places in this world where it is dangerous to be a Christian, dangerous to freedom and to life itself. Not so in Philadelphia. The danger we face is more subtle, the danger of apathy and indifference. It is against this danger that we now would take our stand as mature, dedicated and responsible Christians. I invite you to take your proper place in company with others, that this Church may move forward in strength through the year 1968.
—*Alfred W. Price*

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 26th, Layalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by Pledges the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1968. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their Pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

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A fine article about our healing ministry in St. Stephen's Church appeared recently in the "Universal" Newspaper of Mexico City. This newspaper has a very large circulation not only in this city but throughout the Mexican Republic.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beautiful Christmas Cards of St. Stephen's Sanctuary of last Christmas are available. The cost is $3.00 per box of 20 folders and envelopes.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets, or the equivalent, to those who are unable to give their families the fullness of Christmas cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special CHRISTMAS DINNERS envelope.

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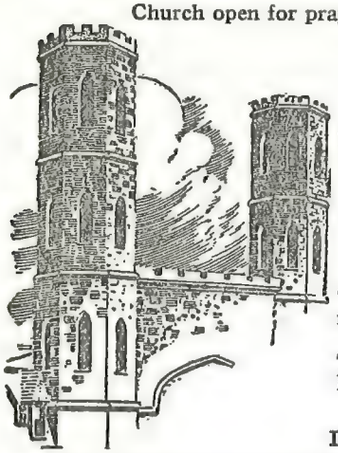
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Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude "O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan".....*J. S. Bach*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give up Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy Love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Choral Introit: O Holy Savior, Friend unseen
The faint, the weak on Thee may lean,
Help me, throughout life's varying scene,
By faith to cling to Thee.
The Processional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elisabeth*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm #96, Page 459
The First Lesson: I Kings 18:41-19:end
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Mark 8-22-9:1
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
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None other lamb, none other name,
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None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.
The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd".....*Thomas Matthews*
The Sermon: A PARABLE OF HOSPITALITY .....*The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 450 .....*Martyrdom*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 498 .....*Gardiner*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Beatrice L. Van Sciver in memory of her parents, Ann L. and George R. Van Sciver; and by the Ellinger Fund in memory of Catherine Hussey Lewis

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PLAY HIS MUSIC

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, what are our deep-down reasons for gratitude to God? There are many—including our loved ones, our health, our memories, our dreams, and the goodness of God. It will not be hard to say, "Thank You, God!"

One of the special and wondrous reasons for thanking Him is that "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," our saints whom we are thinking of on All Saints' Day. Whether we sit at a long, happy Thanksgiving family table, or alone in a wheel-chair far from home, or in the service in a foreign land, our hearts will still swell with gratitude for those cherished witnesses. Whether we be rich or poor, healthy or sick, we are free to look back and be lifted up by the remembrance of those people who brought God closer to us. No circumstance can dampen that strong thankfulness. How truly rich we are, we who have seen God working through those we knew and loved.

These people were wise and humble enough to know their helplessness without God, just as the beginner in music knows that he is helpless without the masters of music. As he tries to learn to play the violin, he does not try to compose his own music. He and his teacher look through the works of the great composers, until they find a Bach Chorale or a Strauss waltz simple enough to begin on. So our beginner learns to love great music, and to play it to the delight (eventually!) of his family and friends. He loses himself in great music.

Doctor Tournier, that choice physician of souls, points out that "our life is a score composed of God. From Him,—and from Him alone,—can we get the great and simple truths of life. In the living and teaching of Jesus, God gave us sheets of music that we can learn to play. We play the music—but it is *God's music.*" Dr. Tournier points out this strengthening fact about God the Composer—that, as we strive to play His music, "the Composer is not absent. He is there during the performance. He leans over . . . and encourages; He whispers in your ear, making clear His intentions and helping you to put them into execution." God is there, helping you to play His music.

Of course God leaves us free to compose our own little halting music, if we prefer. We can make up penny tunes that jingle and blair—if we like this better. We can play our cheap little airs, *or* choose the mighty music of God through Jesus Christ. On Thanksgiving Day we will be grateful to God for those choice people who choose the music of God, and followed His score throughout their lovely lives!

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HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd, at 11 A.M. Music by the Choir, Sermon by the Rector.

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Swedish spice bread, Schwaebisches Bouernbread, Russian Potato Rye bread, Bavarian Hutzelbread, Finish Dark Rye bread, French Sour Rye bread, Swedish Crisp bread, Norwegian Flat bread, Lithuanian Pumpernickel, East German Stollen, Bosler Finebread, Polish Coffee bread, Japanese Rice Wafers, India Macaroni Cake, Belgian Fine Bread, Pure Weizenkeim bread, Baltic Rye bread, Greek Angelpuffs, Berlin Pumpernickel, Soldiers Kommisbrot, Westfaelisch Pumpernickel, Jewish Hallah, Romanish Marble bread, Ucrainish Moon Stutten, Danish Grain Pumpernickel, Polish Babka Fillet, Spanish Apple Bread, Siberian Beroschini, Hungarian Babka, Weisbrodt, Jewish Bagels, Chinese Fortune Cookies, Holland Fruit Honey Bread, Italian Gessini (Breadsticks) or (Grissini).—The congregation is invited to the Altar Rail at the close of the service to receive a package containing a sample of the breads to take home.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, St. Thomas, Penna., Sunday evening thru Tuesday, November 19th-21st.

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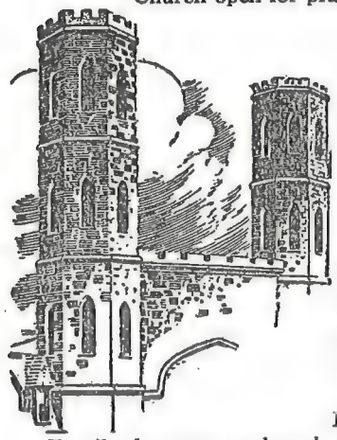
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The Prelude: "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, in whom is the fulness of light and love and power, give us grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Lift us to spiritual heights, that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. And grant that when we descend to the common ways of the world we may be so illumined by The light, so moved by Thy love, and so strengthened by Thy power that we shall be serene and confident and victorious. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

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The Offertory Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124*
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—Newell S. Booth (Harrisburg, Pa.)

RESPECT AND VALUE YOURSELF

Leslie Weatherhead recalls an Edinborough weaver who repeatedly offered this unusual prayer: "O God, help me always to keep a good opinion of myself." And he goes on to point out that Jesus told us to love our neighbors *as ourselves*—to value ourselves highly, since God made us, and made us for high purposes. We may, in our weaker moments think of ourselves as trifles, but "when the King picks up a trifle, it is a trifle no longer!"

In the same way, when an ordinary man lets God pick up his life and use it, that life becomes radiant with God's wonder. In the hands of a Master, strange and unpromising instruments come alive. Norman Cousins tells how, deep in the African jungle, he saw the famous Doctor Schweitzer sit down to play the evening hymn on an ancient, battered piano. "It must have been 50 years old. The keyboard was badly stained; large double screws fastened the ivory to each key. One or more of the strings were missing on at least a dozen notes. The felt covering the hammers was worn thin and produced tinkling effects. Dr. Schweitzer was one of the world's greatest interpreters of Bach—a man who could fill any concert hall on earth, The best piano ever made would be none too good for him. But now he was about to play a dilapidated upright, virtually beyond repair. And he went about it easily with a dignity that never left him. The amazing thing was that the piano seem to lose is poverty in his hands. Whatever its capacity to yield music was now being fully realized . . . His being at the piano strangely seemed to make it right."

Each of us can reach the high destiny God intended for us. All He requires is that we think highly enough of ourselves to remember that we were fashioned by Him—then, if we will but fit ourselves in His hands to use, all our possibilities for harmony and joy will be drawn out of us by Him. Like Albert Schweitzer at the hopeless-looking piano, God knows what is in us that He can bring out!

That was the chief difference between Judas and Peter. Both failed their Lord completely—gave in to their fears and desires, and betrayed Him. Judas forgot that he was of God's making, and took his own life. Peter remembered that God had made him to be an instrument out of which could come glory and healing and peace. Peter put his life back into the hands of the Risen Lord, and lived with miracle-filled power.

Before you can love your neighbor, you must learn to respect and value yourself. God has need of the melody of your life to cheer the discouraged and give hope to the lost. Just let the King pick up your life, for, "when the King picks up a trifle, it is a trifle no longer!"

THE NEW LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The Rector has sent the following to four of our Episcopal Church Magazines)

For the 800 or more Episcopal Churches that are now using the Service of Holy Communion as a basis for their weekday healing services, the New Liturgy will be a distinct disappointment. The 24 references to healing in our Prayer Book Service are reduced to 12 in the New Service. The 17 references to the "body" have been reduced to 5. Thus Christ's redemptive concern for the whole man, body and soul, is seriously compromised in the New Service. Those who are endeavoring to obey Christ's command to preach, teach and heal will find little comfort in relegating the Penitential Order to an option, for healing is forgiveness, forgiveness is healing. The substitution of "The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you unto everlasting life" for "The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for thee, preserve (heal) your *body* and soul unto everlasting life" is disappointing to say the least. The healing of grief or the Communion of Saints is not helped, it seems to me, by substituting "Grant them mercy, light and peace" for "Grant them continual growth in Thy love and service."

Our Liturgy has always been a healing Liturgy. Why should it be changed at this late date? Why must we go back to the Hellenistic soul-body cleavage, the Gnostic and Manichean down-grading of matter which so profoundly influenced early Christian though? Why must we go back to preaching a truncated Gospel with its message of redemption applied to the forgiveness of sins without the logical extension of that message for the making whole of the mind and body, and for the full integration of personality? In Jesus, the Christ, God reconciles and restores lost persons, bodies as well as souls, when conditions are met. Renewal of life, the power of the Resurrection, is experienced by the total person, here and now.

For those who use the New Liturgy for the weekday healing service, I would suggest that the logical order would be a service for the ministration of the laying-on-of-hands followed by the Thanksgiving Service, the Eucharist, for the healing received through the laying-on-of-hands. (Rev.) Alfred W. Price

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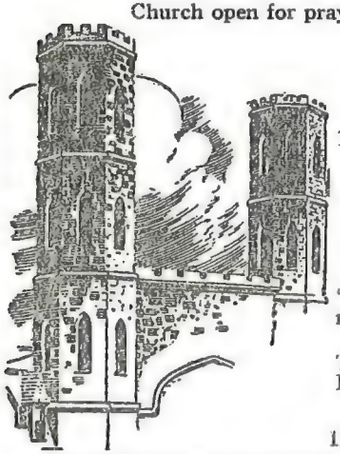
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The Prelude: Litany For The Feast of All Saints ..... *Schubert*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, prepare us to worship Thee aright. Touch our lips with joyous gratitude, that the words of our prayer and praise may be acceptable unto Thee. Invade our hearts with new reverence and responsiveness, that even the silence may be filled with messages from Thee. Give us renewed confidence in Thy fatherly goodness, that we may remember that we are Thy sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit
The Processional Hymn 472 ..... *Pilgrims*
The Summary of the Law
The Three-fold Kyrie, Hymnal #709
The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Ministry of the World
The Collect
The Epistle
The Gospel
The Sermon Hymn 430 ..... *Lux Benigna*
The Sermon: "OUR BELOVED ALIVE" ..... *The Rector*
The Nicene Creed
The Penitential Order—pages 25, 26
The Prayer of Intercession (Pages 13, 15)—THE NEW LITURGY.
The Offertory
The Offertory Anthem:
"Blessed Are The Dead Who Die In The Lord.....*Brahms*—(The Requiem)
The Doxology
THE LORD BE WITH YOU
And With Your Spirit
The Sursum Corda, Hymnal #734
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*
The Recessional Hymn 276 ..... *Nan Danket*

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Jesus never commanded us to be the sugar of life. Rather, "Ye are the *salt* of the earth." What's on the inside of each of our lives must be salty.

That surprises us a bit, doesen't it? We thought that Jesus wanted us to make life sweet for other people, as sugar sweetens our morning coffee. But He did not say, "Ye are the sugar of the earth." A Christian, He said, is a salty person.

What is it that salt does? Salt brings out the flavor of whatever you are cooking—rice or bread or meat. Some people even put a pinch of salt into a pot of coffee, to bring out its rich taste. Now this is what Jesus did for people—He came into their lives, and brought out the delicious flavor they could have in their living, right where they were. He did not bid Zaccheus to take up a new kind of work (in Luke 19). He showed how his dreary, stale job could be changed into a fresh delicious way of helping people. In the 5th Chapter of Mark, Jesus healed the demoniac, and did not invite him to come along with Him—He said, *"Go home* to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you." He sent him right back to the familiar town, to share the good taste of life lived under God.

There are hosts of people who suffer from spiritual "diabetes"—too much sugar in their lives! When a doctor discovers this physical disease in a patient, he puts him on a sugar-free diet. Too much sweetness can be fatal to a man's spirit, as well as to his body. And sugar smothers the flavor of whatever is eaten. Too much of it in coffee can kill the fragrant taste, and the result is a sort of sticky syrup. Too many sweet words, thanking a person who has been helpful, turn out to be sticky sentimentality. Too much pleasure-seeking gums up our inner lives so that we can no longer taste the wonderful tart flavor of difficulty and hardship. Too much luxury dulls our appetite for living. Sugar is dangerous!

Jesus bade us to be full of the salty-power which gives relish to other people's living. Real concern for others is a salty quality that makes life taste good for them. Filled with the self-giving way of salt, you can become a true Christian—the salt of God's earth.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price: Your booklet on "Healing, the Gift of God" gave me the understanding I needed, and so, through it, God healed a thyroid condition the doctors said I'd have all my natural life. Praise God for your booklet. If only people would truly believe
—(E. M. Schock—Bath, N.Y.)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Bethany Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, under the auspices of the South Shore Council of Churches, Sunday evening, November 5th through Tuesday, November 7th.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1967

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Feb. 20th—Lauraine F. Taylor
Mar. 22nd—Nicholas D. Colonna
May 20th—Clayton R. Slawter
June 9th—Emma T. Meckling
July 28th—Julia T. Sioussat
Aug. 21st—Laura J. Wareham
Oct. 13th—Pearl Coe
Oct. 14th—Leon Merrow

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Edith S. Hanson, Mrs. R. L. Polkinhorn, Mabel Meek, E. Rice, Mrs. Helen Schmid, Nicholas L. Todd, Miss Mary Louise Wood.

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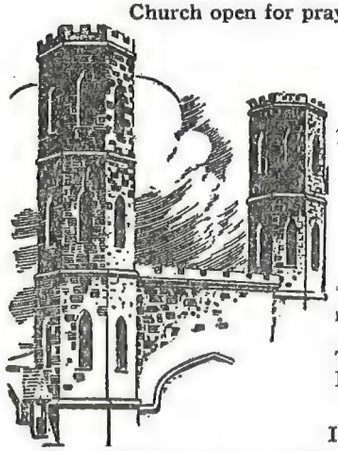
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The Prelude: "Prayer for Peace" ..... *Purvis*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou loving and tender Father in heaven, we confess before Thee, in deep sorrow, how hard and unsympathizing are our hearts; how often we have sinned against our neighbors by want of compassion and tenderness; how often we have felt no true pity for their trials and sorrows, and have neglected to comfort, help, and visit them. O Father, forgive this heavy sin and make us more truly Christ-like in our compassion. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Choral Introit
The Processional Hymn 300 ..... *Winchester New*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm #140, Page 516
The First Lesson: Job 1:1-21
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 11:18-30
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" ..... *Franz Schubert*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to rest in green pastures: He leadeth me beside still waters. He giveth peace unto my soul: He leadeth me in paths of goodness, for His name's sake. Yea though I walk thru' death's vale of shadows, no evil will I fear: for Thou art still with me; Thy rod and staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table for me, in presence of mine enemies: my head with oil Thou anointest: my cup runneth over; Yea, surely peace and mercy all my life shall follow me: and I will dwell with God forever more.

The Sermon: A PARABLE OF VALUES ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 497 ..... *Dundee*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 433 ..... *Langran*

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TWO UMBRELLAS

George Toregenisen once observed that whenever you find a shining Christian character, you will always discover (in the background) someone "with two umbrellas."

He tells a story of a young Philipino student who came to this country to study at a mid-western University. On the first Sunday morning, he was awakened by a heavy rainfall. He was just about to close his eyes for some more sleep, when a fellow-student appeared in the doorway, an umbrella under each arm. He offered to show the young Philipino the way to his church, and then go on to his own. The young Philipino had never found Christ in his own Church, though he still attended it. As the two students started down the street, the foreigner thought, "If this fellow-student has such a faith and such an interest in my spiritual life, surely I ought to find out what his faith is like." So he began going to his friend's Church, and did find Christ there. He became a famous Bishop of that Church, back in the Philippine Islands. He bears witness to his life-long debt to the friend of two umbrellas.

These two-umbrella-people are the life changers, the givers of strength and loving-kindness. They are forever reaching out beyond themselves to shield someone else from the weather, to guide another through storm to a place of safety. Stop for a minute, *now,* and shut your eyes, and remember the two-umbrella people who have blessed your life . . . Because they valued you so much, you learned to value yourself more. Because they shared their treasure with you, you became more rich. Because they let God put His shoulder under their load, they had strength to carry part of your load. Through them you have caught new glimpses of the wonder of Jesus; new tastes of the goodness of life flavored with God's compassion; New love of great music; new hints of the marvels of God's created world.

When Jesus commanded, "Love your neighbor as yourself," He was simply telling us to be two-umbrella-people. Jesus taught His friends to invite others in, out of the storm, under God's protection. They came and stood at the door of people's lives, with an umbrella on each arm. It's *your turn now,* to get two umbrellas and be on your way!

A THANKSGIVING FOR THE CHURCHES

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gifts and graces that have been brought into the Christian family through the great divisions of Christendom . . . for the Roman Catholic Church with its glorious traditions, its disciplines in holiness, its worship, rich with the religious passion of the centuries, its noble company of martyrs, doctors, and saints . . . for the Eastern and Orthodox Churches, their secret treasure of mystic experience, their marvelous liturgies, their regard for the collective life, and their search for a common will as a common source of authority . . . for the great Protestand and Evangelical communions, with their concern for the rightful independence of the soul and of the group . . . for the Baptist Churches with their stress on personal regeneration, and the conscious relationship of the mature soul to its Lord . . . for the Presbyterians, with their reverance in worship, their respect for the sovereignty of God, their confidence in His faithfulness to His Covenant . . . for the Society of Friends and their sacraments of silence, their practice of the presence of God, their cherishing of the inner light of every human soul, their great love for peace and their diligence in Christian service . . . we thank Thee for the Lutheran Church, for its devotion to the grace ofGod and the Word of God enshrined in its strong ministry of the Word and Sacraments . . . we thank Thee for the numberless Gospel Halls, many that are humble and without beauty in form, and yet warm with Gospel convictions and Christian faith.

Grant, O Lord, that as Anglicans, with our tradition of reverent and temperate ways, our Catholic heritage and Protestant conscience, our yearnings for the Unity of Christendom, and our desire to be used by Thee in a ministry of reconciliation, we may respect and serve all Christians everywhere. Lead us all towards the Unity which is Thy will. Enable us to recognize our true heritage and our prejudices, our treasures of faith and our sectarianism; and give us the courage to discard the unworthy and to bring all that is good to Thee and to our brethren, that in Thy presence we may give and receive, and bemade one, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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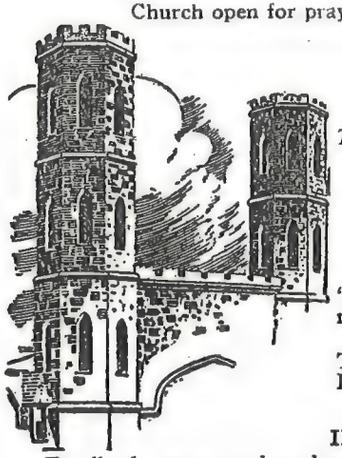
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The Prelude: "Adagio" ..... ~~J. S. Bach~~ César Franck

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father who art the rock upon whom men build their lives in strength and beauty, we pray for Thy blessing upon those who yearn for inner security. We remember those who look with dismay upon the changing values of a changing world, whose inner foundations have crumbled beneath the storm, who are victims of spiritual unrest. Turn their eyes to the hills from whence cometh their help. Be Thou the confidence of their hearts, the hidden Spring whence their souls are fed. May they learn with glad assurance that: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee"; through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit "Come, let us to . . ." Kedron

The Processional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm #107:1-16, Page 476
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 17-12:2
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Laudate Dominum" (from Vesperae Solennes de Confessore), Mozart
(The text is from Psalm 117)

Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For He hath shown His kindness toward us, His love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, for all eternity. Praise to the Father and Son also, and the Holy Spirit, as it was them and will ever be, both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon: A PARABLE OF SEARCHING ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn ~~416~~ 519 ..... *Beatitudo*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Marion Slatcher in memory of her parents: Mr. & Mrs. Salisbury Slatcher.

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MAGNIFICENT DEFEAT

When a stubborn human being faces God head-on, something has to give!

Frederick Buechner gives new meaning to us in Jacob's struggle at the River Jabbok. He had been a most "successful" man. By shrewdness, cunning, and deceit he had gained what he wanted. Then he dreamed of a great ladder set up on the earth the top of it reaching into heaven, and the Lord God Himself saying to Jacob, "The land on which you lie I will give to your descendants . . ." So he turned homeward to the land that God had promised to give. He went home to *get* that gift—he was a "getter". And then he dreamed again—this time, a stranger leaping at him out of the night—they struggled—Jacob seems to be winning. Then the stranger touches the hollow of Jacob's thigh—and suddenly Jacob lies on the ground, crippled and helpless. But he hangs unto his opponent.

"The darkness has faded just enough so that for the first time he can dimly see his opponent's face. And what he sees there is something more terrible than the face of death—the face of love . . . the face of a man flees down all the darkness of his days until at last he cries out, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Not a blessing that he can have now by the strength of his own cunning or the force of his will, but a blessing that he can have only as a gift."

When a stubborn human being faces God head-on, something has to give! Jacob, looking into the face of God's love, gave in. Beaten, he *asks* for God's blessing. Buechner rightly calls this "A Magnificent Defeat of the Human Soul at the hands of God."

It was Jesus who led the way for us into this "Magnificent Defeat." In the Garden of Gethsemane, all that was human in Jesus wanted something that was not the Cross. He, too, wrestled with God, until, at last, *He* gave in.

Jacob's surrender was the last thing in the world he desired. Jesus found Him so painful that the sweat poured from His forehead. But "When a human being surrenders to God, and God takes over, great and wondrous things begin to happen.

Wherever you are, you may be at your Jabbok, your Gethemane. You know what *you* want. But God stands against you. You wonder why. Then it occurs to you that, in His wisdom, He may have something for you far better than what you wanted. So you ask Him to bless you, yielding your will to His. In such a surrender one can receive His best gifts!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price:—All I can say is, "Thank you" from the bottom of our hearts for your prayer ministry which has had such a decisive effect in my father's healing. He has taken a definite turn for the good and is now growing in energy, appetite, and possesses a new desire to live, and is resuming his medical practice. I am yearning for the day when such a prayer ministry can be carried on in the parish I am now serving. May our Lord continue to bless your work. —Rev. William J. Bovard (Caledonia, N.Y.)

GO TO CHURCH—Dr. Alexis Carrell, a physician, a scientist, and the co-inventor, with Charles A. Lindberg of the mechanical heart, said to a patient:

"Go to Church: You'll *feel* better."

And Dr. Carrel is not the only scientist who knows that Church going really *works*. Psychologists, whose life work is devoted to examining the minds of men, agree that individuals who attend Church get along better with themselves and with others than those who do not attend a Church.

There's a reason for that—and Dr. Carrel has put it into words as well as anyone I have ever heard.

You *do* feel better when you go to Church. You have a sense of *belonging*—belonging to a great group of people devoted to a common cause.

You get *faith* by being with faithful people.

You gain a feeling of *restfulness*—the sense of peace that comes from a quiet period of meditation undisturbed by worldly affairs. You are thus able to realize the Presence of God from which everything proceeds.

You get a feeling of *security*—the knowledge that there is one institution that has withstood the buffets of 1900 years of storm and strife.

And all these things add up to a sense of *strength*—the strength to carry on throughout the week with the inspiration given to you by a Sunday morning at Church.

Come to Church next Sunday, you'll *feel* better. May I look for you then?

Faithfully, Alfred W. Price

The Rector will preach in St. Paul's Evangelical United Brethren Church in Williamsport, Penna. Sunday evening, October 22nd.

The Fall Meeting of the Southwark Deanery will be held in Trinity Memorial Church, 2212 Spruce Street, at 3 P.M., Tuesday, October 24th. Dinner will be served at 6 P.M.

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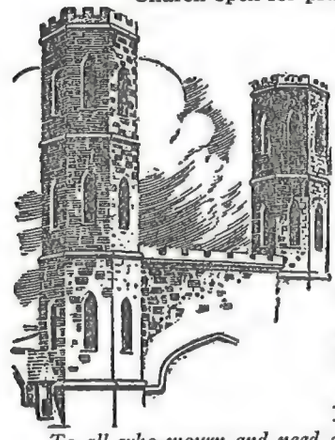
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The Prelude: "Prelude in C Miner" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, we remember before Thee the blessings that companion us on our pathway. We lift our hearts in gratitude for sunny skies and delightful days, for worthy tasks that engage our fingers and high hopes that fill our minds, for the fellowship of good neighbors and the love of dear ones far away, for the contentments of today and the expectations of tomorrow, and for all the joy that gladden our lives. Lift from our minds any burden of anxiety. May we remember that Thy compassions fail not. Help us to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Introit
The Processional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm #75, Page 431
The First Lesson: Wisdom 3:1-9
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7, 10-11a, 22, end
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
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The Anthem: The Lord Will *not* Suffer Thy Foot To Be Moved ..... *J. S. Bach*
The Lord will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not slumber; nor will He slumber. Behold! He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Sermon: "THE PLAINS OF SHINAR" ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 325 ..... *Arlington*

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DARE TO KEEP ON LOVING

Jesus was very shocking sometimes. He still is! To Nicodemus, a Churchman and a Patriot, He said, "God is so loved the world." Not "God so loved the Church", or "God so loved Israel", as Nicodemus might have expected. Instead—"God so loved the WORLD"—hated Samaritans and Romans, and all that great hodge-podge of "outsiders", people of all colors and races, good and bad—He loved *all* of them. ....

With God, there are no "outsiders." Therefore, there can be no one outside of the concern of those who dare to call themselves "Christians." Deep within us, we can draw on the infinite resources of the God who so loved the *WORLD,* that His Son, in His last words from the Cross, gathered in His loved ones and His haters with the wideness of His compassion.

So often "nice" people accept the crowd's standards—be nice to those who are nice to me; strike back at those who are hateful. But Jesus kept on caring about the hateful ones. He knew that, back of their hatefulness, lay some nightmare in their hearts, some hurt in their childhood, some lurking despair. He kept on yearning, hoping for their freedom to live and laugh and love. In the brief Gospels we find so many "outsiders" He loved and transformed—the disgraced woman caught in adultery, the Samaritan woman at the well, the crooked tax gatherer, Levi, the Roman Captain whose daughter He healed. He took His cue from His Father, Who "so loved the WORLD . . ."

There is no adventure more exciting than loving widely—not even the exploration of space. The courageous space-men make memorable discoveries, but they cannot lift people from black despair into radiant hope. And Love *can*—Love, with God in it, to transform leaden-hearted into those with a song in their hearts.

So you can step out into each fresh, new day, with the Love of God for the WORLD; and depend on His victorious power. Suddenly, as you face sullen resentment, He will give you the word, or the look on your face, that melts and transforms. Sometimes His Love in you will meet rejection, and put you on a Cross. Dare to keep on loving, for in the long run, Love always wins. As Edwin Markham wrote:

"He drew a circle that shut me out—Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout!
But Love and I had the wit to win: We drew a circle that took him in!"

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THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will hold its first meeting of the new Season after Morning Service on Sunday. October 15th, in the Community House. Mrs. Price will continue the Review of the Life of our Lord with film strip and musical selections. There will be refreshments. All Are Welcome.

The Rector wil conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Episcopal Cathedral, Easton, Maryland, Sunday evening, October 15th htrough Tuesday, October 17th.

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

One of the great events of every General Convention is the service at which the women of the Church present their United Thank Offering, which supports an enormous amount of the Missionary Work of the Church both in this country and in other places, far and near. Is is presented every three years. At the serviece in Seattle on Wednesday, September 20th at 8 P.M., the Women of the Diocese of Pennsylvania presented $251,453.89, and of this amount the Women of St. Stephen's Church have given $1,822.25. The total of the Offering presented in Seattle was $4,917,722.93.

Now another three-year Offering begins, and the Fall In-Gathering in St. Stephen's will be on Sunday, October 22nd. The contents of the Blue Boxes should be placed in the special U.T.O. Offering Envelopes and brought to Church for this presentation. Mrs. Ruth Leithead is the Custodian of the United Thank Offering of the Women of St. Stephen's Church.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Clara Robinson, Mrs. Pearce, an anonymous giver, Elizabeth B. Bowne, and Mrs. Mildred B. Fishburn.

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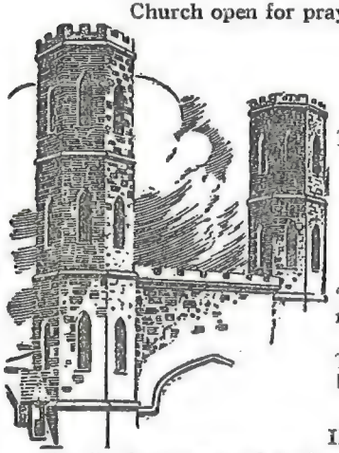
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The Introit

The Processional Hymn 308 ..... *Monkland*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #39, Page 389

The First Lesson: II Kings 6:8-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: "O Be Joyful In The Lord" ..... *Ainslee Cox*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, and come before His presence with a song. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Know ye that the Lord He is God: He hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving. O go your way into His courts with praise! Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.

The Sermon: "A PARABLE OF GROWTH" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 564 ..... *Lyons*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

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GIVE IT A TRY

Some time ago I happened to go into a Roman Catholic Church and came upon unexpected treasure. In the rack of paper-back books for sale, I found "The Bump on Brannigan's Head", by Myles Connelly. Now Brannigan was a hard-drinking man with a vile temper which erupted just often enough to hide the more lovable man under the skin. All Whittiersville knew of the terrible-tempered Tom Brannigan. Then, one Saturday night, he was slugged on the head; and when he came to—with a great aching bump at the back of his head—he began acting in the most surprising way. Gruffly he made friends with the neighbors at the back of the house, with whom he had a violent feud. He continued on the new way, with ventures in friendship which startled those who knew him, and with results that looked like miracles. The back-neighbor whom Brannigan had hated (because she played the radio so loudly) found that she was no longer deaf, and could keep her radio soft, and still hear it. There were healings in connection with other adventures in kindness. The local newspaper got hold of the story, and began to call him "St. Thomas", and the whole community picked it up. Tom was deeply embarrassed.

One of his brand new friends asked him, "Tell me something, will you mister? What makes you so uncommonly holy? Is you a saint?" Brannigan grinned, "I'm an experimenter", he said. When the newspaper-man interviewed him for a story on "The saint of Whittiersville", Brannigan exploded, "Saint of . . .—don't pull any of that stuff on me, or I'll wring your neck. I tried something and somehow it seemed to work."

Actually, the way of loving-kindness turned out to be a rough road, but Tom was a stubborn man, and he continued doggedly, hopefully. One day Josie was telling him what a wonderful saint of a man he was, and he replied, wearily, "I don't have any special angle or anything, Josie. It's all been in the Gospels for a couple of thousand years. All I did was to give it a try."

Jesus told that kind of miracle when He said, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also". And that is a fact—when anyone dares to "give it a try"!

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THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will hold its first meeting of the new Season after Morning Service on Sunday. October 15th, in the Community House. Mrs. Price will continue the Review of the Life of our Lord with film strip and musical selections. There will be refreshments. All Are Welcome.

THE WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S will meet on Thursday morning, October 19th, at 10:30, in the Community House. Messages from the Delegates of our Diocese to the Triennial Convention in Seattle, Washington, will be given. All Are Welcome.

Our thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Rev. Carl S. Berninger, Laura Roddy.

O. S. L.—Philadelphia Chapter will have the first meeting of the new Season on October 15th, at 2 P.M.—Dr. Hitner, Convenor.

PRAYER AT EVENTIDE

I bring Thee now, O God, the parcel of a completed day. For I have wrapped it in my thoughts, tied it with my acts, and stored it in the purpose for which I live.

As the evening falls and while I seek Thy face in prayer, grant unto me the joy of good friends, the curative power of new interests, the peace of the quiet heart.

Bestow upon me, Eternal Spirit, lights as darkness comes—
Light not of the sun but of the soul, not for the eye but for the mind.
Light by which to judge the errors and the wisdom of the day's work.
Light for the path that the soul must find in the tangled ways of coming days.
And grant Thou again the healing touch of sleep. Amen.

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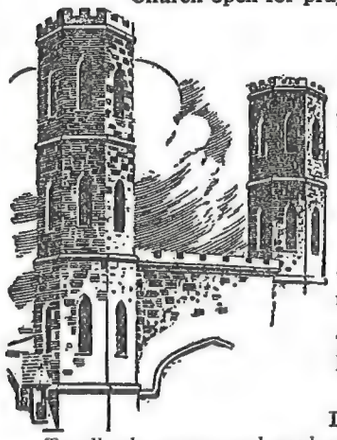
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11:00 A. M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: Le Banquet Celeste

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious God, our heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and love and power, give us grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Lift us to spiritual heights, that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. And grant that when we descend to the common ways of the world we may be so illumined by Thy light, so moved by Thy love, and so strengthened by Thy power that we shall be serene and confident and victorious. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

The Introit
The Processional Hymn 537 ..... *Moscow*
The Response to the Decalogue #708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: Dear Lord and Father ..... *Maker*
The text is Hymn #435
The Sermon: "WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION" ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 261 ..... *Tidings*
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*
The Gloria in Excelsis #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Recessional Hymn 542 ..... *Duke Street*

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Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our fevrish way; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives Thy services find, in deeper reverence praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian Sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee. O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above: Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm.

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WHAT CHRIST COMMANDS

Jesus had a way of turning up in places where He was not expected—like the cemetery in Gerasenes' country where the mad man had his hideout. People were startled by Jesus because He went to the places and the people which the "religious" people avoided. "What are you doing *there?*" the Church people kept asking.

Supreme Court Justice W. O. Douglas tells a tale of a Christian missionary who went to India to save the heathen from their blindness and bring them into the light. One day, in a crowded city, he saw a beggar seated on the pavement, his body covered with sores. He felt moved by the man's misery and went to speak to him of Christ's power to save his soul. The beggar listened for a long time. Finally he said, "You have spoken much of believing. Did your Christ say anything of how men should live?" "Yes," said the missionary, "He said that we should love one another, and we should love our neighbors as ourselves." So did all the great teachers," replied the beggar, "but which of their disciples acts upon it? You, yourself—do you do what your Christ commands?" I try to," replied the missionary. "Good," replied the beggar, "then bring me a bowl of water and wash my sores." The missionary felt a little sick. He said he would come again, when he had more time. Which he never did. But, wherever he went, the words went with him, "You yourself—do you do what your Christ commands?"; "I try to"; "Good! Then bring a bowl of water and wash my sores."

Each one of us will meet a "beggar" today or tomorrow—someone we shrink from. It could be just a physically dirty person whom most "nice" people avoid. It could be a woman with a rattle-snake tongue, who sometimes strikes us where our favorite sin lurks. It could be someone in deep pain of spirit or body, who will be wanting a big hunk of our time. It could be a "bore" who is so self-centered that he wants to talk about himself when we want to talk about ourselves. It could be someone who seems to be in love with the "wrong" person, and who wants someone who will listen. It could be almost anyone in great need, this beggar.

As we approach our next "beggar" we might be listening to a voice that asks, "Do you do what your Christ commands?"

WORKERS' COMMUNION

Sunday, October 1st is World-Wide Communion Sunday. We combine our Annual "Workers'" Communion with this of our Parish Organizations. We ask them to begin the Fall season at the Altar, to present their activities, and to ask God's blessings on all that we do.

PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

The Rector suggests that the following prayer be used by all our members and friends every day at noon.

Heavenly Father, we pray that Philadelphia may be a city that hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God. May we have just laws, citizens with love and righteousness in their hearts, neighborhoods of friends of every race and Creed, young people preparing for a better future.

I pray for the power of the Presence of God in this city, and in every city of our land. I pray that I may do nothing to fan the flames of fear, suspicion or hatred, but that my every thought, word and deed may increase a spirit of Christian Love and understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GUEST SPEAKER

On Thursday, October 5th we shall have the great privilege of the presence to speak to the congregation at both Healing Services—12:30 and 5:30 P.M., of Dr. Edward Falla Aubert, M.D., Director of Burrswood, Kent, England. He will tell of the famous Dorothy Kerin, her miraculous healing, her life's work, and the relationship of religion and medicine as practiced at Burrswood.—COME AND BRING A FRIEND.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Fair Street Reformed Church, Kingston, New York, on Sunday evening through Tuesday, October 1st-3rd, inclusive.

The Rector participated in a Panel Discussion on "Death—A Period Of Transition" with the Professional Staff of the Educational Program of Jefferson Medical College on September 26th.

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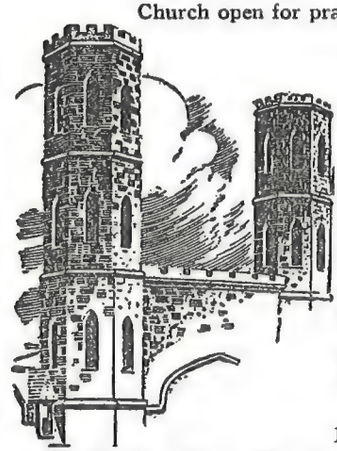
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The Prelude: "Aria" ..... *Flor Peeters*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, Thou lover of mankind, in whose hand is the life of every living creature; we lift our hearts to Thee in grateful devotion. Thou hast given us our yesterdays, and their record is within Thy book of remembrance. Our tomorrows are within Thy loving care. Today is ours. Help us this day to produce glad music at the console of the organ of life. We would lightly touch the keys of rejoicing, strike the chords of inner harmony, and sound the deeper notes of enduring faith. Open our eyes to the gladness of wayside mercies—budding flowers, trembling leaves, fleecy clouds, radiant dawn, and quiet evening. Awaken our minds to the beauty of form and color and to all of nature's loveliness. Teach us to find music in the charm of conversation and the laughter of little children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 288 ..... *Hanover*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 116, Page 486
The First Lesson: Eccl. 12
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:41-52
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: Only-Begotten Word of God Eternal ..... *Allanson Brown*

Only-begotten Word of God eternal, Lord of creation, merciful and mighty, list to Thy servants, when their tuneful voices raise to Thy presence. Lord, we beseech Thee, as we throng Thy temple, by Thy past blessings, by Thy present bounty, smile on thy children, and with tender mercy, hear our petitions. God in Three Persons, Father everlasting, Son, Co-eternal, ever blessed Spirit, Thine be the glory, praise and adoration, now and forever.

The Sermon: DEAR NAMES AND FAR PLACES ..... *The Rector*
The Offertory Hymn 424 ..... *Vox Dilecti*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 519 ..... *Ebenezer*

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BEER INTO FURNITURE

When Jesus spoke of the necessity of being "born again," Nicodemus said, "How can these things happen?" A learned teacher, it is probable that Nicodemus knew very well what Jesus was talking about, but it made him feel uncomfortable. He was admitting a possibility of the new birth, but he did not want to see how it could happen *to him!*

Now the Hebrew word "ruach" means "spirit." It also means "wind." So Jesus smiled quietly at the uncomfortable teacher, and reminded him that one doesn't understand just how the wind works, but one can see what it does. You do not sit on the shore and philosophize about the mystery of the wind—you get into your boat and hoist the sail!

Jesus could really communicate with people, even very respectable learned, religious people. Jesus "reached" Nicodemus, for the scholar, later on, went to the governor, with Joseph of Arimathea, to claim Jesus' body. To do so courageous and "unrespectable" an act, he *must* have been born again. He may not have found out just how the Spirit works—but he had opened his heart and let it work a miracle in him!

William Barclay tells of a workman who had been a drunken reprobate, and then was converted. His work-mates did their best to make him feel foolish. "Surely," they said to him, "you can't believe in miracles and things like that. Surely you don't believe that Jesus turned water into wine." "I don't know," the man answered, "whether He turned water into wine when He was in Palestine, but I do know that in my own house He has turned beer into furniture!" Barclay goes on to note how many things we use without understanding how they work—television, telephone, automobiles. We know how to reach out our hand, and take advantage of their powers.

So Nicodemus gave up fussing over the mystery of God's Spirit—instead he let it into his heart, to transform his life. Willing to obey that Spirit, he became a different man.

Let the same Loving Spirit take hold of you, direct your life, and you will find yourself in the middle of a miracle as great as any done long years ago in Palestine!

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—Rita Catalano (Phila., Pa.)

ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONFERENCE

5,317 people attended the various sessions of the four-day International Conference on the Church's Ministry of Healing held in St. Stephen's Church September 10th through 13th.

30 Denominations were represented; clergy and laymen came from 25 States, eight from overseas countries: Australia, Congo, Africa, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Liberia, India, England and Canada. There were 78 clergymen present. There were 17 speakers and 37 addresses. 50 new members were inducted into the Order. Some 1600 persons enjoyed the Social Hour Periods in the Community House.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Mrs. Madeline Keller who supervised all the activity in the Community House, and to her twenty volunteers for their untiring efforts. Our devoted Verger, Mr. Clifton Johnson and his wife prepared and cooked the fine menu, and nearly 200 people enjoyed the excellent Tuesday dinner. Miss Hazel Bainbridge did a magnificent and flawless job in managing the ushers, offerings, healing and Communion Services.

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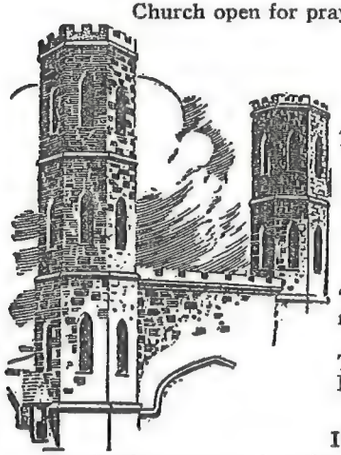
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The Prelude: "Antiphons" ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father, we assemble in the name that is above every name, to offer Thee our heart's devotion. We thank Thee for this quiet hour in this hallowed place. Here the pressure of life is lifted. Here the shallow desires of earth are stilled. Here the deep hunger of our hearts is satisfied. Bless us this hour. Reach our souls with Thy Spirit. Grant that our familiarity with the outward symbol may not close our hearts to the inflow of Thy power, and that limitations in the human medium through which Thy Word is spoken man not dim our eyes to its splendor. May Thy Word be a light to our path and eternal life to our souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 86, Page 447

The First Lesson: Daniel 6:1-23

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-18, 31 to end

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other Hope in heaven, or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Let All The World ..... *Robert Baker*

Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King! The heav'ns are not too high, His grace may tither fly! The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. The Church with psalms must shout; no door can keep them out! But above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing my God and King!

The Sermon: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 414 (Tune to 450) ..... *Martyrdom*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors, Closing Prayers, Benediction

The Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Kathryn Miller in memory of Miss Ann E. Eisenbrey; and by F.G.H. in memory of Lillian Jeffries Hay.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Elmer Carll

5:30 P.M.—Holy Communion & Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling

6:30 P.M.—Social Hour in the Parish House

RESHAPING OUR ATTITUDES

Jesus was a most embarassing Person—He upset the religious leaders of His day so profoundly that they had to get rid of Him. One day He went right to the heart of the matter:

"Why do you look at the speck of saw-dust in your brother's eye, with never a thought for the great plank in your own? Or how can you say to your brother, 'let me take the speck out of your eye, and at the same time there is a plank in your own? You hypocrite! First take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's." (New English translation)

This speaks directly to me. I find myself often tempted to judge others, to say, "So-and-so is terribly irritable. . ." Then I come bang against what Jesus said, just before the verse quoted above, "Pass no judgment, and you will not be judged. . ." *"Pass no judgment"*—that hits me where I live!

But, Hallelujah; Paul points out that, with every temptation, God provides an escape. Here is an escape-route out of temptation to judge. Instead of saying, "What is it in that person that so gets my goat?," ask a very different question—"What is there in *me* that lets my goat be gotten by that person?" So God is invited to shed light on *my* shadowy ways. God may well show me that I'm irritated by that person because they are so apt to be right and I'm so apt to be wrong. Or because I have allowed myself to remain the prisoner of some special sin, whereas this other person is winning God's growing victory. Or because I have let myself sag into a frustrated old-age groove (at 16 or 60), while the other person has kept young and adventurous in spirit (at 16 or 60). This discovery is most unpleasant, until we let God deal with it.

When we honestly face our own plank, and ask God's help to remove it, then things begin to happen! Our passion to reform the other person gets under control as soon as we seek God's help in reforming (reforming equals re-forming: equals re-shaping) *our* attitudes. We find that letting God transform me into a more lovable and understanding person is about all we can handle. The miracle is that He *can* change me—and He does, when I am willing. He can even increase my capacity to love others—so much so that our lives become richer, more used and more useful. One slips off to sleep at night with a new peace of heart—God's peace.

So—out with the plank—and on to adventure and freedom!

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MIDDLE EAST RELIEF

Our Presiding Bishop suggests that Sunday, September 17th be observed as Refugee Sunday. A spontaneous outpouring is needed from all Episcopalians all across America. It is our response to the urgent call to aid war victims throughout the Middle East and to restart compassionate work among the distressed of all religions and nationalities in every country affected by the conflict.

The Milk Can on the steps of St. Stephen's Church has been used for distressed persons overseas for the past 25 years. A quarter of a million dollars in food has been provided for this purpose during these war years through the contributions of old men, women and children who are homeless, hungry, sick and afraid is truly urgent. Make your generous gift to the Milk Can or Sunday, or whenever you pass the Church.

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ENGAGEMENT

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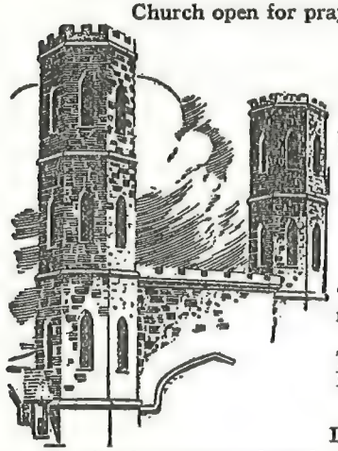
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The Prelude: "Sinfonia con Tromba in D.....*Torrelli*

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The Introit
The Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
Psalm 57, Page 409
The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14
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The Period of Silent Meditation:

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The Anthem: Selection from "Elijah" ..... *Mendelssohn*

a. Recitative (Soprano)

What have I to do with thee, O man of God?—Art thou come to me to call my sin unto remembrance? to slay my son, art thou come hither? Help me, man of God, my son is sick! And his sickness is so sore that there is no breath left in him! I go mourning all the day long, I lie down and weep at night! See mine affliction, be thou the orphan's helper—help my son, there is no breath life in him!

b. Recitative (Baritone)

Give me thy son. Turn unto her, O Lord, my God; in mercy help this wodow's son! For Thou art gracious, and full of compassion, and plenteous in truth and in mercy. Lord, my God, let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

c. Chorus:

Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the ways of peace.

The Sermon: "THE HEALING OF JESUS" .....The Rev. George Bennett
Director, The Divine Healing Mission, and Warden of
Crowhurst Home of England

The Offertory Hymn 483 ..... *Consolation*
The Recessional Hymn 408 ..... *Hollingside*
Postlude: "Trumpet Tune" ..... *Stanley*

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(This is in the rear of the Church)

7:30 P.M.—Address by the Rev. G. L. Ascough, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia: "PASTORAL COUNSELLING AND THE HEALING MINISTRY"
Address by Mrs. Elizabeth Gethin, R.N., Prayer Leader, Pittsburgh, Pa.: "A NURSE LOOKS AT PRAYER"
Address by the Rev. Harry M. Warren, D.D., Founder National Save-A-Life League, 505 - 5th Ave., New York City.

MEDICINE AND RELIGION

The faith of the individual patient is a vital factor in total health. It is not a matter of whether we agree or disagree or accept this particular type or degree of faith. The patient has faith and we must treat the patient within the realm of his faith."

These words appear in a pamphlet published by the American Medical Association's Department of Medicine and Religion. They point up a medical fact of life—man cannot be divided neatly into segments and treated successfully in segments. His hungers . . . his fears . . . his weaknesses . . . physical or mental, overflow onto the whole man and affect his total health.

Recognizing this. physicians and clergymen are working together today with a degree of mutual regard that is dissolving communication barirers between scientists and theologians.

At the national and local level, in medical school seminars and medical society meetings, in the pre-dawn quiet of hospital corridors, ministers and physicians are helping each other help patients.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Dr. Victor Frankl, a member of the Medical Faculty of the University of Vienna, in an address made in 1958 has this to say about the meaning of life:

"In my opinion," said Dr. Frankl, "man is dominated neither by the will-to-pleasure (Freud) nor by the will-to-power (Adler), but by what I call the will-to-meaning; that is to say, his deep-seated striving and struggle for a higher and ultimate meaning to his existence. This is his mission in life—his unique task." He then went on to describe his experiences as a prisoner in a concentration camp during the Second World War! Everyone in the camp was suffering; at one time he thought he himself was dying. In reference to that experince he said, "While the concern of most in the camp was: 'will we survive the camp? For if not, all this suffering makes no sense'; the question for me was, 'Has all this suffering, this dying around us, a meaning? For if not, there is no sense to surviving.'"

CANCER

About 12 months ago I had reason, in the course of my work, to go to see Sir Cecil Wakeley who is undoubtedly the most remarkble surgeon we have in England, and foremost in the work of searching for the cause and cure of cancer. In his own office in the headquarters of the Imperial Cancer Research, we talked and he got out his Bible (a wonderful thing to have a surgeon with a Bible in his desk) and we looked at it together—and he said:—"Yes, cancer is one of the diseases that came out of Egypt, and in my view, not until this nation returns to God, listens to God, does what is right, observes the statutes of God, are we going to be released from the curse of cancer." (The Rev. Canon Wallace Bird).

"Man is the only creature who can talk himself into a tizzy (or nervous breakdown). He is also the only creature who, by talking though, can talk himself out of his troubles. Our problem is to figure out how to use "the magic words" to pilot us out of a sea of troubles into the promised land of a happier life."—David Harold Fink, M.D.

ANOTHER DOCTOR:

Dr. Garfield G. Duncan, Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, declares: "The wise physician never discounts the healing power of faith, the handmadien of prayer. Often he has felt the inward courage of a patient about to undergo a serious operation. He has observed the lack of fear and the abiding faith in the patient who has learned that his survival time is short. He has seen the remarkable convalescence affected favorably by the faith and prayers of the patient, his friends and relatives who visit him, and of his clergyman. All is well with a man who has established this means of grace and source of inspiration and strength, this handclasp with God in his daily living. The power of prayer is intangible. It is difficult to define, but those who gained access to this power know of its force for good. The results of prayer are not intangible. They are very practical expriences which can be measured in terms of peace of mind, of increased well-being, and of the jof of living."

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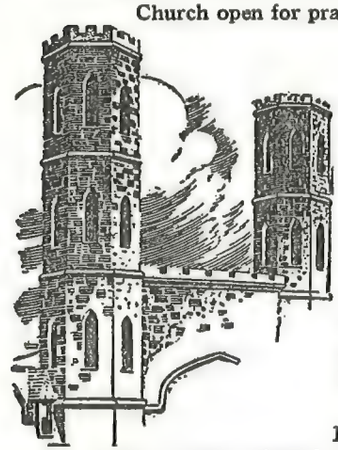
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The Prelude: "My Heart Is Filled With Longing" ..... *Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us; inspire all our thoughts; pervade our imaginations; suggest all our decisions; order all our doings. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in company and solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times humbly to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... *J. S. Bach*
Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright; drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with fire of life impassion'd. Striving still to truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round Thy trone.

The Sermon: THE DEAL OR THE GAME? ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 570 (tune, 349) ..... *Watermouth*

The Sanctus, #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*

The Gloria in Excelsis, #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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SPREAD ABROAD THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE—which begins next Sunday, September 10th. Bishops, Clergymen, Doctors and Laymen will bring helpful addresses on the Church's Ministry of Healing. The Rev. George Bennett, Director of The Divine Healing Mission, and Warden of Crowhurst Home of England, will preach at the 11 O'clock service: "The Healing Touch of Jesus."

At the evening Session, 7:30 P.M. addresses by three noted speakers on various aspects of the Healing Ministry.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Noonday brief preaching service; afternoon session at 2:30; evening session at 7:30.

We need the help of members of the congregation to serve as ushers.

EXCITING ADVENTURE

There is a Roman Catholic Order of "The Little Brothers and Sisters of Jesus." Their task it to work in the very poorest sections of the industrial cities of France and among the Algerians in North Africa. When they join their Order, they promise that they will never mention the name of Jesus unless someone asks them why they have chosen to live among the poor. Harvey Cox, in passing on this story, comments, "Perhaps this is the kind of reticence we should be learning today."

We Church people are inclined to talk too much, aren't we! A young woman was coming to her Pastor to talk over a marital problem. He listened as she told of her own faith; and how her husband had no interest in Church-going, or "being saved." He would not even talk with her about faith. Little, by little, however, it became apparent that he was a devoted father, taking an unusual amount of the care of their children; and a self-giving husband. One day the Pastor quietly observed to her, "it strikes me that you have been talking a very good religion, while your husband has been practicing it without talk." She blinked for a moment, and replied, "You are right." From that day on, there came a new peace and loving-kindness into that household—less talk, more Christian living!

James, in his great Epistle, catches Jesus' emphasis on action: "My brothers, what use is it for a man to say he has faith when he does nothing to show it? Suppose a brother or sister in rags with not enough food for the day, and one of you says, "Good luck to you, keep yourself warm, and have plenty to eat," but does nothing to supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, with faith; if it does not lead to action, it is in itself a lifeless thing." —(*New English Translation*)

Christianity is an incarnation—faith, an in-the-flesh belief. Just as God became real in the blood-and-bones life of Jesus, so God expects that we will welcome Jesus to become real and living in *us*. This is costly business—it means that I let Him "take over." Strenuous? Yes!! But, as James says, "As the body is dead when there is no breath left in it, so faith divorced from deeds is lifeless as a corpse."

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—Charles S. Henerey (Bamberg, S.C.)

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To Continue Christ's Faithful Servant"

Dec. 30th—Albert Russell Brooks
April 9th—William Robert McCullough
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MARRIAGES

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together, Let No Man Put Asunder"

June 10th—Robert M. George - Julia J. DiQuattro
August 19th—David C. Spaeth - Dorothy J. Chew

BURIALS

"From Strength To Strength in the Life of Perfect Service

Feb. 1st—Rose Hublitz
Feb. 20th—Lauraine F. Taylor
Mar. 22nd—Nicholas D. Colonna
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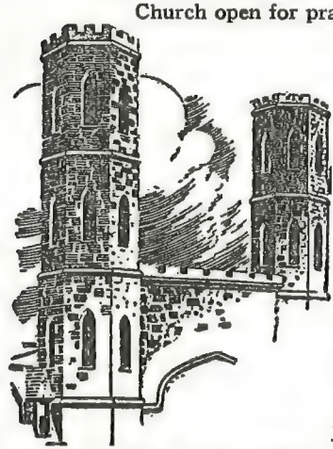
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The Prelude: "In Dulce Jubilo" ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and most merciful God, whose fatherly concern broods over all Thy creatures; descend upon us, we pray Thee, as the spirit of quietness, that we may be prepared in heart and mind to receive Thy blessings. Make us aware of wider horizons. Take from our eyes the film of selfishness, and give unto us the spirit of generosity, so that we may see how fair and gracious life may become. Let us welcome the larger heart and kindlier hand, and help us to enter more fully into the joys of following Jesus; we ask in His name. Amen.

The Procesional Hymn 236 ..... *Irby*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #86, Page 447

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:1-18

The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal

The Anthem: Recitative—"Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive" ..... *Handel*

Behold! A Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel: God with us.

Aria: "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" ..... *Handel*

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! O Thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! Lift it up, be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy Light is come; and the glory of the Lord is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen up thee.

The Sermon Hymn 220 ..... *Toulon*

The Sermon: "THE PROPHETS" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem: "For Unto Us A Child is Born" ..... *Handel*

The Presentation and Doxology

The Recessional Hymn 11 ..... *St. Stephen*

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EMMANUEL

The breath-taking wonder of Christmas is a God who came on earth because He loved "the little people" so much.

The Old Testament Prophets had courageously predicted a kingly God Who would some day come to earth, but was still far away. They had prophesied a God Who loved Israel as Hosea loved his unfaithful wife, but still a God men could not know or *see*. Here was hope, but hope unfulfilled. Still the little people plodded on, loaded down with the burden of life, with sometimes a ray of hope that God might come.

Then, on the first Christmas Day, He CAME! Emmanuel, "God with us", here and now in everyday's living. They saw Him lift up the broken lives with His love; Heal the sick lives with His caring power; Warm the cold lives to a new strength of love. For He had "to announce Good News to the poor, to proclaim release for the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind; to let the broken victims go free. . . ." He had come, not for the high-and-mighty, but for the little people—US!

He had come for the numberless hosts of people loaded down with the sense of blundering and sin; disheartened because they had not done better by those who depended on them. He had come for those who were bound by the grip of old guilt, who knew no way out of their hopelessness. And here He was among them, saying, "Neither do I condemn thee—go and sin no more." This was a God who forgives, and sets men on a new brave path toward a rising sun. They *saw* Him, this forgiving, redeeming God, in Jesus—just as you see Him today in the precious lives in which He lives and works.

Yes, He came for little people like you and me! As Paul Lawrence Dunbar put it into words:

"Po'li'l black sheep dat strayed away, done los' in de win' an' rain;
An' de Shepherd he say, 'Oh hirelin', go fin' My sheep again.'
An' de hirelin' say, 'Oh, Shepherd, dat sheep is black an' bad,'
But de Shepherd He smile lak dat li'l black sheep was de onliest lamb He had.
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—Grace C. Lynch (Centerville, Maryland).

NOTEWORTHY NEWS ABOUT SCOUTS: Albert Sheehan, Scout Master, Troop #2, of St. Stephen's, has been honored by the receipt of the Distinguished Service Award from the Liberty District of the Philadelphia Council, American Boy Scouts, in recognition of 25 years excellent service with the Organization. Our sincere congraulations, Al.

Paul Schmid, son of the Clerk of St. Stephen's Vestry, has earned and received the rank of Eagle Scout. We wish to extend our sincere congratulations to this fine young man also.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will hold its regular meeting after Church service on Sunday, December 17th, when Wassail will be served. The Review of the Life of our Lord will continue with events on and around the Galilean Lake. All are welcome.

YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPES for the year 1968 will be ready for you today. They are arranged in alphabetical order on the table in the rear of the Church. We will appreciate it if you will pick up your box of envelopes so as to prevent damage if and when they have to go through the mail.

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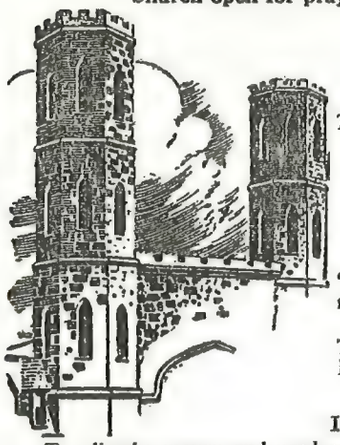
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, who has taught us in Thy Word that we are members one of another, we bring to Thee the record of our lives, stained with the memories of offences against our brethren. We confess before Thee the indifference that has wounded the brokenhearted, the cynicism that has frozen the enthusiasm of youth, the cruelty that has checked the gentle confidence of age, and all our sins of indolence and neglect. Grant us Thy pardon. Teach us, so far as lies in our power, to make amends. And grant us wisdom to chose whatever things are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and of good repor ; htrough Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Processional Hymn 2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #50, Page 401

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 4:14-32

The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Thus Saith The Lord" (Recitative Baritone)
"For He Is Like A Refiner's Fire" (Aria) ..... *Messiah, Handel*

The Sermon Hymn 402 ..... *Munich*

The Sermon: "THE BIBLE TODAY" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem: "And He Shall Purify" (Messiah) ..... *Handel*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 5 ..... *St. Thomas*

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YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

Today we are asking ourselves how best to prepare for Christmas. The answer, for a Christian, is simple—pray for the people on your Christmas List, those people for whom you have not been able to think of a suitable gift. To do this is to obey the basic law of Christ—'Thou shalt love"—and simply apply it to your Christmas praying.

In other words, make a fresh list of those people for whom you have no gift. One by one, lift each name to God, seeing their face as you pray. Just let God speak to you, when He is ready—about each one, and their real need, their heart's desire. In God's light you will find yourself filling in the right gift, after each name. It will take some time.

For a few, the gift will simply be a letter, or a specially loving Christmas Card, with a few loving words from you. These are people who will be happiest if you simply send them something of yourself, your memories, your love, your news of yourself. With others God may direct you to a present which will satisfy some special need, or hope—something you might never have thought of without God's help. Real prayer moves on to action. As Evelyn Underhill points out, "Each time you take a human soul into your prayer, you accept from God a piece of spiritual work with all it costs without—a task which may mean for you spiritual exhaustion and darkness, and . . . suffering, the cross."

Thus your Christmas list will be more than things. It will include hard work, forgiveness asked, and foregiveness given. It may lead you to a search among old letters, to find that one in which your friend's father said how proud he was of his child—what a Christmas present that letter would make! It may result in giving a book in which you share a newvision with your friend—for him, a new door into freedom.

This will be a costly list. In terms of money, it may cost far less than usual (thus leaving you a tidy sum to give for those dying of hunger). But, in terms of YOU, it will cost more. It is the costly gifts that bless people.

Trust God to find out your Christmas List. Then your Christmas will truly be the celebration of the birthday of the God of Love!

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There are many people who do not technically belong to St. Stephen's Church but who for the time being make this their Church. There are always a considerable number of them who bind their tie closer by making a committed gift to the Church. They will find Pledge Cards in the pews.

If everyone in a congregation such as our does his part and considers seriously what the Church has given to him and what he can give to the Church, we should have no difficulty in fulfilling what we believe to be the opportunity of this Parish

THE FIVE SURPRISES OF TITHING . . . A person who has practised tithing for many years says that if any Christian tithes, he will have FIVE surprises: he will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in giving the tithe.
3. At the ease of going from the tithe to larger living.
4. At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and a wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
5. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

We wish to thank these helpers who sent in U.T.O. Envelopes: Frances F. Bailey, Mildred W. Leach, Mrs. Charles A. Livezly, Jane MacLeod, Lena Wilmer.

We want, also, to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Eloise P. Hutt and Elena Lynch.

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

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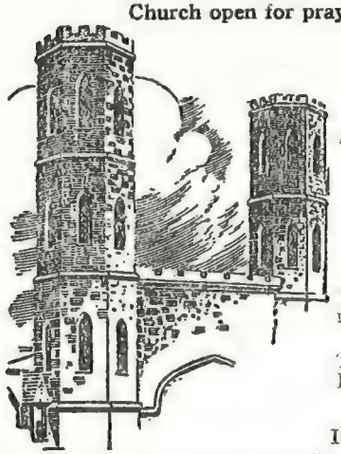
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The Prelude: "Come Savior of the Gentiles, Come".....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou, who art the Light of the World, the desire of all nations, and the shepherd of our souls; let Thy Light shine in the darkness, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God; by the lifting up of Thy Cross gather the peoples to Thine obedience, so that there may be one flock, One Shepherd, one holy kingdom of righteousness and peace. one God and Father of us all, above all, and through all, and in all. Amen.

The Choral Introit
The Processional Hymn 1 .....*Stuttgart*
The Summary of the Law
The Three-fold Kyrie, Hymnal #709 .....*Willan*
The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739.....*Old Scottish Chant*
The Ministry of the Word
The Collect
The Epistle
The Gospel
The Sermon Hymn 5 .....*St. Thomas*
The Sermon: THE PROPOSED NEW LITURGY .....*The Rector*
The Nicene Creed
The Penitential Order—pages 25, 26
The Prayer of Intercession (Pages 13, 15)—THE NEW LITURGY
The Offertory
The Offertory Anthem: "And the Glory of the Lord" (Messiah) .....*Handel*
The Doxology
THE LORD BE WITH YOU
And With Your Spirit
The Sursum Corda, Hymnal #734
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 205 .....*Oblation*
The Recessional Hymn 4 .....*Greenland*

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THE GREAT DELIVERER

Sometimes we feel trapped; we just cannot break free!

One Summer a vacationing family stopped to picnuic at a State Park. The adventurous four-year-old trudged off to explore. Finding a wooden platform with a trap-door in it, he managed to pull it open. But he leaned too far, and fell right into the garbage-pit! The trap-door slammed shut above him. It was very, very dark and very, very smelley down there. He couldn't get out. So he shouted for help, and his mother heard the faint, muffled little voice, and pulled him out. There are times when we desperately need a deliverer!

So many of us find ourselves sitting in a very smelly darkness we have made for ourselves. It may be chronic self-pity that landed us in helpless discouragement. Or it may be our hair-trigger inclination to resentment. There we are—in the dark, with the smell of our selfishness all around us. And we are helpless to get out unless someone comes.

The wondrous news of Christmas is that Some One did come! "Do not be afraid; I have good news for you . . . today in the City of David a Deliverer has been born to you—The Messiah, the Lord" Christmas is the birthday of the Great Deliverer.

There is no depth of hopeless darkness from which He cannot lift us. True, He sometimes leaves us with a physical handicap like Polio, or blinded eyes; or confined to a wheelchair. But He does *always* deliver us from the power of the handicap over us. Some people make a wheelchair look like a triumphant chariot! They are grateful to God for giving them the victory over their handicap.

To open the door for the Deliverer, you simply open your heart to Him; and you invite Him to come in, and have His way there. You are tired of managing your own life, and you want Him to live there, and be free to work through you. You turn yourself over to His directing, and He goes to work. You find Him giving happiness to people, through you. Yon find freedom from yourself. You call, and He comes—the Deliverer.

When there are enough people with room in their hearts for Him, then this tumultuous world will become heaven. It will be at Peace, under Him. In the meantime, there will be a bit of heaven around every life where He is at work—every life like *yours!*

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—(Mrs. Clara Anderson, Fargo, No. Dakota.)

Mrs. Margaret Stanley, Chapel for the Hard of Hearing Custodian of the U.T.O., wishes to thank these contributors: Mrs. Louise M. Price, Dorothy Morrison, Mrs. Beatrice Merrow, Mrs. Emily Weber, Mrs. Douglas Cole, Gertrude Bergen, Elizabeth Hawley, Gladys Given, Mrs. Francis Spratt, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, Mr. Edward Sutton, Mr. Lester Henninger, Mrs. Francis Beecher, Elmer Newkirk, Mrs. Robert Marshall, Mrs. Florence Schuh, Mrs. James Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Godshall, Mrs. Alexander McCreight, Dora Kronmaier and Mrs. William Charles.

AN ADVENT QUIET MORNING for Episcopal Churchwomen will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, on December 6th at 10:00 A.M. The Conductor will be the Rt. Rev. Angus Dunn.

Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Frances F. Bailey, Mrs. Eda MacPhee, Mr. & Mrs. Herman A. Williams, Louise Braun, Mrs. Marie Chase Cole.

The Rector will preach in Christ Church, Woodbury, New Jersey on Tuesday, December 5 at 8:00 P.M.

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(b) Pastorale ..... *G. F. Handel*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Honor and Majesty attend Thy ways, O Lord; strength and beauty are in Thy sanctuary. We thank Thee for sunlit memories of transforming moments when the Gates of Heaven opened, and we heard Thy voice and received Thy blessing. Descend upon us now with Thy gracious Power. Cleanse us from evil. Widen our spiritual horizons. And grant that this hour of worship may be filled with Thy Holiness; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" ..... *Plainchant*

The Processional Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #116, Page 486

The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:1-13

The Benedictus, Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: Recit. "There Were Shepherds Abiding In The Field"
Chorus: "Glory To God In The Highest" (Messiah) ..... *Handel*

The Sermon Hymn 19 ..... *Carol*

The Sermon: "THE MAGNIFICAT" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Anthem: "A Babe In A Cradle" ..... *Corner (Arr.)*

The Presentation, Doxology

The Recessional Hymn 30 ..... *The First Nowel*

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—Mr. Don Wible (St. Thomas, Penna.)

CHRISTMAS DAY—11 A.M.

The Prelude: (a) In Dulce Jubilo ..... *J. S. Bach*
(b) Greensleeves ..... *Purvis*

The Choral Introit: "Chirstmas, Awake!"

The Processional Hymn 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*

The Kyrie #709 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Christmas Day" ..... *Gustav Holst*

The Sermon: "DOWN TO EARTH RELIGION" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 27 ..... *Mendelssohn*

The Sanctus, #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn #39 (The Choir) ..... *Corner*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 319 ..... *Antioch*

PASS IT ON

David was saying "Good-bye' to his aunt and uncle. Years ago when he was only seven and an orphan, they had taken him into their home and raised him. David looked at them with the rough peddler's hands from years of selling fruit and vegetables, and he grabbed the rough hands, exclaiming, "How can I ever begin to repay you two, for what you've done for me!" Uncle Asher spoke gently, "David, there's a saying—'the love of parents goes to their children, but the love of these children go to *their* children.' David protested, "I'll always be trying to . . ." His aunt interrupted, "David, what your uncle Asher means is that a parents' love isn't to be paid back; *it can only be passed on.*"

So Robert Raines—in his book "Creative Brooding"—gives us the clue for Christmas.

For, on Chirstmas Day, our memories are flooded with golden remembance of love poured out on us, as far back as we can remember. The climate of love at Christmas-time when we were little children. Or it might be a memorable aunt or uncle who thought of me as "special"; or a teacher who had time to share with me the riches of Kipling or of St. Francis of Assisi. It could be someone, who, at a bewildering crisis in my life, stepped into the room and brought hope, and the beginning of confidence. You know that you cannot repay these treasured people for their love. You can only pass it on!

Deeper still, Christmas Day reminds us of God who has loved us so patiently, so everlastingly, that we want to repay Him. But that is not what God wants. Rather, Jesus said, ". . . if I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet . . . as I have loved you, so you ought to love one another." So Christmas Day is the earthly birthday of a God who loves us, and just does not want to be paid back. He bids us to pass on that ever-redeeming, ever-joy-giving love.

As God gave Himself to us on Christmas Day, so we are to give ourselves to others. Your Christmas, 1967, can celebrate His coming by some special act of love for someone in need of it. Take a half hour, quietly asking Him who it is that needs your loving-kindness most, and what you can do for them—a telephone call, a letter, a forgiveness, an apology, a warm and personal call . . . You cannot repay God for His love, but you can give Him joy by passing it on!

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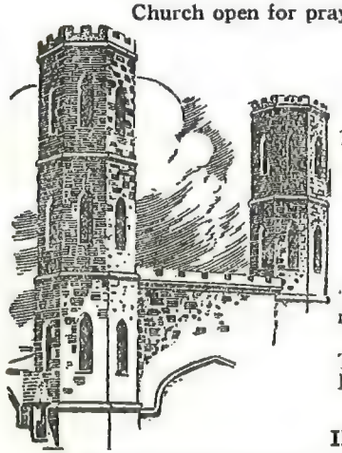
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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "The Old Year Hath Passed Away".....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, cleanse our spiritual vision. Open our eyes to the glory of the life of consecration. Let light fall upon our pathway. Help us to see more clearly the radiance of Him who is the Light of the world, and in His Light may we see light. Invade our hearts with Thy quietness. Calm our restlessness. Help us to put our trust in Thee. Grant us the peace of mind that steadies and comforts in every time of need. Lift our burden of carefulness. Set us free from anxiety. Deliver us from the fret of hard circumstance and uphold us with Thy free spirit. In

The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn 42 .....*Gloria*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 148, page 524

The First Lesson: I Samuel 1:v.20

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:22-40

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: Thou Child Divine ..... *Robert Elmore*

Thou Child Divine, Immanuel, welcome unto Thy humble manger. With heart-felt joy, Thy birth we hail, and greet with song the heav'ly stranger. Our doubts and fears and sadness are turned to joy and gladness. Good will to men and peace on earth are now declared by a Saviour's birth. Hosanna! Hosanna!

The Sermon: "THE STRAIT GATE' .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 43 ..... *Cradle Song*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 36 .....*Greensleeves*

The flowers on our altar today are in memory of Frederick Schmid by his son, Frederick Schmid and daughters, Mrs. John Spear.

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SCARECROW

The Lord, our Father, does let painful things happen to us. He lets heavy and frightening handicaps make our lives difficult. We live in a dangerous world, and these negative things can happen, do happen, to saints and sinners alike. Not that He deliberately sends these experiences to us but that we are not puppets on a string and therefore have freedom of choice. The strange truth is that we protest and complain about these trials, never suspecting that He has hidden treasures in them for us to find.

Hannah Hunard spent the first 20 years of her life in misery. "I was a miserable, morbid, self-centered person who never felt any love for anyone, shut up in my own torment. Till I was 19, I never remember feeling happy . . . I had two hateful and tormenting handicaps. One, a horrible stammer . . . until I was 19, I never went into a shop alone, nor onto a bus or a train . . . At school I suffered torments. The other handicap was, in some ways, worse than the stammer. I was obsessed by tormenting fears . . . terror of the dark, terror of heights, terror of crowds . . . and daily and nightly a horror of death." Then, one glorious day, her prayers were answered, God became real, and she gave herself to Him; and her transformation began. One day she came across Frank Boreham's Sermon of "Scarecrows":

"As with the Virgins in the Parable, so with the birds of the field. There are two kinds, the wise and the foolish . . . A WISE BIRD KNOWS THAT A SCARECROW IS SIMPLY AN ADVERTISEMENT. It anounces in a most forceful and picturesque way, that in the warden, which it does its best to adorn, some very juicy and delicious food is to be found for the picking. THERE ARE SCARECROWS IN ALL THE BEST GARDENS. Every thoughtful bird learns in time to *regard a scarecrow as an invitation to a banquet.* He feels as a hungry man feels when he hears the dinner-bell ring; and swoops down on the delicacies to which the scarecrow calls him. If I am wise, *I too shall treat the scarecrow as though it were a* dinner-bell . . . Every giant in the world which makes me feel like a grasshopper is only a scarecrow beckoning me to God's richest blessings. FAITH is a bird that loves to perch on scarecrows. She knows that there are scarecrows wherever there are strawberries. All our fears are groundless."

It is a new thought for many of us, to think of our night-mare terrors as signs welcoming us to a banquet. But Hannah Hurnard found that this is true in actual, day-to-day living. She found, rich by each of her most dreadful-looking scarecrows, the richest treasures of God's rich grace and loving-kindness. She found, at last, how wonderful He is in His abounding Providence.

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PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

"To continue Christ's Faithful Servant."

Sept. 20th—Elizabeth Anne Stout
Nov. 1st—Barbara Francis Faraday

BURIALS

"From Strength to Strength in the Life of Perfect Service"

August 21st—Laura J. Wareham
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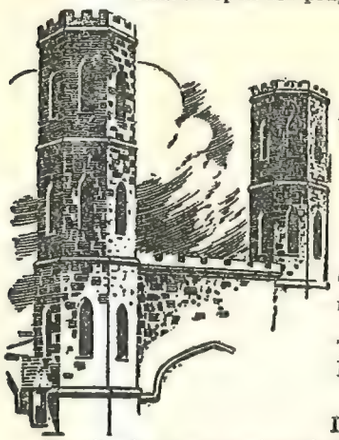
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The Prelude: "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" .....*Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy whole Church throughout the world. Fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it: where it is superstitious, cleanse it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches thereof; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn 46 .....*Morning Star*

The Response to the Decalogue #708 .....*Willan*

The Anthem: "How Brightly Beams The Morning Star" .....*Robert Elmore*

How brightly beams the Morning Star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining! Brightness of God that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light, who long for truth were pining! Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw Thou near us. Great Immanuel, come and hear us.

The Sermon:

"RELEVANTS FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE"—I- TIME

The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer

The Offertory Hymn ~~301~~ 541 .....*St. Denio*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn ~~205~~ 203 .....*Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 289 .....*St. Anne*

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—Marion M. Woods (Huntington, Long Island, N.Y.)

KEEP ON KNOCKING

Jesus promised, "Ask, and ye shall receive." But *when* does God grant our requests—right away, or later? It makes one wonder.

Frederick Beuchner found a clue to the answer in that famous American fairy-story, "The Wizard of Oz." You remember how Dorothy, the little girl, was blown by a cyclone out of Kansas into the Land of Oz. To get back home, only the Wizard of Oz could help her. So she sets out on the long and dangerous journey to find the Wizard. On the way she is joined by three most unusual creatures: "The Scarecrow, who wants a brain more than anything else; the Tin Woodsman, who yearns for a heart; and the Cowardly Lion, who is searching, of course, for courage . . . Strangely enough, whenever they are confronted with some sort of physical danger, it is always the Cowardly Lion who somehow manages to fight their way out of it. Whenever the obstacle necessitates, it is always the brainless Scarecrow who figures out a way to circumvent it. And, as the Tin Woodsman, who is journeying in search of a heart . . . he is so given to being moved by the plight of others that everyone keeps having to rally 'round with an oil-can to make sure that his tears do not rust him."

The climax of the tale comes when, upon reaching the Emerald City at last, they make the shattering discovery that the great Wizard is not really great at all, not really even a Wizard. He is a rather helpless-looking man with a bald head who says himself that he is a humbug . . . What he does is to find out that each of them already *has* what he traveled such a distance to find . . . he says to them, in effect, that things like a brain, a heart, and courage are never had as gifts, but are always earned." But their resolute searching, by working at it, the sought-for treasure has been built up within them.

In Jesus' story, the man in desperate need of bread, secured it by persistence, by *keeping on knocking*. In "The Wizard of Oz," the four companions had kept on knocking. Suddenly they found that they *had* what they had been seeking.

There is something you are needing, and seeking with all your heart. Of course, as a Christian, you must first make sure as possible that it is something that God, in His loving wisdom, can help you to have. If it is, keep on knocking, seeking. Sometimes, it will suddenly be yours—the new strength, the enduring patience, the right job, the renting of your apartment. More often, you will find your treasure coming into your life as God gives Spring, little by little until, like a flash, you find that it *is* Spring! "How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given."

Press on! Miracles come to those who keep on knocking!

Madeline Keller, Parish Visitor, wishes to express her sincere thanks and deep appreciation, for the Love Offering, from her friends at St. Stephen's presented to her recently. She was surprised and indeed, overyhelmed.

WITH GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION

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—Alfred W. Price

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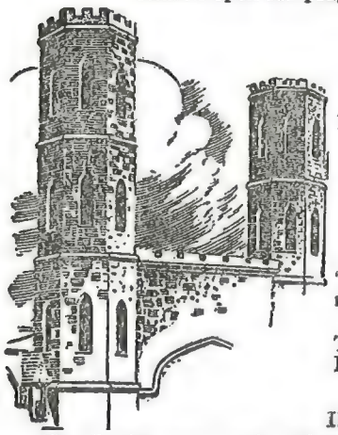
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The Prelude: "O God, Thou Faithful God" ..... *Karg-Elert*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We thank Thee, O God, for all Thy blessings in creation, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for Thy manifold works, and the wisdom with which Thou hast made them all; for the happiness of our earthly life, for peaceful homes and healthful days, for our powers of mind and body, for faithful friends, for the joy of loving and being loved; for the revelation of Thy love, and for newness of life in our Saviour; for the blessings brought to us by Thy holy Church, and for our fellowship with Thee in Christ; we thank Thee, O God.

The Choral Introit: O Holy Savior, Friend unseen,
The faint, the weak on Thee may lean;
Help me, throughout life's varying scene
By faith to cling to Thee.

The Processional Hymn 48 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #103, Page 466

The First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-18

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Mark 10:13-16, 35-44

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Light of the World" ..... *Elgar*

Light of the world, we know Thy praise the angels and archangels raise, and all the host of heaven; more worthily than our faint hymns, whose jarring sound that glory dims, which God to thee has giv'n. But Thou didst not disdain to take our low estate, or e'en to make the tomb Thy resting place. So Thou might bring into our night the dawn; the dawn of Thine eternal light to shine upon our face. Nor death nor hell nor sin is Lord, But Thou, O Son of God, Thy Word is now our sovereign law. Therefore we thank Thee and pray Thy light may shine unto the perfect day; Thy light may shine on us forever more.

The Sermon: RELEVANTS FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE—III,
The Other ..... *The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer*

The Offertory Hymn ~~546~~ (To tune of #561) ..... *St. Boniface*

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The Recessional Hymn ~~549~~ ..... *All Saints New*

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THE KINDLY YOKE

"For My yoke is easy . . ." Jesus assured the listening crowd, as they rested after the day's work. These people carried crushing loads—the weight of Roman taxes, the heavy demands of their ancient religion, the struggle for existence through drought and famine, the heaviness of their own failures and fears. (Job—"I'm a burden to myself.") Wearied by all that was piled on their backs, they looked up and took notice when He told them that *His* yoke was easy, and *His* burden, light.

Ever since the long-gone days of King Rehoboam, people have cried out, "Make the yoke upon us lighter." There are moments when all of us feel that life is too much for us, as if we were being flattened out by the weight of it all. The load is just *too heavy*, and that's the truth; anyway, we've carried it long enough—so we cry out to God. Then, in a moment of prayerfulness, we hear Jesus assuring us that *His* yoke is easy, and *His* burden, light. This is worth looking into.

The Master was promising them—and us!—that *He would forever give us the strength to carry what He would put on our backs.* For each one of us He has a plan; for each one, a special load He needs to have carried. Perhaps you are weighted down by grief—He needs you to carry your bereavement victoriously, to show others that grief need not be crushing if it is carried in God's strength. As you return to Him trustfully, with hope and prayer, He lifts that load of lonely grief to your own make-up. You accept it, and, little by little, you have from Him the strength to carry it with assurance.

"My yoke is *easy* . . ." Does that mean that it's as light as a feather? It actually means, "My yoke is kindly", fitted to your back with loving skill and understanding, as Jesus the Carpenter fitted yokes to the back of an ox. Accept it from Him, and find that it is never too much.

In "Prayers from the Ark", Carmen Bernos D. Grasztold gives us "The Prayer of The Tortoise":

A little patience, O God, I'm coming.
One must take nature as she is! It was not I who made her!
I do not mean to criticise this house upon my back—
It has its points—but you must admit, Lord,
It is heavy to carry!
Still, let us hope that this double enclosure,
My shell and my heart,
Will never be quite shut to you.

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OFFERING

In the boxes of numbered envelopes usually put in the hands of people who pledge money for the work of the Church was a special one marked "For Foreign Missions". A parishioner wrote on his envelope, "I never give to Missions", and put it on the plate along with the regular envelope for that Sunday. When the parish treasurer came upon it sometime later, he took a dollar bill out of his own pocket, put it in the "I-Never-Give-To-Missions" envelope, and mailed it back to the parishioner with the added notation, "We'd better give you something, then; the offering is for the heathen."

We received, among the many prayer requests this past week, one which—condensed to the "meat" asked: "Please pray for the power of God to influence all leaders of peoples in the world to exert themselves in the interest of World Peace."

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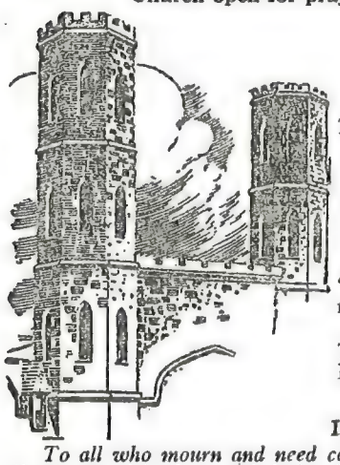
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The Choral Introit: "Earth Has Many A Noble City" .....*Stuttgart*

The Processional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elisabeth*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #36, Page 383

The First Lesson: I Kings 18:17-39

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "O God, Have Mercy" (from "St. Paul") .....*Mendelssohn*

O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for Thy mercy's sake. Deny me not, O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Spirit from me, O Lord, a broken heart and a contrite heart is offered before Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.

The Sermon: RELEVANTS FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE—IV, Morals
The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer

The Offertory Hymn 536 .....*Old 124th*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 542 .....*Duke Street*

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ROOM FOR ALL

If you seat yourself in a jet-plane and travel non-stop, it will be only 23 hours before you find yourself on the way home. Thus Stephen Baine has pictured the smallest of our jet-age world.

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So the world is shrinking at a breath-taking rate, and getting more crowded all the time. In early New England days a man came upon a friend who was preparing to move out of his river-bank log-cabin. Asked why, the man smiled, "I saw some smoke down the river a few days ago— it's getting too crowded!" Only in the 20th century has the world shrunk enough to make a world-war possible. And the shrinking accelerates.

Zechariah in Old Testament days, anticipated this development. He tells (in the "Living Prophecies" modern translation)—"When I looked around me again, I saw a man carrying a yard stick in his hand. "Where are you going?," I asked. "To measure Jerusalem," he said. "I want to see whether it is big enough for all people." Then an angel speaks up, "Go tell this young man that Jerusalem will some day be so full of people that she won't have room for them at all! . . ."

How modern this sounds. Yet Zechariah was not terrified. For the angel continues, "Many will live outside the city walls, with all their many cattle—and yet they will be safe. Fo rthe Lord Himself will be a wall of fire protecting them and all Jerusalem." Then the Lord speaks, "Sing, Jerusalem, and rejoice! For I have come to live among you."

So, very compactly, Zechariah puts the problem—and the answer. When the Lord is welcomed, to dwell among His people in their new "Close togetherness," He—and He alone—can give safety. No longer is it a "nice ideal" to get along with other people—today it is a life-or-death necessity. We must accept the fact that all nations and races are God's children, part of our household, and that our sole safety is to discover and practice the ways of friendliness, of understanding, of compassion. When, under God, we make make it our first business to do this, then, indeed, they will be safe!"

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—Elizabeth T. Willard (Lancaster, Pa.)

T E S O

In modern alphabet terms TESO means THEOLOGY EDUCATION SUNDAY OFFERING, now a major source of income for the support of the eleven Episcopal Theological Schools in the United States. By proclamation of the Presiding Bishop this falls this year on January 28th. The leaflet enclosed with this Bulletin is for your information about the work of training future clergy.

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POWER—The Chaplain of the U.S. Senate was returning by air from a Religious Congress in Hawaii when one of the plane's engines went out of commission. A stewardess moved down the aisle reassuring the passengers, but the Chaplain felt that she too needed reassurance. "Nothing can happn to this plane," he told her, "There are eight Bishops aboard."

The girl smiled and said she would relay that comforting news to the captain. She returned in a few minutes and said, "I told the captain, but he said that he would rather have four engines."

AID SECOND—A Girl Scout, who was taking a first-aid test, was asked, "What would you do if your little sister swallowed the key to the house?" "I'd climb in throuh the window," she answered. (Reported by a Bishop)

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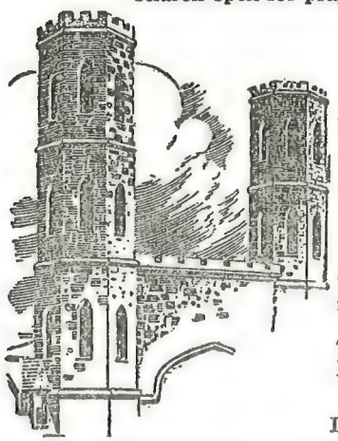
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The Prelude: "Come, Blessed Death" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the Eternal Wisdom of the Father, we beseech Thee to assist us with Thy heavenly grace, that we may be blessed in all our work, and above all things may attain the knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life eternal; and that, according to Thy most holy example, we may ever be found going about amongst our fellow men, doing good, healing the sick, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit: "O Holy Savior, Friend Unseen"

The Processional Hymn 385 ..... *Austria-Haydn*

The Response to the Decalogue: #709 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "When Thou Art Near"..... *J. S. Bach*

When Thou art near I fear no evil; when Thou art near my heart is glad; when Thou art near I feel great joy. Thou art my Guide, my Consolation. Great joy is mine when Thou art near: my Savior, comfort me. Hide not Thy face, look on Thy servant. In pain and sorrow wilt Thou heal me; Lord, hear the voice of my complaint. O Lord, my God, comfort Thy servant. Lord, hear me when I cry to Thee; help me, my God, my Savior. . . . Thou art my life, my strength, my joy.

The Sermon: "BEHIND THE FACADE OF CONSCIENCE,—WHAT?"
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The Offertory Hymn 411 ..... *Grace Church*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

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THE WEAPONS OF JESUS

What weapons do we have, to fight the battles of the Spirit? We have the weapons of Jesus, which Jesus passed on to us in His life and in the Sermon on the Mount.

Eight weapons He gave us: Poorness of Spirit (Humble-mindedness); Mourning (Personal knowledge of Suffering); Meekness (Claiming nothing for one's self); Hunger and Thirst For Goodness; Pureness of Heart (Clean, single-minded Purpose); The Merciful Spirit; Peace-Making (Eager, Stubborn Desire for Peace); and Being Persecuted (Willingness to Suffer for Christ, and for People). What a strange Arsenal that seems! But Jesus proved, right in this world of ours, that it is mightier than any other. Those fiery young Disciples watched Him at first with question-marks in their hearts, until they saw Him use those weapons of love to conquer Hate and Death, and then, as their Risen and Triumphant Lord, win His throne in eternity.

They saw Rome set out with sword and chain and torch to wipe out the Christian Faith, to overcome Jesus. But, in three centuries of persecution, the weapons of the world grew dull with use, and, in 312 A.D. the Roman Emperor in desperation put the Cross on the shields and banners of his armies. The weapons of Jesus proved stronger than the weapons of Caesar.

In our century we have seen Jesus' weapons overcome a great Empire. In a swift thirty years, Gandhi taught the people of India to use Jesus' ways so faithfully that they won their freedom from the British Empire. They used nothing but the eight weapons Jesus gave us in the Beatitudes. Because they used Jesus' weapons, they could not be subdued.

Jesus is not an impractical dreamer, as so many luke-warm Church members secretly believe. He received those weapons from the God Who made the universe. They work, not only between nations, and races, but in your family circle—with that difficult teen-ager, or that mixed-up parent at his wits end. They work with that shut-in whose spirit is imprisoned in self-pity, and with that weary nurse who is about to "blow her top" at the sick person.

Jesus *knew*. His weapons are guaranteed forever. Keep on loving that trying person—sooner or later he cannot resist love. Be "Poor in Spirit", knowing that it is not your clever brain but God's infinite wisdom that has the real answers. Keep on loving that frosty person—and she will respond as a plant responds to the sun.

Be practical—use Jesus' weapons!

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We've been asked to give notice of the NEXT MEETING—WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. The date is Tuesday, February 13th at 10 A.M. Church of the Holy Communion, 2111 Sansom Street.

It would be good to have St. Stephen's Church represented.

A Footnote taken from a church bulletin: "A drama in four scenes": 1. Car Salesman: "You're getting a real buy here. Your old car serves as down payment and you have 36 months to pay the rest at 8% interest. Customer: "Where do I sign?"

2. Clerk in the Appliance Store: "We'll give you two years to pay for your new refrigerator. What could be fairer?" Customer: "Where do I sign?"

3. Real Estate Salesman: "Isn't this house a beauty? Just think—30 years to pay. We'll even put the closing costs and insurance in the monthly payments." Customer: "Where do I sign?"

4. Stewardship Caller: "Now about our Church's program. It will need the full support of every member. We would like to invite you to make a pledge for the next year." Church Member: "What—are you crazy? Tie myself down for 52 weeks—No sir, I don't believe in pledging! Times are too uncertain!"

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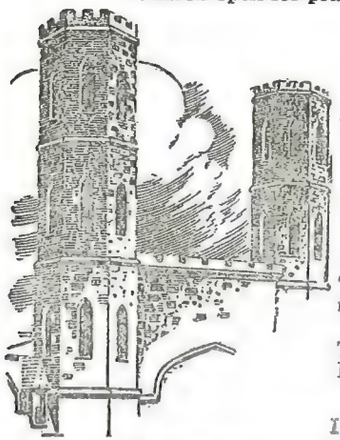
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The Choral Introit: "O Holy Savior, Friend Unseen"

The Processional Hymn 396 .....*Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #20, Page 364

The First Lesson: Joshua 6:1-21

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place".....*Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the Living God. Blest are they, O blest are they that dwell in Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore! How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

The Sermon: "THE TRUTH THAT IS NOT DARED".....THE REV. ANDREW W. MAYER

The Offertory Hymn 549 .....*All Saints New*

The Presentation and Doxology

The Recessional Hymn 430 .....*Lux Benigna*

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WHERE IS THE ENEMY?

In Guerilla Warfare the great question is, "Where is the enemy?" You have to locate him before you can come to grips with him.

In spiritual warfare, also the first first question is, *"Where is the enemy?"* Is he to be found in the trying circumstances around me; in one specially difficult person who bugs me; in the way my father and mother brought me up; or . . .?

Jesus knew where to locate the enemy. In Matthew 4 we see Him do it. Like warriors deeply versed in guerilla war, He knew that, most often, the enemy is *right here*—close by, even inside the temple in which I live. God had called Jesus to proclaim the Kingdom and its Good News, so He was facing the question, *"How* do I proclaim it?"

He found Himself sorely tempted—not tempted to do wrong, but tempted to choose the second-best way, instead of the best. As Ralph Osborne has explained, "Satan subtly presented to Him three tempting possibilities. None of them was obviously evil . . . the third temptation especially is one that we, too, must face. There was so little time for Jesus to fulfill His ministry, and the peoples' needs were vast. It seemed clearly right that His ministry use a "mass approach"; He would have no time for individuals, but must confront as many people as possible in His short time. It seemed so sensible . . . it *must* be right." But He saw that this was Satan's idea. It would only spread eye-wash, far and wide, and would *save* no one. God's plan called for meeting people, one by one; channeling God's Love to them, one by one; teaching them God's ways, one by one. So Jesus, in the wilderness located the enemy within Himself, and met him squarely. He rejected the short-cut, eye-wash ways, and founded the Kingdom on one-by-one costly ways.

You, too, may locate the enemy within your own heart if you "Go into the wilderness" this Lent, prayerfully, thoughtfully. We shrink from costly self-giving; from the effort of looking at irritating people through God's understanding eyes. But Jesus opened the costly way of the Cross to us, the kingly way of giving ourselves royally, extravagantly. This is His plan for us, that we live the Cross as He did. But the enemy whispers, *within us,* "This isn't possible." Maybe not, but it was God's glorious way for His Son, and it led to Life. It is also God's way for all who belong to His Son.

At the threshold of Lent, look within you. Do you find the enemy lurking right there? If you do, then at last you know where the battle is to be fought, and won!

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A Texan was told by his Rector that his eight-year-old son had deposited $50.00 in the collection plate on Sunday. The Texan looked at his Rector and said, "This is wonderful . . . I have been trying to teach him to tithe for years."

MENTAL REST

Mental rest is quite as important as physical rest. There are scores of short-tempered and crochety individuals whose difficulties are certainly not traceable to physical overwork. Their difficulties root themselves, rather, in a mind which is never given a chance to relax, and which naturally and finally rebels.

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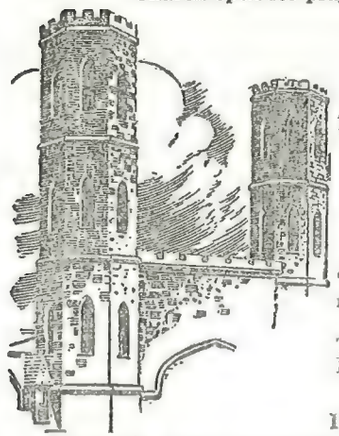
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The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn 282.....*Lauda Anima*

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None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
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The Anthem: "Praise" .....*Rowley*

To the Master of music and loveliness: Praise, power, dominion forever. To the Lord of the Word of Creation be praise, power, dominion forever. To the Maker of movement, color and light: praise, power, dominion forever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator, . . . To the Theme of all song, inspiration of love: to the Artist of life, to the greatest and least: . . . For He is the greatest upon His high throne, and He was the least as the child of a maiden: Praise, then to Jesus whose mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring we come to Thee. Give us Thyself both in Time and Eternity. Lord . . . we come to Thee offering all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty: Praise, power, dominion forever.

The Sermon: THE VALUE OF GOOD HABITS" .....THE RECTOR

The Offering Hymn 458 .....*St. Maragret*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 433 .....*Langran*

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THERE ARE NO STRANGERS

As the little steamer pulled out for the harbor cruise, I stood on the upper deck watching the white-caps on the blue waves and the passing boats. A stranger stood nearby; we got to talking. He mentioned the fact that he was a doctor. "Then you may know my friend, Dr. B., in Philadelphia." "Indeed I do," he replied, "And I knew his sister Doris very well, but I have not seen her for years and years". I laughed, "Just turn around—*there* she is!" So this stranger turned out to be an old, old, friend —of both of us actually—whom we had not seen for 25 years. So often, in God's world, the "stranger turns out to be a friend. It's more of a miracle than a magician taking a rabbit out of a hat!

We need that miracle today, again and again. We walk in city crowds, among "faceless" people. We read so much about the suffering, hungry millions. We get "used to" their suffering. And that surely is a sin—to shrug off the sufferings of fellow human beings. But HOW do I put concern and caring in place of indifference?

Jesus said, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." *"My brethren"*, He said—His brothers and sisters, with the blood of the same Father in their veins. No one of us would see a blood-brother or sister die of starvation, or ache in loneliness, if we could prevent it. Once we see that these suflering people are our kith and kin in the Father's house, we look at them through new eyes. We do for them all that we can, more than we thought we could. When we comfort them, we comfort Him.

Callousness of heart is one of the enemies we must reckon with. We have let our skins get hard, to save us from feeling the pain of mankind. But it is the pain of Jesus Himself we have been turning away from. It is His brthren, our family, who need us so sorely.

Actually, Jesus was saying, *"There are no strangers"*—No strangers at all in the world where Jesus is Lord. Only in Satan's world of selfishness are there "strangers" from whom people quickly turn away. Hardness of heart is at home in Satan's kingdom. It has no rightful place in the hearts of those who call themselves Christians.

Jesus Christ can transform the stranger into an old friend, a brother—and He will, if we desire it. For a member of our family we will do whatever we can, whatever he needs of us. Only so can we hope to take our place in the eternal Kingdom of God's family.

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Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Arthur S. Clark, Mrs. Frances Creedon, Mrs. E. Ramhorst, Dr. & Mrs. Egbert T. Scott, Mrs. William F. Wahl, Miss Catherine G. Carroll.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year this important Day will be observed on the first Friday in Lent—MARCH 1st.

Two Services will be held in Center City: At Arch Street Methodist Church, Broad and Arch Streets; and in Old Christ Church, Second Street above Market.

Prayer Vigils will be held from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., followed by a service. The Theme: BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS.

A THREE DAY MISSION BY EMILY GARDINER NEAL

February 21st, 22nd and 23 are the dates. The place: St. Timothy's Church (Roxborough), Ridge Ave .above Walnut Lane. Services begin on Wednesday at 8 P.M., Thursday and Friday 2 P.M. and 8 P.M. The Church may be reached by PTC "A" & "E" buses. The Rector of St. Timothy's is the Rev. Eugene F. Lefebvre, who has been conducting our Thursday healing services in the Rector's absence.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP WILL MEET THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 18th, after the morning service, in the Community House. The review of The Life of Christ continues with more miracles and healing in Galilee. Mrs. Price will also show some Postal Folders of California and Arizona. There will be refreshments. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Many of St. Stephen's people will remember Dorcas Kurtz who held Prayer Workshops here several times and whose husband, Gail, sang fine baritone solos in connection with O.S.L. Conferences. Mrs. Kurtz returned to our Heavenly Father last week. Please join us in prayers for Gail's spiritual support

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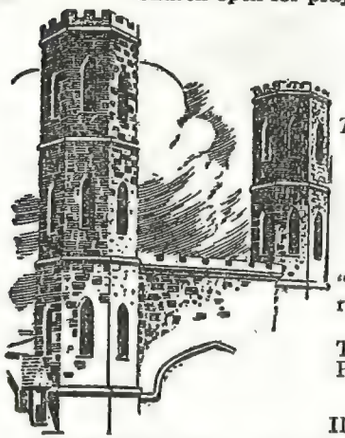
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This Church is erected on the site where Benjamin Franklin flew his famous kite.

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first — St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ — and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1968

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D., Rector
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 122-3

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whsiper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Prelude on St. Columba".....*Willan*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We thank Thee, O God, for the beauty of Thy Creation, for the wonders of earth and sea and sky. We thank Thee for the homes where love dwells, for the freedom which is ours in our blessed land, for the opportunities which surround us day by day as we work and play and pray and seek to serve our fellow men. Especially do we thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we see the love which has surrounded us from birth, accompanies us in our daily labors, heals the wounds inflicted by life, ministers to our growth and character, enriches our joy, and assures us of the life eternal. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Choral Introit: "O Holy Savior"

The Processional Hymn 483.....*Consolation*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 119: V, VI, Page 492

The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 15:1-17

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

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None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord".....*Mendelssohn*

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee: He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

The Sermon: "THE SECRET OF A QUIET MIND".....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 528 .....*Hesperus*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 455 .....*St. Peter*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Theresa Reed and Mrs. Howard Mortensen in memory of their mother, Mary Reed; and by Mrs. William D. Smith in memory of her husband.

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THE WAY OF ADVENTURE

"Behold, we are going to Jerusalem." (Luke 18:31) "So, when Peter went up to Jerusalem. . . ." (Acts 11:2) "When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed. But . . ."Jerusalem was a place where the Master and His truest friends, went, sooner or later, whether they wanted to or not."

For "Jerusalem" is the place where the enemies of Jesus are met. During His ministry, they were the "Church-stuffed-shirts", who thought that religion was a matter of proper customs and respectable conduct. They hated Jesus because He told men that this was all rubbish; that God's real religion is simply learning to be loving. He showed them how to give themselves in loving obedience to serve God; how to give one's self to one's neighbor in every-day loving-kindness. Peter found the same hostility gathered against him at Jerusalem. Guided in a dream by the wideness of God's mercy, Peter, the Jew, had sat down and eaten supper with newly converted Cornelius, the Roman Centurion. But. back at Jerusalem James and others stubbornly argued that Christians must continue under the ancient Jewish rules. Again, Paul and Barnabas announced to the people at Antioch that God has opened a door of faith to gentile as well as Jew; and those two daring young men were summoned to Jerusalem to explain themselves to the shocked faithful.

But see what Jesus and His men made out of their Jerusalem. Paul and Barnabas defended their wide-hearted Gospel with such confident good will that the old conservatives yielded to their risen Master, as He spoke through those two. Peter, in his turn, told them with serene honesty that he'd simply done what God told him to do, and "who was I to withstand God?" And the opposition folded up. All true Christians who have "gone to Jerusalem" have been able to meet hostility with love, because they could look back to Calvary, where Jesus' going to Jerusalem ended. There they could see One Who, nailed to a Cross, looked down on His tormentors and prayed, "Father, forgive them . . ." Hate could not overcome God's love in Jesus, or in any one of Jesus' men and women since then.

Lent begins on Wednesday—Lent, that Season when we push aside our own wills, and let God have His way with us. We join Him in saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem"? Will you dare to meet God's enemies in the power of love, that He may have victory in you? It may not be a pleasant road—is was not for Him. "When they came to Jerusalem, *they were welcomed, BUT* . . .It is the way of adventure, and of His triumph!

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—Margaret Grice (Los Angeles, California)

LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY, February 28th. We hope everyone will tell friends and acquaintances of these fine daily Noon-day services, 12:30 to 12:55 P.M., with outstanding preachers during the entire Lenten period. On Ash Wednesday there will be the Litany Service at 10:30 A.M. The Noon-day preacher will be the Rev. Harry Longley, D.D. For Thursday and Friday, Feb. 29th and March 1st, the Rector will be the preacher. On Saturday we shall have the Rev. John Campbell of St. John's Church, Cynwyd.

The Rector would like to express his utter gratitude to the Rev. Andrew Mayer for his valued ministrations to the Parish of St. Stephen's during the absence of the Rector. To the Rev. Eugene Lebefvre we are grateful, too, for his leadership at the Thursday Healing Services.

MRS. THEODORE BECHTEL, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing of St. Stephen's Church for more than 30 years. and in charge of St. Stephen's Church Tuesday noon-day luncheons, died February 13th and was buried from St. Alban's Church, Roxborough, February 16th. She is mourned, and will be missed by many friends of both churches.

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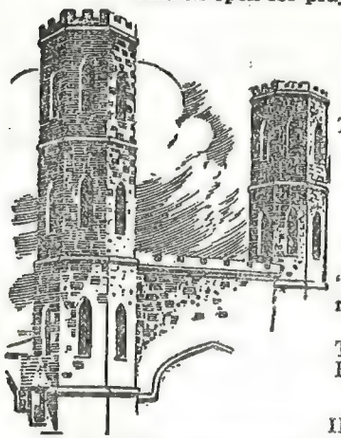
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The Prelude: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Thee, we confess with shame our broken pledges. We are troubled by the memory and burden of our offenses. We have done the things we ought not to have done and have left undone the things we ought to have done. We have been silent when we should have spoken, inactive when we should have served, and we have foolishly blundered in speech and act. Stretch out Thy hand of mercy. Speak the word of pardon. Forgive us the broken vow, the unkept promise, the unfulfilled purpose. And strengthen Thou our good resolves, that we may be worthy of our heritage as Thy sons and daughters. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 55..... *Heinlein*

The Response to the Decalogue #709..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Behold the Lamb of God" (Messiah)..... *Handel*
Behold the Lamb of God . . . that takest away the sins of the world.

The Sermon—LETTERS TO JACK—I—THE MAN JESUS..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 388..... *St. Thomas (Williams)*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 199..... *St. Thomas*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 337..... *Hamburg (219)*

Flowers on our Altar are presented by Mrs. William F. Machold to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Shippen Morris, his wife, Augusta and their son Edward Shippen Morris and his wife, Leslie Hun Morris; also Katheine Kennedy Fund in memory of former Rector, Dr. Carl E. Grammar.

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—Mary Strandness (Jamestown, North Dakota)

LIVE ALL OF YOUR LIFE

A little girl once wrote a letter to her minister, who had become an Army Chaplain and was stationed in a dangerous spot overseas. Out of her affection for him, she ended her letter, "I hope you will live all of your life." That was a wonderful wish—that a friend would keep on truly *living*, wherever he was, whatever he was doing, whatever dangers were around him. Ten years ago, two good friends, Charles and Eunice Wallace, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They are still *living* each hour of every day. That is my desire for you, that you will live all of your life"; that even the toughest days will be touched with victory and so have joy in them; that there will be enough of peace in them to give quiet confidence; enough of faith to fill each day with courage and adventure.

Experience teaches us that the only sure way to do this is to live very close to God. The turbo-super charger enables an airplane to maintain full power at 30,000 feet, whereas an ordinary plane has lost four-fifths of its power. So the Christian who walks with God, listening and obeying, keeps strong at the stormiest heights of life. Men who have been in great peril have told me they have found this true. Friends, called upon to help someone in deep water, tell me that, after praying, the way opened up, and the friend came through with flying colors. God is stronger than any temptation, any danger. The person who has God in his heart is unconquerable.

When Dr. Paton was translating the New Testament into an Island language, he found great difficulty in finding a native word for "faith." While in his study one day, deep at work on the translation, one of his native teachers came in, hot and exhausted, after a long walk. He threw himself down on the chair, and, wiping his forehead, used a word which meant, "I'm resting my whole weight here." Instantly Dr. Paton had the word he needed for faith." You simply "Rest your whole weight" on God, day after day. Then ,indeed, you will "live all of your life."

LIFE OR DEATH—WHO DECIDES? is the title of an article in the February issue of Christian Herald in which the Rector is quoted at length on the problem of prolonging life in "terminal" illness.

The Rector preached in the Bethany Methodist Church, Somer Point, New Jersey, Sunday evening, February 25th.

We extend a hearty welcome to Bishop Spaugh who will be our Lenten Noon-day preacher, March 4th-8th, and to the Rev. James H. Maxwell, who will be the Saturday speaker.

CONFIRMATION

St. Stephen's will join a number of Churches in our area for Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, May 19th at 4 P.M.

The Rector will begin his Confirmation Instruction classes on Sunday, March 31st at 10 A.M. and will continue them until the Confirmation date. For those who would like to be members of our parish family we welcome you to these lectures.

REMEMBER—IT'S YOUR WORLD

The editor of a small newspaper showed little concern when a tipster phoned in an accident .It was about a truck that rolled downhill and smashed into a private home.

"Not interested," said the editor. "This kind of thing happens all the time."

"Well, I'm glad you're taking it so calmly," came the rejoiner. "It was your home."

It is only human to react immediately when our person, property or loved one are threatened. At one time, this may have been an adequate response. But today we belong to a world community. What happens in Indonesia ultimately affects Indianapolis.

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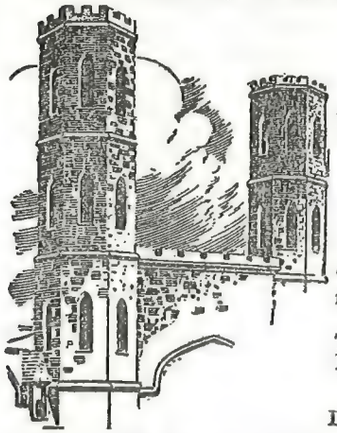
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The Prelude: "When On The Cross The Savior Hung".....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almight y and most holy God, we confess to Thee with humble and contrite hearts, that we have often forgotten Thee and Thy purpose for us. While professing to be Christians, we have neither wholly believed nor followed Christ. Increase our penitence, we pray Thee, and turn our wandering footsteps back into the path whereunto we are called, by the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit: O Holy Savior

The Processional Hymn 435 .....*Rest*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609 Hymnal

The Psalm, #51, page 403

The First Lesson: I Kings 21:1-22

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The Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" (Messiah).....*Handel*

Surely He Hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.

** The Sermon Hymn 360 .....*Albano*

The Sermon: LETTERS TO JACK-II, THE HEALINGS .....The Rector

The Offertory Anthem:
"And With His Stripes We are Healed" (Messiah) .....*Handel*

The Doxology and presentation

The Recessional Hymn 517.....*St. Matthew*

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Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

5:30 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
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AVERAGE TALENTS

A great naturalist Audubon once stored a large number of his wonderful paintings of birds out in his barn, in a long box. Months later, he went out to the barn and found that the rats had gnawed their way into the box. Instead of using them, he had, "buried" them in storage. They were ruined.

Jesus once told a story of three men who worked for a rich landowner. Before he went away on a long trip, he turned over some of his money to these men—five thousand dollars to the ablest of them, two thousand to the next, and one thousand to a man of humbler ability. On his return, he found that the two had traded wisely, and doubled his money; but the third man had been timid and hid it in the ground. Jesus called this man "wicked and slothful" for he had not *used* his talent; he commended the other two, because they had *used* theirs.

Perhaps you and I are one-talent people—or so it seems to us. Then let us accept the fact, that we seem to be only "average." The poet Edwin Arlington Robinson once was down-hearted, but he still declared, "I must be content with the jews-harp, bass drum, and let others blow the trumpet." So he went ahead, resolutely, to use his talent. He became one of our great American poets. Jesus pointed out that your talents increase as you use them. It is sin to say, "I can't accomplish anything with so little." Jesus reminds us, whatever you have, *use it*.

The Christian story is of people who grew, like Peter, for instance, and John. They seemed rather ordinary, at first—but they grew, under God, to be men the world remembers today, many centuries later.

You may seem to have average talent, a jews-harp endowment—then *use your jews-harp* to make music in the lives of those about you. It's quite possible God has it in His mind to have you playing a trumpet, later on!

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—Mrs. J. C. McAllister (Parkersburg, W. Va.)

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This is the House of Prayer—
Go in; it is the Christian's House by right.
Find some nook; confess thy sin,
And go forth in Jesus' might.

May St. Stephen's be a place to come in for rest and renewal; but then a place from which to depart into a world where men laugh and cry, where they rejoice and where they die.

The Rector will preach in the Jenkintown Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:45 P.M.

Our Episcopal Chaplain, the Rev. Edward C. McCoy, of the Naval Base and Hospital is in need of help in ministering to the many service men receiving treatment in the hospital. We would like to secure the names and addresses of persons in our parish who, having a spare bedroom, might be able to accommodate persons who come into Philadelphia in an attempt to see somebody either at the Naval Hospital, or at the Naval Base. Such persons usually coming for emergency situations have limited funds so that normal hotel or motel accommodations are ruled out. Obviously accommodations of this "freewill nature" should be as near to the Naval Base as possible, and to public transportation.

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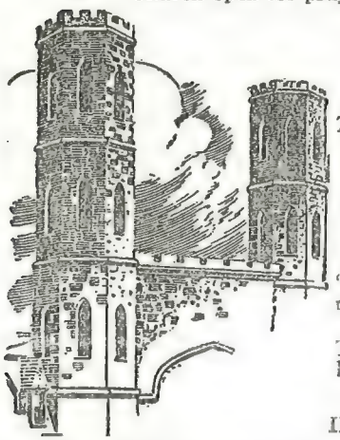
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The Prelude: Choral ..... *Joseph Jongen*

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The Introit: O Holy Savior

The Processional Hymn 65 ..... *Meditation*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609 Hymnal

The Psalm 86, page 447

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The Anthem: "Thee We Adore, O Savior"..... *Palestrina*

Thee we adore, O Savior, bless Thee and praise Thee forever; for on the holy Cross Thou hast the world from sin redeemed.

The Sermon Hymn 304 ..... *Beecher*

The Sermon: "LETTERS TO JACK—III, THE KINGDOM"..... The Rector

The Offertory Anthem: "The Bird of Christ"..... *Orvis Ross*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Christ upon the Cross: my little nest was near, hidden in the moss. Holy, Holy, Holy, "Come bear, O wee brown bird," Christ spake, and Lo, I lighted upon the Living Word. Holy, Holy, Holy, I heard the mocking scorn: but holy, holy, holy, I sang against a thorn! Holy, Ah! His brow was bloody; holy, holy, all my breast was ruddy. Holy, Holy, Holy, "Christ's bird shalt thou be": Thus said Mary, Virgin, there on Calvary. Holy, Holy, Holy, a wee brown bird am I, but my breast is ruddy, for I saw Christ die.

The Doxology and presentation

The Recessional Hymn 498 ..... *Gardner*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Sarah Winn in loving memory of her parents and sister.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. James O. Lyman

5:30 P.M.—Holy Communion, the preacher is R. W. Cole

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THOUGHTFULNESS

Winter was coming on, and Paul had left his cloak in Troas, his heavy Winter over-coat, coarse, wool garment without any sleeves, with a hole in the middle for his head to pass through. Paul needed it. So he wrote to Timothy, who was on his way from Ephesus, and asked him to stop and pick it up.

What a blessing it is to have a friend who can be depended on for thoughtfulness! Paul thanked God many a time for "Timothy, my beloved child." Such loving-kindness puts a song in one's heart.

Nineteen centuries have gone by since that day. Yet the same sort of plain kindness cheers the spirits of 20th century people. There is the old lady on the R.F.D.—she has painful arthritis, and it's a longish, up-hill walk from her little home to the R.F.D. box. Many a time she had trudged slowly up to the box, and found that the mail man had not come. Then the new R.F.D. man came. He suggested that she put the little flag *up* each day after she collected her mail. Then he would turn the flag *down* the next morning when he put the mail in the box. Now she simply looks out the window—if the flag is down she knows that Henry has come and gone. She only has to go up to the box once. She thanks God for Henry, as Paul did for Timothy.

This kind of thoughtfulness is "special." It comes out of the hearts of those who put themselves in the other person's place, and can imagine what they want or need. It comes from people who watch others with loving attention and see what grieves them, what makes them happy. It comes from those whose ears are alert to pick up "messages" of loneliness, or hope, or dreams. It comes, most often, from people whose lives have been blessed and transformed by the Master of Galilee. He has done so very much for them that they let Him use their lives to bless others in special, simple, little ways.

When you take your time for prayer each morning, you can ask God what special kindness He has for you to do that day. Perhaps you do this already—if you do, you know what a joy it is to be "Timothy"!

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A NEW VETERANS ASSISTANCE CENTER has been created to seek out and help all recently separated veterans. It will offer expedited service on V.A. benefits, and counsel veterans on jobs, education, training, and housing. The address is Wissahickon and Manheim St., Phila., Pa. 19101.

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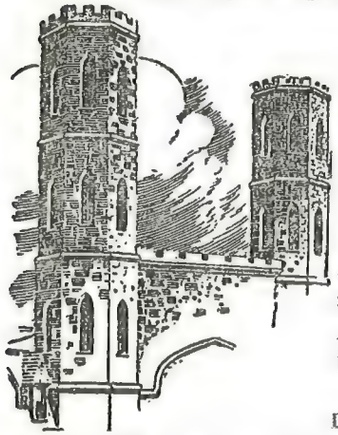
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The Prelude: "My Heart Is Filled With Longing" .....*Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Bless us today, O Father, with the realization of Thy presence. As we meet in humble paths of service, grant us that consciousness of Thy challenge to each of our lives, which shall redeem any labor from seeming trivial, and so change for us the tragedy and chaos of the world without Thee, into a prolonged field of honor. In Thy name we pray. Amen.

The Choral Introit.

The Processional Hymn 70 .....*Petra*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609 Hymnal

The Psalm, No. 116, page 486

The First Lesson: II Samuel 18:v. 5

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 15: v. 11

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy" (The Stabat Mater) .....*Dvorak*

Blessed Jesu, Fount of Mercy, we, The faithful passion, all Thy sorrows share with Thee.

The Sermon Hymn 449 .....*Olivet*

The Sermon: LETTERS TO JACK—IV, SIN .....The Rector

The Offertory Anthem: "God So Loved The World" .....*Stainer*

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Doxology and presentation

The Recessional Hymn 519 .....*Ebenezer*

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—Mrs. Mertie Temple (New Lyme, Ohio)

ANCHORHOLD

A Belgian writer once said that life is like the messenger on the way to your door. In his hand is a letter, addressed to you. There is nothing you can do to change the message. It is written. But there is much you can do about the way you receive that message. In like manner, there is nothing you can do to avoid some event in your life tomorrow; some deep hurt, an unexpected success, a crippling illness. But there is much you can do about your attitude. In fact, your attitude decides the "color" of the event, victory or defeat, blessing or nightmare. You can be bitter about the hurt, or you can, like the oyster, make a pearl out of this beautiful intrusion. You can get a swelled head over the success, or you can humbly thank God for giving you the brains to succeed. You can whine over the illness, or let God transform it into a shining victory.

Many people get off on the wrong foot by asking the wrong question of God. They cry out, "*Why*, God did, this happen to me?" That is a small, self-sympathizing question, and God does not answer it. But other people ask the right question, "Father, what do You want me to make ou of this difficulty, out o fthis joy?" My friend Leona, asked that glorious question when her life became an hour-by-hour battle with agonizing pain; and, just because she asked the right question, she got God's shining answer, He made her stronger than pain, a victorious child of God, a bracing memory for scores of friends.

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You will find that, at the beginning of His ministry, Jesus hoped that men would accept Him as their Rescuer from evil and sin and slavery. Then, in the Garden of Gethsemane God gave Him a very difficult answer—a Cross He did not want, wrenched away from teaching the disciples He loved, to die an immediate and shameful death. He met that death with a nal cross into the memorable Sign of God's undying love. Even He could not change the time and place of His death; but with God's grace and God's weapons, He could change the dying so that still, today, men see the greatness of God!

The Rector will preach in Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh, March 26th, 27th, and 28th at the Lenten Noonday services. He will give a lecture on Wednesday evening at the Henry Clay Frick Auditorium under the auspices of the Association for Research and Enlightenment.

The Rector will preach in the Chester Bethel Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware, on Sunday evening, March 31st.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, D. D. who will be our Lenten Noonday preacher the coming week, March 25—30, inclusive. Dr. Aulenbach has served as the Rector of Christ Church and St. Michael's Germantown, for the past thirty years.

CONFIRMATION LECTURES

The Rector will begin his Confirmation Lectures on Sunday, March 31st at 10 A.M. in his study. The subjects will be the Christian Faith, The Episcopal Church, The Prayer Book, and the Sacraments. Those eligible to attend the Classes are: (1) Those intending to be confirmed; (2) Those who wan to know more about the Church before they make a final decision about confirmation; and (3) Those who have already been confirmed and would like to have a "Refresher Course."

The Women of the Southwark Deanery of which St. Stephen's is a part, will have their Corporate Communion Service on March 25th at 10 A.M. in Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square. Hot Cross Buns and coffee will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. Charlotte Miller Bishop, M. Elizabeth Emmons, Mrs. Joseph J. Hardiman, Mildred B. Richardson, Mrs. Rachel M. Semon, Edith O. Taylor, Mrs. Lois Thomson.

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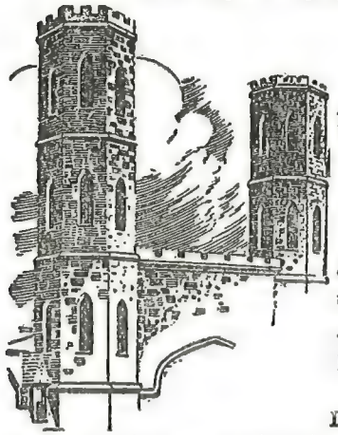
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The Prelude: "Passion Chorale" ..... *J. Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord of the great sacrifice, restrain our eagerness for the things that are seen. Thy Cross is our rebuke. Increase our spending for the things eternal. Lord of the sinless life, our hope is to become like Thee. Fulfill our hearts in service, that our hope be not in vain. Lord of the holiest joy—the joy of boundless giving—teach us Thy grace of losing, that our joy may indeed be full. The world counteth all things lost if it gain not the thing it may reckon. Help us to count all things but loss, to win Thee, the wealth unmeasured. Amen.

The Choral Introit.

The Processional Hymn 72 ..... *Batty*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609 Hymnal

The Psalm

The First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

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The Anthem: "Passion Choral" ..... *J. S. Bach*

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down; now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown; O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine! Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine. What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend, for this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end? O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never out live my love to Thee. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn 70 ..... *Petra*

The Sermon: LETTERS TO JACK—V, FORGIVENESS ..... The Rector

The Offertory Anthem: "At Thy Glorious Death and Passion"
(The Stabat Mater) ..... *Dvorak*

By Thy Glorious Death and Passion, saving me in wondrous fashion, Savior, turn my heart to Thee . . . Thou, O Christ, art my Salvation, hear and heed my invocation, let Thy mercy light on me.

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 74 ..... *St. Cross*

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KEEP IT RUNNING

Some people find prayer unrewarding, and give it up. Others likewise find prayer difficult, but they stumble onward, praying imperfectly. Which is right?

Rabbi Herschel tells us a story of a small Jewish town, far off the main roads of the land. It has a hospital, a law court, and the necessary municiple institutions, and it had all sorts of craftsmen except one—there was no watchmaker. In the course of the years many of the clocks became so annoying inaccurate that their owners just let them run down, and gave no further thought to them. Others, however, wound their clocks, day after day, though they knew they were inaccurate. One day the news spread through the town that a watchmaker had arrived, and everyone rushed to him with their clocks. But the only ones he could repair were those that *had been kept running*. The abandoned clocks had grown too rustry.

So it is with praying—*keep it running*—your way of prayer—like mine, may often be off the mark, ineffective, disappointing. But it does keep me more instep with God. And it does not solve the problem to quit. In that Jewish village there were undoubtedly people who did what they could to keep their clocks as dependable as possiblbe. They adjust them a bit, and they put in oil. They referred to their almanacs for the exact time of sunset and sunrise, and set their clocks by it. So they kept them reasonably useful. In addition, by keeping them running they prevented their being damaged by rust. They were practical enough to *keep them running*.

You can do as they did. No doubt you have discovered that when you persistently pray to God asking Him to give you what you most want, nothing happens. Or, when you pray with resentment within your heart, the outcome is zero. On the other hand, when you pray and have the loving Spirit of God within you asking Him to make you easier to live with—the results are often breath-taking, almost a miracle. God gives you new powers, new strength. You find it worthwhile to keep on praying in as intelligent and Christ-like way as possible.

The richest prayer-resource for the Christian is the Lord's Prayer which contains Jesus' key secrets of effective praying. Study it most thoughtfully; and practice it eagerly. Day by day you will be learning to pry more as the master did, and you will find God pouring His treasures into your life.

It can be very exciting to make a new start in prayer!

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—Mrs. Sterritt Fuller (Mareago, Ohio)

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Have you responded to the Annual Appeal in January for the support of our Theological Schools?

The size of the Rector's School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has doubled since the end of World War II, from 67 students in 1947 to 133 in 1967. In the past ten years applications have doubled. The School presently operates at capacity enrollment. Instruction costs have risen from $145,700 in 1957-58 to $300,000 in 1967-68. The faculty has grown from twelve to seventeen. The average professor's salary has increased 60%. The cost of field work is eight times greater than it was ten years ago.

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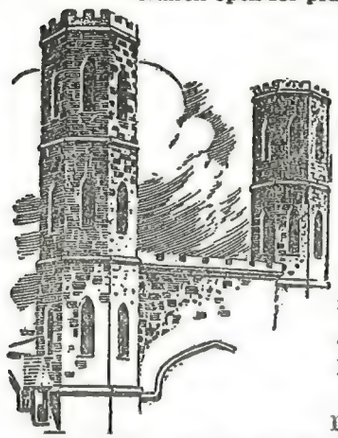
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Prelude: "Chorale in A Minor".....*Franck*

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The Introit

The Processional Hymn 62 .....*St. Theodulph*

The Response to the Decalogue #709 .....*Willan*

The Anthem—"The Palms" .....*Jean Faure*

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay are strewn this day, in festal preparation. Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away; e'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare. His word goes forth, and people by its might once more regain freedom from degredation. Humanity doth give to each his right, while those in darkness find restored the Light. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem, of all thy sons sing the emancipation. Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. Join all, and sing, His name declare. Let every voice resound with acclamation. Hosanna, praise to the Lord! Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.

The Sermon: "PALM SUNDAY" .....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 72 .....*Batty*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 75 .....*Passion Chorale*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 64 .....*Winchester New*

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SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Usual Lenten Noonday services; The Rev. Harry Longley, D.D. will be the preacher.

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HEALING SERVICES at 1:15 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY: Meditations on the Cross by the Rev. Harry Longley, D.D. 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.

2:00-3:00 P.M.—THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST, by Theodore Dubois; Solo Quartet, chorus Choir, Harp and Tympani—Robert M. Prince, Organist and Choirmaster.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th—12:30 P.M. Noonday service, The Rector is the Preacher.

PUNCTUATION MARKS

Here is a portion of the account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in the Gospel according to Mark: "And those who went before and those who followed cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed be He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed be the Kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" Halford E. Luccock is right in reminding us to notice the punctuation. The revised standard version uses exclamation points. When you think about it, this would seem to be the only possible punctuation for such an event and such a life. A question mark can hardly do for an affirmation, and both the event and the life are in fact a Great Affirmation. A period cannot serve the purpose for it marks an end, and again both the event and the life are alive and continuing even today. It is right that here we encounter strong and virile exclamation points.

This raises a question. How shall our lives be marked? Is our response to be forever in the shape of a question mark? To be sure, if we mean that we should retain the gift of intellectual curiosity there can be no dispute. A mark of a great life is to ask the right questions of life and one's self. Yet, there is a distinction between the questing spirit and the spirit paralyzed by suspicion and doubt. It would seem that the mature man is the man in movement intellectually and spiritually from the question mark to the exclamation point. Again, is our response to be forever punctuated by a period? If so, we run into the danger of dogma and know the chill of frozen finality. The mind is closed. The window is shuttered. The heart is hardened. There is nothing more to be known, and nothing more to be said. Period.

It would seem to me that the Christian life is the one that finds the form of exclamation point. It is a proclamation. It is affirmation. It is a thrilling experience. It does not always bend with the wind until it is no more than a crippled question mark. Nor does it sit tight and snug like a period. It stand up straight and tall. It exclaims something. The exclamation is the Gospel, Good News of God. This is why the account of Palm Sunday must be so punctuated. And this is why your life and mine must bear a similar mark.

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I want to thank you and tell you what a difference it has made in my life. I had become very introspective, withdrawn from people, afraid to give or receive love, and felt unworthy of even participating in Church. I had been to confession once before. Even though the priest counselled me, he did not have the service of absolution or laying-on-of-hands, and I could not really seem to grasp God's forgiveness. It happened for me, I believe, through the service with you. The experience has deepened my committment to Christ as a Person. It is no longer just a committment to Christian principles. Many thanks for your help.

—B. K. (Ringoes, N. J.)

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector of St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with their Confirmation Classes at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8 P.M.

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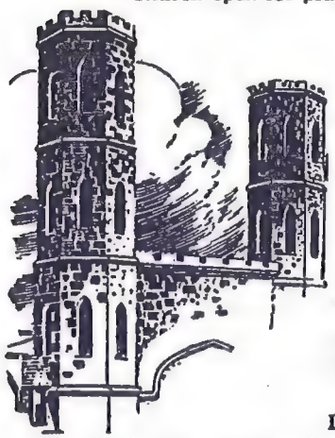
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first — St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ — and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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EASTER DAY

April 14th, 1968

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Page 165

10:45 A. M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditations upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the Ministers, your fellow worshipers, and the world.

11:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR.

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whsiper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Christ Lay In The Bonds of Death" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—On this glad day of Resurrection, O Lord, we would not have hearts that are cold or lips that are dumb. We rejoice in the splender of the unfolding Spring. The earth awakens to beauty and light. Bird and beast, tree and flower, and all Thy works glorify Thee. Open Thou the lips of our worship, that we may worthily show forth Thy praise. Stir our hearts with gladness, and grant our souls a visitation of the dayspring from on high. We praise Thee for the victory that this day commemorates. We thank Thee for the joy that it awakens, and the assurance that it gives. We know that right shall prevail over wrong, and life shall triumph over death. Confirm us in the invincible faith that good shall conquer at least, and every Winter turn to Spring. Amen.

The Processional Hymn 85 ..... Easter Hymn

The Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah) ..... *Handel*

The Kyrie, Hymnal #709 ..... *William*

The Anthem: Chorus VI, The German Requiem ..... *Brahms*

Here on earth have we no continuing place, howbeit, we seek one to come. Lo, I unfold unto you a mystery. We shall not all sleep when He cometh. We shall all be changed . . . in a moment, in the twinkeling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible. Then, what of old was written the same shall be brought to pass. For death shall be swallowed in victory! Grave, where is thy triumph? Death, O where is thy sting?

The Sermon: "EASTER MUST BE NOW" ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *William*

The Kneeling Hymn 89 ..... *Saltzburg*

The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... Old Scottish Chant

The Recessional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

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GOD'S GREAT AFFIRMATION

Something there is in the human soul that hungers for Easter. We are as dust, and yet within our dust there is desire. We are as pilgrims and strangers upon the earth, yet in the midst of our temporal life there is a yearning for the eternal life. Henry Francis Lyte's hymn speaks to our condition:

Change and decay all around I see:
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.

In the daily round, we know for ourselves the truth of the thought traditional in Welsh literature, "The sun rises when morning comes, the mist rises from the meadow, the dew rises from the clover; but Oh, when will the heart arise?"

Easter comes as God's Great Affirmation in response to the hungers of the heart and the yearnings of the soul, It is an answer to the mystery of time, the problem of pain, the shadow of suffering, the darkness of death. It sets human life in the framework of new dimensions, and it gives to human existence a new depth. Take from the Christian religion Easter morn, and there is little left but a new ethic. But let the meaning of Easter morn remain within our faith, and there emerges from it the greatest of all gifts—A New Life!

I bid you to confront this fact about our faith, and may you ponder it well. The Christian meaning of Easter becomes increasingly not so much an elective as a required course of our faith. An Unknown Soldier, killed in World War I, saw this clearly.

"Once set this hunger for eternity
To gnaw my heartstrings through, if death ends all?
If death ends all, then evil must be good,
Wrong must be right, and beauty ugliness.
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And with a kiss, damns all the world to hell—
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—Alvan Rodin (York, Penna.)

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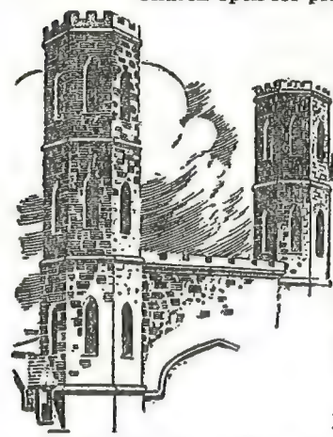
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The Prelude: "Psalm XIX"..... *Marcello*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord, I believe in Thee, help Thou my unbelief; I love Thee, though not with a perfect heart as I should; I long for Thee, yet not with my whole mind. Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and serve Thee, my trust in Thy power to keep me. What is cold do Thou kindle; what is lacking do Thou make up. I wait Thy blessing. My prayer is in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 105:1-15, Page 470

The First Lesson: II Kings 4:18-37

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:13-35

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" (Messiah)..... *Handel*

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

The Sermon: "EXPERIENCING THE RESURRECTION".....THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 424 .....*Vox Delecti*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 549 ..... *All Saints New*

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THE LOOM OF YOUR LIFE

Each individual is much like a loom. Over the years a pattern of character is formed, and it is that pattern that determines the deeds that flow from his life. A small-town man is apt to thing small-town thoughts. A devoted mother usually thinks in terms of her children's welfare. A selfish person generally thinks in terms of his own comfort. Their actions follow the pattern of their character.

But, when God is invited to enter into the picture, our patterns are enlarged. The warm colors of love and understanding are added. When Philip invited Nathaniel to come and meet Jesus of Nazareth, Nathaniel reported, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth, that small town back in the hills?" Philip smiled, I think, and replied, "Come and see." He came, and saw. God was working fully, through Jesus.

One such life was Father Emyard, superior of the Fathers of the Holy Sacrament, in the Val-de-Grace quarter of Paris. Into the Monastery came a young man, torn by grief over the death of his sister, who was a young nun. It would not have been surprising if Father Emyard had followed the natural pattern of a superior—and settled down to make the best possible monk out of this grieving young man. But the good Father was very sensitive to God, and he wondered what God wanted of this novice's life. A great burst of sorrow may not be a true "calling" to be a monk, he thought. He noted marked artistic talents in him, especially for sculpture. So he arranged for a studio, and requested the novice monk to sculpture his bust. While this saintly man was posing, he talked gently with the young man, and persuaded him to return to the world, to fullfill his artistic destiny there. So it was that Auguste Rodin began his memorable career—because God helped a holy man to look beyond the walls of his Monastery, and see something greater. As a result we have such mighty statues as "The Thinker", "The Hand of God", "The Kiss", "The Prodigal Son". We are the richer because Father Emyard let God expand the pattern of his mind, until he was able to think God's thoughts after Him. No man or woman need be imprisoned in the smallness of an old and puny pattern of life.

Quietly, expectantly, you can turn over the loom of your life to God; let Him expand its dimensions, and set up new patterns. In the small place where you live, your life will be weaving some of the mighty works of God.

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The Rector dedicated a Holy Communion Corporal and Large Veil on Easter Day, presented by Mr. Raymond Winter, in memory of Elizabeth Heath Winter.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Community House on Sunday, April 21st at 12:30 P.M. Twelve Vestrymen will be elected to serve for a term of one year.

Mrs. Keller and her helpers will serve a hot luncheon and they will appreciate it if you will contact the office to say that you expect to be present.

HERE'S A THOUGHT

What we withhold from others is withheld from us. What we give to others comes to us. Living is giving. Our good is within us, and we must give it to share in it.

Food is important—but even more important to the shape you're in is your mental and emotional diet. Keep it filled with the vitamins of love, faith, joy, and forgiveness.

What makes us tired isn't the work we've done—it's the pesky worry-laden, hashed-over project we've left undone.

Even with eternity in His pocket, God lives only now. (He is not the God of the dead—either past or future—but the God of the living present!)

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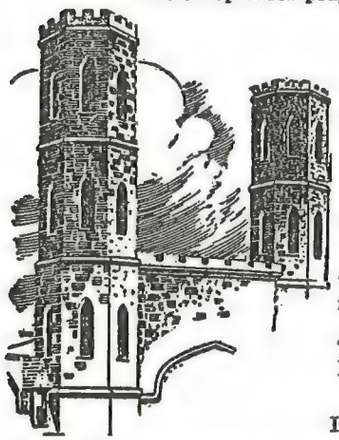
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first — St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ — and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 171-2

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11:00 A. M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whsiper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: Prelude on "The King of Love My Shepherd Is".....*Willan*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, teach us Thy will for our lives. Help us to understand our place in the Divine Plan. Give us a deepened sense of personal responsibility. May we see that a task awaits our hands that no other can fulfill; that if we are silent, a chord in the music will fail. Grant, O Lord, that with renewed faith in Thee and fresh confidence in ourselves we may leave this sanctuary eager to do Thy will. We offer our prayer in Christ's name. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 279 .....*Praise to the Lord*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 132, page 508

The First Lesson: II Samuel 1:v.19

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Brother James' Air (Marosa)..... *Arr. Gordon Jacob*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within paths of blessedness, e'en for His own sake. Yea, tho' I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil Thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

The Sermon: THE EASTER VICTORY .....THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 91 .....*Victory*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 554 .....*Lancashire*

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Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. David L. German, Sr.

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6:30 P.M.—Social Hour in the Parish House

IT'S *THAT TIME* AGAIN! Daylight Saving Time goes into effect sometime or other while most of us are sleeping, Saturday night, April 27th—SO, PLEASE BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AND WATCHES *AHEAD* ONE HOUR before retiring on Saturday night, so you'll get to service on time Sunday morning.

COLD CEREAL

Do you know that choice comic—"Peanuts"? You should. On a recent Sunday, Charlie Brown is depicted pouring milk on his dry cereal, when the telephone rings. It is a friend who wants to chat, and at some length. You see Charlie getting restless, looking anxiously at the breakfast on the table, and listening to his friend with increasing absent-mindedness, fretting more and more, and suddenly he "blows his stack" with, *"My cold cereal is getting soggy!"* The friend looks altogether disgusted with Charlie Brown. So the conversation ends on a sour note.

Charlie Brown is a sincere, blundering, struggling, lovable, exasperating person—just like us. It's not that you and I and Charlie are *bad*, or nasty, or stupid. Rather it is that we are so interested in ourselves, our hurts and our success, that we don't give our eager attention to the hurts and successes of our neighbor. We are afraid that our cold cereal is getting soggy!

This all-too-common human condition is curable, fortunately. We can open the way to our caring by remembering how good God has been to us, already—the long-time friends He has given us, the provision others have made for our living, the lift we have been given to getting a job, the fantastic beauty of God's stars and clouds and flowers, the treasureland of books, the miracle of the telephone which enables us to talk with distant friends, the doors that friends have opened for us. Greater still, we recall His goodness in sending Jesus Christ among men—that we might glimpse what God is like, and know His love for us. With God in our hearts, we are stronger than loneliness, or despair, or resentment.

With God in our hearts, we can even forget that our dry cereal is getting soggy. We can become absorbed in the more important hurts of a friend, and how we can give him new courage. After all, this friend has shown confidence in us, by turning to us. It is our privilege to let God think, and speak, and love through us.

So many people just want someone to listen to them. They don't want advice, or pearls of wisdom. They simply want a true friend whose heart is alive to their aches and their hopes, and is willing to share them. It may well be that they turn to you because they have caught a glimpse of a more-than-Love in you, and a touch of more-than-human understanding, a living bit of the patience of God, a measure of the healing power that was in Jesus.

So be glad, and listen to your friend. He is important. The cold cereal can wait.

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Prayer is the Christian's emergency candle, always within easy reach, requiring no outside machinery to keep it in order, only needing the match of faith and courage to light it.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

A benefit for the Girls' Friendly Holiday House in Cape May will be held in St. Stephen's Community House on Saturday, May 11th at 1 P.M. Cards and Games will be featured. The cost is $1.00.

St. Stephen's Church has two lovely rooms at the Holiday House. There is a minimum fee, with two meals a day for any members of St. Stephen's. Reservations may be made through House Mother, 644 Hughes St., Cape May, N.J.

The Rector will conduct an all day Healing Retreat at the Church of the Holy Communion, 20th Street and Avenue of the Americas, New York City on Saturday, May 4th from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Our thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: W. H. Charles, William H. Leyrer, Gertrude J. Steele and Husband.

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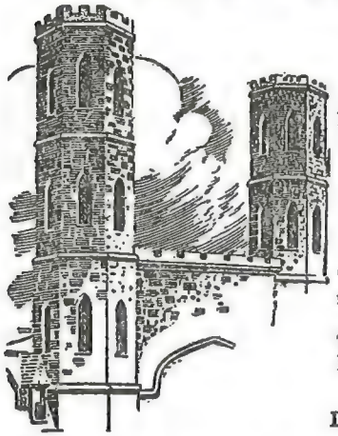
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The Prelude: "Andante" (Grande Piece Symphonique).....*Cesar Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—We thank Thee, O God, for the beauty of Thy creation, for the wonders of earth and sea and sky. We thank Thee for the homes where love dwells, for the freedom which is ours in our blessed land, for the opportunities which surround us day by day as we work and play and seek to serve our fellow men. Especially do we thank Thee for the revelation of Thyself through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we see the love which has surrounded us from birth, accompanies us in our daily labors, heals the wounds inflicted by life, ministers to our growth and character, enriches our joy, and assures us of the life eternal. We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, 62, page 413

The First Lesson: II Esdras 2:42-47

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. John 11:18-30

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Welcome, Welcome, Dear Redeemer".....*Cesar Franck*

Welcome, welcome, dear Redeemer, to this heart of mine; Lord I make a full surrender, every power and thought be Thine; entirely Thine, through eternal ages, Thine. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find thy promised rest. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE NEWS OF THE DEATH OF GOD".....THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 564 .....*Lyons*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 487 .....*Ellers*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Marie Tapper in memory of her mother, Mrs. Marie Defeo; by Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr. in memory of his family; and by Mrs. Diane Buckalew in memory of her husband, Louis M. Buckalew.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Wilson C. Leithead

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AGREEABLE IDEAS

James Boswell writes in his London Journal on December 11th, 1762, that he is "Laying up agreeable ideas to feast upon in recollection." A worthy undertaking! It suggests an enterprise that could well engage all of us. Come to think of it, this is exactly what you and I are doing whether we are aware of it or not. The only question before us is just how "agreeable" are the ideas that we shall "feast upon in recollection."

In this, as in many areas of life, we shall reap what we have sown. If the seeds are sound and the earth is rich and receptive, the harvest will be good and bountiful. This is why it is so very important that what we gather and place in the storehouse of memory is "agreeable". Things that are not "agreeable" will bring us nothing more than remorse and regret. This is not a happy harvest. Those ideas and experiences stored securely in memory which are "agreeable" will in time bring us rewards in great measure.

This idea leads our thinking toward some practical questions. We are the best fed people on earth. Are we feeding the mind with equal care, with thoughts that are wholesome and nourishing? We are diet-conscious people moving from one food-fad to another. Do we do the same thing with our minds? If so, it is a pity. The best nutritionists insist that a well-balanced diet exercised with discipline is the wise way to use food for the body. Similar counsel would seem to be wise for the nourishment of the mind. If it is followed, surely memory will be able to feast on "agreeable" things.

We all live in three tenses—past, present and future. The past conditions the present, the present forms the future. The three tenses are inseparably inter-related. What we do and think now becomes memory. This memory either haunts us or helps us, at this present moment and in the future. This brings us back again to James Boswell's observation that he is "Laying up agreeable ideas to feast upon in recollection." I hope you are doing this.

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THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet on the 2nd Sunday this month, May 12th after the morning service, in the Community House. All are welcome. Refreshments served. The Review of the Life of Christ continues.

The Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, will speak at the Spring Diocesan Presentation Service of the United Thank Offering on May 15th at 10:30 A.M. in the Chapel of the Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the completion of one's Baptism; it is the "receiving of the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying-on-of-hands by the Bishop", after the example of the Apostles of the New Testament times; it is part of the "Doctrine, Discipline and Worship" of our part of the Church; it is our re-affirming the vows we made or which were made for us at our Baptism; it is our public acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; for adults it casts no reflections on any prior confirmations in another part of the Church, but is an act of witness of their intention to accept the Discipline of our part of the Church; in Confirmation we become "full-fledged" members of the Church.

St. Stephen's Confirmation Class will join a number of other parishes in the Confirmation Service to be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, on Sunday, May 19th at 4 P.M. The Rt. Rev. Andrew Y. Y. Tsu, D.D., will preside at this service and Confirm the Class.

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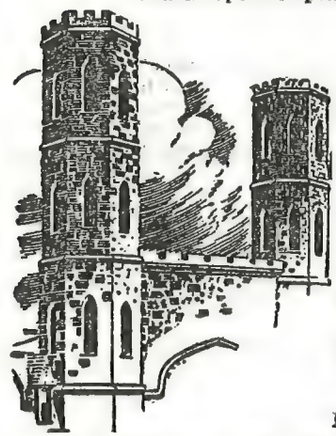
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The Prelude: "Adagio" .....*Barber*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, not only at the Easter Season, but every day, may our hearts be bright with the undimmed light that shines through the centuries from the open tomb, out of which the Master came forth in newness of life. Let no redeemed child of God live in darkness, or gloom, or sin; but may all who are called by Thy name, keep themselves in the glorious light of Thy Love, for Jesus' Sake. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 301 .....*St. Denio*

The Response to the Decalogue #709 .....*Hymnal*

The Anthem: Behold, Now, Praise the Lord .....*Titcomb*

Behold now, praise the Lord; all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the House of the Lord, even in the courts of the House of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord.

The Sermon: THE RELIGION OF JAMES .....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 360 .....*Albano*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 205 .....*Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

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GUIDEPOSTS

A recent editorial in the Wall Street Journal makes this observation about the present college generation: "We have lately had some experience with young folk of college age and we've been impressed with the makings of the next generation. Indeed, one of the things that has impressed us is that much of their familiar rebellion is part of a restless search for guides to live by." I'm bound to say that my own experience with college students confirms this observation.

The editorial writer then proceeds to point to the root cause of restlessness and rebellion. He declares, "The effects of a generation of permissiveness are still being felt . . . as for adults, we suspect that in every age there have been only a few to raise up standards, to abide by them and to seek to pass them on." Surely this is the problem. If the home is a vacuum religious convictions do not exist, can we explain if our young adults dismiss the values of religious belief? If adultery is increasingly acceptable in a society, should we be surprised if standards are lowered in youth behavior? If material values become the end and all of human existence, are we justified in protesting the priority that youth places on economic security?

To be sure, young adults develop their own inner standards. From the moment of birth they are involved in the process of becoming persons. This demands a continuing release of outer restraint. The ultimate goal of personal growth is a maximum achievement of individual freedom. However, we who are older have a keen responsibility to raise up standards and to live by them. If we do not do this we are putting youth on the highways of living with no road markers, maps, and no guidelines.

If you have a concern about the younger generation, I confess I do not share it with you. I would tell you where my real concern lies. We have scorned absolutism and embraced pragmatism. What is right is what works, regardless of the intrinsic moral issue involved. This climate of thought created by an adult society is not wholesome. We need to use with new clarity the honorable words: "right", and "wrong", and not be apologetic in using them. If young adults are restless it is because we have failed to give them guideposts by which they can direct their lives. It is as simple as that.

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THE UNITED THANK OFFERING of the women of the Church is a threefold gift of prayer, money and joyful service. This cannot be stressed too often. The offering is given spontaneously with a sense of deep thanksgiving for God's presence in our lives and for His many gifts to us. There is no particular time when the Blue Box is used, but surely each one of us is conscious every day of being grateful to God. As each gift of money is put into the United Thank Offering box, a prayer is said.

These prayers are of tremendous force in spreading His Kingdom on earth. Through the U.T.O. the women of the Church put their thankfulness into action. Keep your Blue Box in plain sight and use it often.

St Stephen's Spring In-Gathering of the United Thank Offering will be held on Sunday, May 5th at the 11 o'clock service. Please bring your offering in the enclosed Blue Envelope so that it may be placed on the Altar. If you are unable to be present, mail it to:

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The Introit 216 Aurelia

The Processional Hymn 220 .....*Toulon*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 96, Page 459

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:36-49

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
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The Anthem: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise".....*Thiman*

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The Sermon: "DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN".....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 449 574 Holley .....*Olivet*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 542 519 Ebenezer .....*Duke Street*

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This calls to mind an observation made by C. S. Lewis in his autobiography "Surpise By Joy." Here it is, "This was a religion that costs nothing. We could talk religiously about the Absolute: but there was no danger of Its doing anything about us. It was "there"; safely and immovably "there". It would never come "here", never (to be blunt) make a nuisance of Itself . . . there was nothing to fear; better still, nothing to obey."

As over against the nebulous kind of Nothing God, the Christian Religion declares that Jesus Christ has revealed the nature of God. In fact, Jesus Christ makes this bold statement; "I and the Father are One. The Father is in Me, and I in Him . . . He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father . . . the words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father that dwelleth in Me." I wonder if we have really come to terms with this issue. Have you, really? Think it over. And when you have, tell me what difference it has made in your life.

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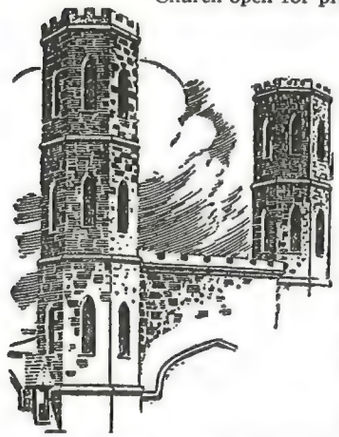
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Strengthen our hearts, O Lord, that we may rise to our full stature as Thy faithful sons and daughters. Make us brave. Give us courage—courage to think clearly about the meaning of life, even though understanding means bidding farewell to cherished illusions; courage to blaze the way for new truth, even though acceptance shatters the pleasant little world of make-believe; courage to love the right, even though that love means sacrifice and service and ceaseless longing; courage to fight the wrong, even though battle means wounds and weariness and heartache. So fill us with Thy Spirit, O Lord, that we may be more than conquerors through Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, even Thy Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 285 ..... *Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 112, page 483

The First Lesson: Genesis 3

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "Let All The World" ..... *Robert Baker*
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King! The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly! The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. The Church with psalm must shout; no door can keep them out! But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

The Sermon: "THE SINS OF THE FATHERS" ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

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PUBLISH THE GOSPEL

Some time ago I heard a lecture by Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto, Canada. He had a startling message on "Publish The Gospel." I was so impressed that I wish to share the highlights of his message.

Dr. Smith said that it is not the preaching of Martin Luther that brought the Protestant Reformation, but his writing. Luther wrote over 100 books, and then translated the Bible into the language of his people. His pen was mightier than his voice, and he accomplished more by his writing than his preaching.

Today, according to Dr. Smith, three million souls learn to read and write each week. One of the greatest miracles of our day is the increasing literacy. He feels that this is the first generation which could be evangelized by the written page.

Last year Russia produced two pieces of literature for every man, woman and child on the face of the earth. Most of it was aimed to produce converts to Communism or proclaim the Communist way of life. The son of the late Mahatma Ghandi told Dr. Smith, "The Missionaries taught us to read, but the Communists are giving us the books.

Here we seem to be failing. Last year 60,000 different books of various subjects and titles were written in Russia; 24,000 in Japan; 19,000 in England; 18,000 in India; and our country ranked fifth with 12,000. Much of it was trashy in content and nature.

In addition, Russia translated 5,000 writings, we translated 800. Many feel that Russia, more than U.S., sees the value of the printed page. They are using the printed page to set us up for co-existence which will lead, hopefully for them, to world conquest without war. This they do not want. They want a bloodless revolution. With this we can see some of the writings in the U.S. leading to strife and violence right here. The pen is mightier than the sword and can sway the minds of men in a powerful way.

Dr. Smith related that Jehovah's Witnesses have the largest printing press in the world, turning out 84 million pieces of literature a year. They had larger crowds in Yankee Stadium than Billy Graham, and the largest mass baptism in the history of the world. One day in Yankee Stadium 7,136 converts were baptized. All of these 7,136 said they were influenced directly or indirectly by the printed page distributed by Jehovah's Witnesses.

Last year the Churches of America invested one billion dollars in new construction, in brick, stone an mortar. The speaker said that to give away $20 a minute, until he had given a billion dollars away, would require him dropping $20 bills over the pulpit at the rate of one a minute for the next 95 years.

At the same time we have invested little in the printed page in the battle for the minds and souls of men. Yet in this hour of crisis, the Gospel must be published. (See Mark 13:10). Religious and Gospel books are paper missionaries. Our lives are the richer and more complete because on the printed page we can read of men like George Muller, Brother Andrew, Peter Marshall, and Billy Graham. We grow in spiritual depth as we read of prayer, healing, Christian love, the guidance of God, and the work of the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for the Gospel, and the living reality of the power and the presence of Christ to be published to all men.

THE RENEWED MAN

According to scientific prognostication, man may soon be able to explore the dark side of the moon. But man's dark side is still basically unexplored. We know more about treating the physical man than ever before; yet our need of hospital beds is greater than ever. *Why This Inconsistency?* Is there something very basic about ourselves which has eluded us? Do we know who we are? Do we know where we are going?

The late scientist, Priest and Philosopher, Teilhard de Chardin, examines the future of humanity in his *Phenomenon of Man*. Looking at man from *without* he notes that many scientists despair of the future; predict a gradual running down of the universel point out that in energy exchanges something is always lost—a process referred to as "entrophy." De Chardin invites us to study with equal interest that vast realm of the man within. In the process of evolution, as the physical world about us becomes more complex in its ascent toward man, simple consciousness and later reflective consciousness assumes an ever greater role. Man's physical nature bows before its New Master—this growing state of *Awarness*. The renewed man sips of the water that becomes a refreshing spring of creativity in the very center of his *Being*.

The Rector dedicated a Fair Linen Credence Cover last Sunday, presented by Mr. Raymond Winter in memory of his wife, Elizabeth Heath Winter.

We wish to thank these additional contributors to the United Thank Offering: Mrs. Frances F. Bailey, Mrs. Edward J. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hanson, Mrs. Madeline Keller, Mary Louise Seltzer, Mrs. A. P. Valentine. There were several envelopes without name.

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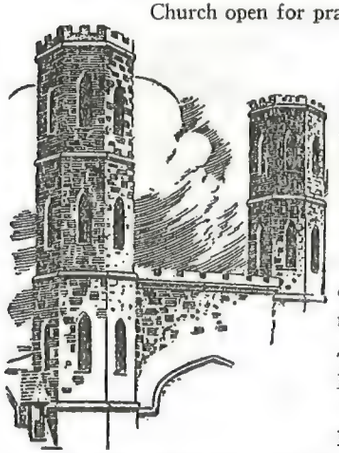
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1968

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 188-189-190

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11:00 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Hark! A Voice Saith, All Is Mortal" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Lord God, out of the mystery we have come. Across this little landscape of our life we wend our way. We come to Thee in utter sincerity, as eager questing spirits, that in this holy hour come revelation may be given. Make radiant the darkness, kindle our hearts with a flame of love, send us forth into the future in confidence and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 367 ..... Laudes Domini

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, No. 46, page 397

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-18

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" ..... *Thomas Matthews*
The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Sermon: ZACCHAEUS ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 566 ..... *Galilee*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 554 ..... *Lancashire*

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FEED EACH OTHER

Fights are costly—struggles between Capital and Labor, between two factions in a town or a Church, between two people. War—across the ocean, within the four walls where one lives—is certainly an expensive and wasteful way in which to try to settle a problem. Jesus had Divine common sense when He bade His followers to care for each other, to have a deep concern for the other's needs, to "love thy neighbor as thyself." As Patrick Henry pointed out, "We must hang together, or we shall hang separately."

There is a legend I'd like to share with you again and again—of a good man who died and went to heaven. On his arrival, he asked if he might go down for a brief visit to hell, just to see what it was like. Permission was granted, and a guide went with him. On their arrival, the guide took him to hell's dining-room, and the good man was amazed to find a great banquet-table loaded with food fit for a king. Then the people came in, thin as skeletons, shreiking with an agonizing hunger as they saw the tempting food. Each had a long fork strapped to his right arm, and each plunged his fork into the roast beef and struggled to put it into his mouth. But the long fork was strapped so tightly to his whole arm, that he could not bend it at the elbow, and he could not get a morsel into his mouth. They were dismissed from the table, and went away, sobbing.

The good man had now had enough of hell, so he asked to be taken back to heaven. The guide had him there swiftly; and they went immediately to heaven's dining-room. There the good man saw a banquet-table identical with the one in hell, loaded with the same delectable food. And the citizens of heaven, as they strolled into the hall, had exactly the same forks strapped to their arms. They were healthy, well-fed, vigorous people, and were joking at the table together. The visitor was mystified, but his guide said, "wait and see." When the heavenly host was seated, suddenly each turned and faced his neighbor, speared a bit of food with his fork, and fed it to his neighbor. And the guide said, "you see, here we feed each other."

Hell is simply that place where people think only of themselves. Heaven is any place where each thinks of his neighbor and cares for him. God grant that it may be said of your home, your town, your Church, your world, "we feed each other."

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price:—I am thrilled to report that Marilyn Sisson, for whom your Prayer Fellowship has been praying, has been miraculously healed. We wish to thank you for your "high voltage" prayer efforts. They were surely heard and answered. May God bless you. —Mrs. Roger Lewis (La Junta, Colorado)

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The Rev. Massey H. Shepherd, Jr., one of the liturgical scholars of the Church, has made the following statement about the Prayer Book:

"We have entered a period of unforseen length when we shall be experimenting with new and revised forms of common worship. But the Book of Common Prayer will remain as the standard of our faith and the model of our worship throughout this period. Without it we would lose "our chart and compass" in the renewal of our liturgical life. There will not be a 'New Prayer Book' for many years, and even then, the New Prayer Book will be but a revised edition of the present one."

A faithful worker in and for St. Stephen's Church, Mr. Douglas Cole contributes the following:

NOONTIDE SERVICE AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Words of comfort to impart,
Ease unto an aching heart;
Rest, and time to think and pray,
From the turmoil of the day.
Ills, in new perspective viewed;
Go thou forth from here renewed

DINNER:—The Women's Aid of the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing is giving a Roast Beef Dinner in the Community House on Tuesday, June 18th. Cost is $1.75—Children, $1.00—will be served from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. You Are Welcome.

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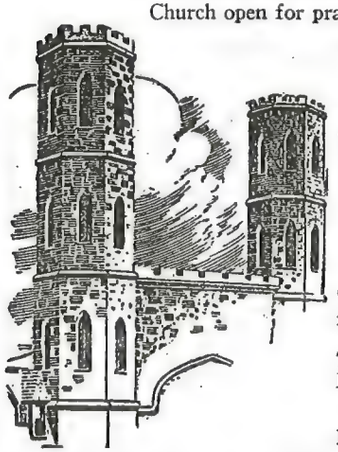
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, Thou lover of mankind, in whose hand is the life of every living creature, we lift our hearts to Thee in grateful devotion. Grant that this day may be free from inner discord. Help us to rise above storms of passion and murmurs of self-will. Strengthen us to subdue our wayward inpulses. Grant that our better selves shall take control. Guide us so to order our lives that this may be a day of unclouded harmony; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 45, page 396

The First Lesson: Genesis 1-2:3

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: Praise My Soul The King of Heaven ..... *Gordon Young*
(Text: Hymn No. 282)

The Sermon: "ZACCHAEUS" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 564 ..... *Lyons*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 269 ..... *Moultrie*

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FOLLOW ME

The world usually judges people by their position among men—how high they have climbed, *where they are*. The world says: "He is a very successful business man;" "He has the best farm around here;" "She has a terrific reputation as a nurse;" "She is the most popular woman in town." But Jesus looks at it differently. He says, "He is becoming a more useful business man;" "He is always learning better ways for farming the land God entrusted to him;" "She is growing to be a more vaulable nurse because she is learning to keep My Healing Presence in her heart;" "Her capacity for loving people is growing so fast that her friends are a host!" Jesus judges people, not by where they are, but by *the direction in which they are going*. Some of the most "successful" people rank low with Him, for they have stopped growing in character; they have grown content with what they are. As the Negro red-cap said, "No, don't get into that coach, for it aint hitched to anything that is going anywhere."

Jesus says to those who wish to be His friends, "Follow Me." In other words, go always in My direction along the road in which My Spirit leads you." He does not care especially whether the world considers you a success, He cares about whether you are headed. Someone has said that a saint is a sinner who, when he falls down, gets up in God's direction. There is deep comfort, and much hope, in that truth. Jesus knows that we are going to fall flat on our faces sometimes; but, when we do, He expects us to listen for His reassuring voice bidding, "Follow Me."

In a group of skaters there was a small boy who kept tumbling to the ice so often that his older brother shouted, "You'll be black and blue from head to foot—you're too little to learn to skate. Why don't you give up, for now, and watch the others?" The little boy was still crying, but he shouted back, indignantly, "I didn't get these skates to give up on; I got them to learn with."

We can be like that little boy. We have our faith to 'learn with," our Master to beckon us on. Which way are you headed? "Follow Me."

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—Marguerite Cordice (Hollis, Long Island, N.Y.)

The Rector will give the Invocation at the Annual Flag Day celebration at Independence Square on Friday, June 14th, at 8 P.M.

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We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Mabel Allington, Frances F. Bailey, Rita J. Clark, E. E. Hunter, Harriette Kimmig.

MEDITATION

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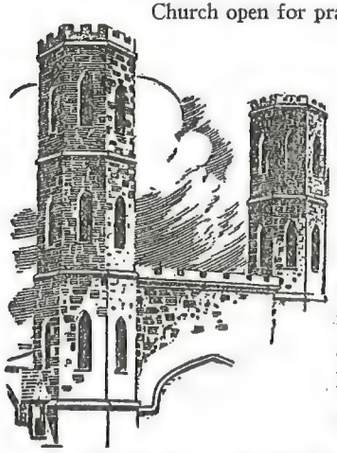
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Antiphons".....*Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—God of all peace and consolation, who didst gloriously fulfill the great promise of the Gospel by sending down the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, to establish the Church as the house of His continual Presence and Power among men: mercifully grant unto us, we beseech Thee, the same gift of the Spirit, to renew, illumine, refresh, and sanctify our souls, to be over us and around us like the light and dew of heaven and to be in us a well of water springing up into everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 385 .....*Austria*

The Response to the Decalogue #709 .....*Willan*

The Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost .....*Thiman*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing spirit art, who dost Thy seven-fold gifts impart; Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love; enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight: Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of Thy grace: keep far our foes, give peace at home; where Thou art Guide no ill can come. Teach us to know the Father, Son, and Thee, of both, to be but One; that through the ages all along this may be our endless song, Praise to Thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Sermon: "PLAYING WITH FIRE".....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 379 .....*Capetown*

The Sanctus Hymnal #711 .....*Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 196 .....*Eucharistic Hymn*

The Gloria in Excelsis #739 .....*Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 384 .....*Regent Square*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Charlotte Shoemaker in memory of her mother; and by Mrs. Joseph A. Schrott in memory of her husband.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Frederick Schmid

5:30 P.M.—Holy Communion & Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
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UNDER AUTHORITY

The Roman Army officer must have been a rare man. In a day when servants were cheap, he went to a lot of trouble to seek out the Master, and implore Him to heal his servant. Jesus said that He would glady come and make the servant well. But the Centurion protested that he was not worthy of so great an honor. Jesus could just say the word, and that would be enough. With keen understanding of authority, he said, "For I also am a man under authority . . ." As if to say, "When I give orders, they are obeyed because, back of me is the authority of the Roman emperor. I am a man under authority; and I know, back of You is a powerful Authority. Because of Him who stands back of You, You can just say the word, and Your word will be obeyed."

Down through the long ages, Christians have been marked as *"men under authority."* They have lived and worked under the command of God, and in obeying His will, they have been undergirded by the infinite power of God operating in them. No wonder that, again and again, they have changed the world. The weakness of dictators, a Napoleon, a Hitler, a Stalin—is that they have *no* greater power back of them. In time their limited human powers fade, unreplenished by inner resources. If Christian people today will make it their business to live under God's authority, they can overcome pagan Communism, as early Christianity overcame the mighty Roman Empire.

Why *should* we take orders from God? Jesus described Himself as a Shepherd and ourselves, his sheep. Looking sadly at Jerusalem, He wept, saying how gladly He would have gathered men unto Him as a hen gathers her chicks. Sheep and chickens run a close race for the prize of stupidity and general incompetence . . . We cannot be trusted to do what is best . . .As far as I can see, there is so much to be done about our helplessness except to recognize it, and to give thanks to God that we have a Good Shepherd.

The President of the United States once appointed to the United Nations General Assembly Mrs. Edith Sampson, a brilliant Negro lawyer. Throughout her remarkable career, before handling any case, she has always said a silent prayer, "God, here I am again. Direct my thinking—put words in my mouth, not that I should win, but that justice should prevail." And looking forward to her task in the Assembly, she said, "My job will be tough . . . but God will direct me, and tell me how I can make my contribution to peace." I think that the Russian delegates watched that woman. If they were alert, they noticed in her a power greater than the Politburo. Pagans are always baffled before the power of God coming through one who lives under the authority of Almighty God!

We wish to express our thanks to these U.T.O. Contributors: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bachrle, Mrs. Frances F. Bailey, Mrs. Marie P. Berger, Helen L. Bradley, Olga B. Carlile, Clara R. Clark, Viola De Castello, Will Coffee, Elsie Dahl, S. G. Gibb, Mrs. H. J. Hauger, Mrs. Henrietta Jones, Mildred W. Leach, Frances Tinsley Kalich, Ruth G. Leithead, Jane MacLeod, Charles A. Livezly, Fred C. Mangold, Caroline M. Price, M. B. Richardson, Edna G. Shellenberger, Kathryn Schrott, Ann Snow, Stella Talbert, Nadia Watson, Ann F. Weisman, Lena Wilmer, Sarah S. Winn, Miss Edith L. Wyatt.

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The Rector and Mrs. Price have a new grandchild, born on May 16th. His name is Morgan Wynne Van Dyke Murray.

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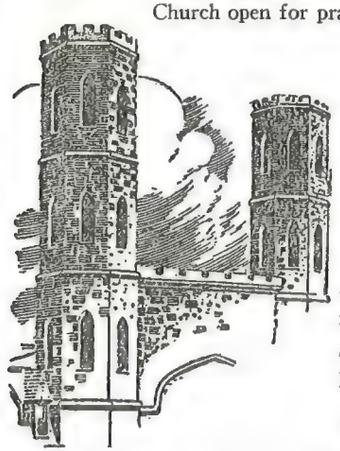
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The Prelude: "Variations On A Theme by Handel" ..... *Guilmant*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 143 ..... *National Hymn*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #119:14, 15, Page 497

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

The Anthem: "Unfold, Ye Portals Everlasting" ..... *Gounod*

With welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, back to the heavenly mansions hasting. Unfold, for lo, the King comes nigh. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty. Of hosts He is the Lord; of angels and of powers: the King of Glory is the King of saints.

The Sermon: "THE GOSPEL OF THE NEW AGE" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 261 ..... *Tidings*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 355 ..... *Miles Lane*

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—Mrs. Sterling Clive (Sepulveda, California)

OUR NATION'S GREATNESS

Sometimes we speak of the greatness of our Democracy, and I believe we have good reason to do so. But if we speak with pride (as if we frail children of dust have produced the greatness)—then we are wrong!

Doctor Emrich, in "Earth Might Be Fair" once pointed to the Source of our greatness. He looked back to the days that followed the American Revolution, when our forefathers gathered to frame a new government. Humanly speaking the outlook was black—patriots were exhausted from a seven-year war; and there was little enthusiasm for the new nation-to-be. The forces of division were rampant. What could a handful of men do? But these leaders did not put their faith in the cleverness of man. They remembered that they were children of the Most High; and they framed their government on that heroic faith.

Out of that faith came our freedom of worship, and the right to a job. Dr. Emrich points out, "If it is a man's duty to worship God, then he has the *right* to do so, and no State may demand of him the worship due to God alone. If it is his duty under God to develop his talents by work, then he has the right to work. There is in man, when he lives this eternal life with God, an inner stronghold of freedom which no earthly power may assault. His rights are written in the stars." In the same way, freedom of speech and freedom of the press stem from our belief that we are the children of God. For, since you are God's child, you have the right to speak what He puts in your heart. It is your parentage alone which gives you importance. Because He is your Father, you are entitled to the rights of a free Democracy.

The Psalmist looked up to the majesty of the night sky and knew that he was only "a little two-legged creature beneath the awful splendor of the heavens." "What is man that Thou are mindful of him?" He asked in true humility. And the New Testament gives us the answer, that we are "the heirs of God;" that we are worth noticing in the universe only because we are the offspring of God. It is not that we *deserve* the consideration of the Almighty. Rather, we receive His loving aid as "grace" because we are His own children, and because He is a great and merciful Father. As we approach Memorial Day, we naturally think with hope of the greatness of our Nation. We can preserve and increase that greatness only if we walk very humbly with our God.

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THE CHURCH FLAG

The Rector will dedicate a new Church Flag at the 11 O'Clock services on May 26th. This Flag is presented by Mr. Raymond Winter, in memory of his wife, Elizabeth Heath Winter.

The Foundation of the Church Flag is the Christian Flag, the banner of Constantine, a white field on which is superimposed a red cross with arms extending to all edges. This is a symbol of the universality of the Church of Christ which is to spread to the very edges of the whole world. In the upper left are nine cross-crosslets in silver on a blue ground. The colors are red for scarifice, white for purity of the Christian religion, Madonna blue representing the human nature of our Lord inherited from His Virgin Mother. The nine cross-crosslets, representing the nine original Dioceses of General Convention held in 1789, are arranged in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross because the first Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Bishop Seabury of Connecticut, was consecrated in Scotland. The cross-crosslet is the symbol of the propagating nature of the Church.

THE ANNUAL RECTORY COOK-OUT LUNCHEON—for the Women of St. Stephen's, Morning and Afternoon Branches, will be held on Saturday, June 1st; in case of rain, on the following Saturday. The 11:42 A.M. train on the Manayunk Line of the P.R.R. will be met at the Cynwyd Station. Or, you may use the Route 44 Ardmore bus from Market Street, to Montgomery Ave., Cynwyd. Walk North Levering Mill Road 3 blocks to Lodges Lane, to Number 121.

"IN-LIEU-OF-FLOWERS"

During the past few years an increasing number of families have designated St. Stephen's Church or the Chapel for the Hard of Hearing to receive contributions in memory of loved ones who have passed on. It was suggested that these contributions and the contributors receive an acknowledgement of their gifts. These contributions are placed in a Memorial Fund, and to honor these persons being remembered St. Stephen's Church has placed a Memorial Plaque on the North wall of the Church. Thus far eight persons names have been inscribed.

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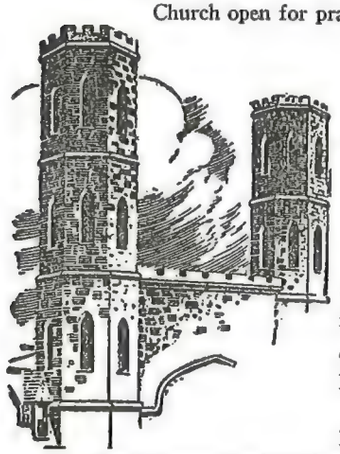
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"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Antiphon IV" ..... *Marcel Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Grant unto us, Almighty God, the peace that passeth understanding, that we, amid the storms and troubles of this our life, may rest in Thee, knowing that all things are in Thee, not beneath Thine eye only, but under Thy care, governed by Thy will, guarded by Thy love, so that with a quiet heart we may see the storms of life, the cloud and the thick darkness, ever rejoicing to know that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Guide, guard and govern us even to the end that none of us may fail to lay hold upon the immortal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 382 ..... *Tallis Ordinal*

The Venite, Prayer Book, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 77, page 433

The First Lesson: I Kings 3:v.5

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "O All Ye Nations" ..... *Heinrich Schutz*

O all ye nations, praise the Lord; O praise the Lord all ye people. Praise ye Jehovah in His strengh; all that hath life and breath, now praise Jehovah. God's loving kindness unto us is great and merciful, with heart and with voice in Him rejoice; for His Truth endureth ever more, Sing Praises! Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord.

The Sermon: THE GOSPEL FOR THE NEW AGE ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 410 ..... *Martyrdom*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 479 ..... *Hyfrfydol*

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HIS INSTRUMENTS

An ordinary paint brush in the hands of Michaelangelo did wonders of beauty, because the paint brush responded to the will of a great painter. A plain man in the hands of God can do greater things still—because he responds to the will of the Almighty.

Jesus showed wonders humanity can do, when it is surrendered to God's wishes. He was so yielded to God's pleasure that God could work through Him, freely and wondrously. "I and My Father are One," Jesus said—just as a paint brush and the painter are one. Jesus taught us to be so surrendered to God that He can use us as His instruments.

Our Nation has sometimes been led, at great hours, by men who followed this teaching of Jesus. As Abraham Lincoln faced the mighty task of President, he felt the overwhelming magnitude of the task. Knowing his own human limits, he turned to the Source of all wisdom. In his farewell to his friends in Springfield, Illinois, he said, "Without the assistance of that Divine Being, . . . I cannot succeed. With that Assistance, I cannot fail." As the Presidential train neared Washington, Lincoln prayed that he might be "a humble instrument in the hands of The Almighty."

Again we find ourselves in great and perilous days. The dangers and the opportunities are so tremendous that we cannot fail to be humble, as Lincoln was. We know, deep in our hearts, that we small humans are not equal to this testing. Only under God can we meet the demands of the hour. We need to pray for a President who will lead this Nation as an instrument sensitive to the promptings of the God who made all mankind. We must each seek divine guidance that our leaders may be humble and have the teachable spirit of Lincoln.

For this is no time to try to get God to do our wills. A delegation of clergymen once waited on Lincoln, and their spokesman expressed the hope that "the Lord is on our side." Lincoln quickly replied, "I'm not at all concerned about that, for I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this Nation should be on the Lord's side."

This must be our concern—to offer ourselves to God, to be used by Him, that He may have His way on earth. If we, the American people, will make it our first business to serve Him, and if we can lift up a President who will be God's servant—then the American people can be a great and glorious blessiing to our troubled world.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONFERENCE

5,527 people attended the various sessions of the four day International Conference on the Church's Ministry of Healing held in St. Stephen's Church September 8th through the 11th.

31 Denominations were represented; clergy and laymen came from 29 States, and six from overseas countries: Australia, Nigeria, Ireland, India, England and Canada. There were 70 Clergymen present. There were 18 speakers and 34 addresses. 45 new members were inducted into the Order. Some 1500 persons enjoyed the Social Hour Periods in the Community House in the afternoons of Conference days.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Mrs. Madeline Keller who supervised all the activity in the Community House, and to her many volunteers for their untiring efforts. Our devoted Verger, Mr. Clifton Johnson and his wife prepared and cooked the fine dinner, served on Tuesday evening, which was enjoyed by some 200 persons. Miss Hazel Bainbridge did a magnificent and flawless job in managing the ushers, offerings, healing and communion services.

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Marguerita S. Farmer (Haverford, Pa.)

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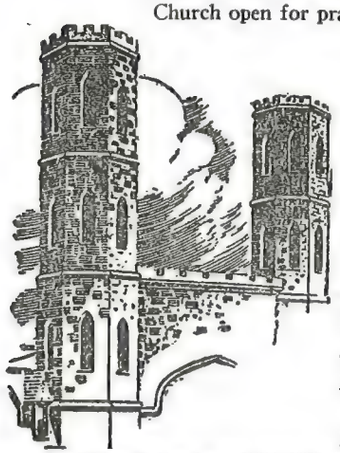
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The Prelude: "Antiphons" ..... *Dupre*

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The Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elisabeth*

The Venite, Prayer Book, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 75, page 431

The First Lesson: II Samuel 23:8-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
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None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Bless The Lord, O My Soul ..... *Ivanoff*

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always chide, nor keep His warth forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

The Sermon: "THE CITY" ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 414 (Tune to 450) ..... *Martyrdom*

The Doxology, Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Kathryn Miller in memory of Anna E. Eisenbrey; and by Mrs. Leon Merrow in memory of her husband.

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A PATTERN OF BEAUTY

"It was a very wise doctor who once said, Most people think that all we have to know is what disease the patient has. Often it is more important to know what *patient has the disease.* "How right he was! Two patients come into a tuberculosis sanatorium, each has the same excellent chance of recovery from an early case. One settles down, with courage and faith, to take a good cure, and in 18 months returns to his home and family, to earn his living and take care of his loved ones. The other sulks and fumes, and breaks the hospital rules; and does not recover. With these two people, and hosts of others, it did not make so much difference what disease the patient had. It made the difference between life and death, what patient had the disease.

Thomas Mann, the famous author, was discussing the effect of illness upon the career of a writer. He did not think that just being sick makes or breaks the writer, but that, in a person of courage and talent, illness can stimulate and enrich that career—*"it depends on who is sick."* When a sick man lets the sickness stir him to deeper dependence on God, or a more self-forgetful service of others, then you get a Robert Louis Stevenson or a Doctor Trudeau.

It is fashionable to account for success or failure by circumstances. "So-and-so succeeded because he got the breaks." "I lost out because luck was against me." But the fact is that a man or woman of faith can take even misfortune, and let God make something great out of it. It can take long months of illness in a hospital, and make a new character out of it. The fact is that Jesus took the ugly, disgraceful Cross, and made a sign of victory out of it. Paul cries joyfully, in the face of the worst life can do to us, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." If we will let Him, God can even take our mistakes and our crosses and weave them into a pattern of beauty.

A Persian was telling how they make beautiful carpets in his country. The carpet-to-be is hung vertically on a frame, and little boys, sitting on planks at various levels, put in the colors from the wrong side. The artist stands on the right side of the carpet, shouting directions to the boys, telling them what colors to use, and where. The boys obey, not seeing the pattern at all. Sometimes they get tired or heedless, and make a mistake. Often the artist does not make the boy remove the wrong color. If he is a really great artist, he weaves the mistake into the pattern, and it is lost in the beautiful design.

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—Carolyn M. Polacek (Phoenix, Arizona)

Miss Elena Lynch, R.N., who has been on vacation from her 8 months volunteer work in Burrswood, England, will show slides of this wonderful Healing Centre founded by the famous Dorothy Kerin, in St. Stephen's Community House following the morning service, on Sunday, September 15th. All Are Welcome!

The Rector dedicated an Altar Cruet on Sunday September 1st, presented by Joan Paulis in memory of Gertrude Langton.

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This work will come under the ministry of the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling who for many years has ministered to the Hard of Hearing of St. Stephen's Church.

It is interesting to note that All Soul's Church For Deaf began in St. Stephen's Church in 1859 and for many years had Church services here for the deaf. And that the first Deaf Priest to be ordained to the Priesthood was ordained here in St. Stephen's Church by the Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

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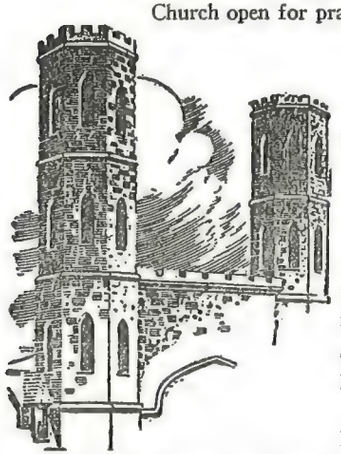
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The Prelude: Cantabile ..... *Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father, we assemble in the name that is above every name, to offer Thee our heart's devotion. We thank Thee for this quiet hour in this hallowed place. Here the pressure of life is lifted. Here the shallow desires of earth are stilled. Here the deep hunger of our hearts is satisfied. Bless us this hour. Reach our souls with Thy Spirit. Grant that our familiarity with the outward symbol may not dim our eyes to its splendor. May Thy Word be a Light to our path, and Eternal life to our souls; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Venite, Prayer Book, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 40:1-16, Page 390

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 38:1-14 (Rev. John Maillard, Devon, England)

The Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 10:1-24 (Dr. Clair B. King, M.D., Canton, Ohio)

The Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "All People That On Earth Do Dwell".....*Vaughan-Williams*

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell; come ye before Him and rejoice . . . Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make: we are His folk. He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take . . . O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts into; praise, laud and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do . . . For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. Amen.

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The Offertory Hymn 515 (Tune 416) ..... *Beatitudo*

The Recessional Hymn 517 (Tune 549) ..... *All Saints New*

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary in D ..... *Purcell*
Solo Trumpet: Anthony C. Clatch

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CANCER

A person who is unhappy is more likely to develop cancer than one who is leading a happy, satisfactory life. Internal balance is health and internal unbalance is sickness. These bodily functions are controlled by glands that are influenced by mental health.

—Dr. Clarence Cook Little
Director of the Roscoe B. Jackson
Memorial Laboratory for Cancer
Research at Bar Harbor, Maine.

DOCTOR AND PATIENT

Macbeth: How does your patient, Doctor?
Doctor: Not so sick, my lord, as she is troubled with thick-coming fancies that keep her from her rest.
Macbeth: Cure her of that. Canst thou not minister to mind diseas'd, pluck from the memory a rooted sorrow, raze out the written troubles of the brain, and with some sweet oblivious antidote cleanse the stuff'd bosom of that perilous stuff which weighs upon the heart?
Doctor: Therein the patient must minister to himself.

—Macbeth (V, 3)

How often today are we, as physicians, leaving our patient to "minister to himself?" Is it enough to prescribe a pill to alleviate physical pain, a tranquilizer to suppress mental or emotional suffering, or suggest a cocktail before dinner with the thought that it might mask the uneasiness of spiritual emptiness? Rather, shouldn't we be aiding our patients by helping them to understand the message of their illnesses?

It is easy to feel smug and satisfied after having made a diagnosis of a difficult case. Example: After much study and many expensive tests, I reach a conclusion, missed by several other doctors, that J.D. is suffering from aplastic anemia. I then inform him with the added comment that I sincerely regret that the causes for this disease, unfortunately, are unknown. There is little I can do for him! Transfusions might possibly give him temporary relief of symptoms; or they might be of no use whatever. Up to this point I would say I have actually done more for myself than for my patient. I have given my ego considerable satisfaction by arriving at a conclusion which certain other doctors failed to reach. But haven't I been more concerned with the illness than with the person it masks? Does my duty to the patient stop here? Should I make an attempt to reach the "person" who is lost behind the facade of an increasingly threatening disease? Dare I search for this "person", cowering in the depths, to ascertain that "which weighs upon the heart?"

We know so well that the actual duration of a so-called "incurable" illness varies greatly with patients. Some illnesses run a fast course; the patient is dead in a few days after the diagnosis is first made. Others will linger on far beyond any prognosticated life-expectancy, some even outliving the doctor. Questions that might properly be considered by the physician or clergyman at a time like this might include: Does J.D. have a strong self-image? Is he influenced, primarily, by the thoughts of others? Does J.D. have something or someone for whom to live or does life at this point seem to hold nothing for him? What can I do to increase his hope? Is my own faith in life such that some of it can infuse his soul and break the rigid hold of his illness?

This approach means a readiness to spend considerable time and patience with the ill person. It means accepting him or her without judgment . . . At times it may even mean the difference between recovery and death.

—Dr. Evarts G. Loomis, M.D.

THE CRITERIA OF EMOTIONAL MATURITY

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—William C. Menninger, M.D.

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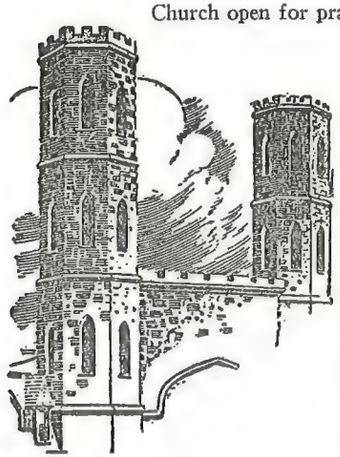
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This Church is erected on the site where Benjamin Franklin flew his famous kite.

INVITATION

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 1968

The Rev. Alfred W. Price, D.D., Rector

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "My Heart Is Filled With Longing" ..... *Brahms*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us; inspire all our thoughts; pervade our imaginations; suggest all our decisions; order all our doings. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in company and solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times humbly to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*
The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" ..... *J. S. Bach*

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy Wisdom, Love most bright; drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned, with fire all life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, 'round Thy throne.

The Sermon: "SHIRT SLEEVE TO SHIRT SLEEVES" ..... The Rector
The Offertory Hymn 570 (Tune, 349) ..... *Watermouth*
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*
The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Recessional Hymn 576 ..... *Ora Labora*

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THANKFUL PEOPLE ARE HAPPY PEOPLE. An ancient mystic said this. "On the contrary the happy people are not always the thankful ones!" Dr. John Gayner Banks, Founder of the Order of St. Luke, used to say frequently, "Keep your life open to the invasion of joy!" So, to have happiness, one of the great aids to health, keep your life open to the invasion of joy, and have as your motto, "The thankful people are the happy people."

—Excerpts from "Sharing".

TRY YOUR WINGS

Another day Birnie Warfield was preaching to a Camps Farthest Out meeting on the great text, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest. . . ." He leaned on both arms across the pulpit:

"Let's talk about that. It is said that the eagle builds its nest as wide as five feet, lays about 4 or 5 eggs. She builds the nest high on the highest peak she can find. She builds it of rocks and twigs and thorns, and then she lines it with the soft down fur from birds and little animals.

"Then when the little eagles are hatched, the mother eagle feeds them and keeps them comfortable. But when she thinks they should fly, she gets in and flaps her wings." Birnie's arms waved through the air. "Yes, she does. She gets in and flaps, and the little eagles don't know what's coming over them. They begin to cry and scream, 'my mother's flapping me!' "

An easy grin spread over his face. "And if they don't get out and fly, each day she takes a little of the down and the fur from nest. Then when the little eagle backs up, he gets pierced by the thorn and he screams and he hollers. But each day she takes out more and more, and then when there's only thorns she gets in there with her wings and stirs them up and they jump out. The mother *makes* them get out and use their wings.

"I get a little uneasy when things are going too easy with me, when things are soft. I know God's going to stir my nest. And I thank Him for every stir He's given me."

His hands clapped a rhythm. "God's not mean. You and I are destined to become His sons. And all sons of God have wings. When you try your wings, God is always watching. He'll not let you fall."

He stepped to the middle where his arms would be free to move. "When the mother eagle takes the young out, she takes two at a time, and drops them to see if they can fly. They do it very awkwardly. If they get too fast she swoops down and picks them up on her wings—and she repeats and repeats."

He leaned forward and balanced himself with his hands on his knees. "How many times has God taken you and me out on His wings and let us down? When we begin to pummel and begin to scream (like the little eagles, we scream and holler), just about that time the wings of God come up under. . . ." He moved his arms from the floor and the sleeve of his robe formed a wing. "God's trying to tell you and me, we gotta use our wings. The thing is, we *got* wings. Don't let no one tell you we don't! You got them, deep down inside. And you gotta keep saying, "I can fly, I can fly!"

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers, whose contributions came in just too late to be acknowledged in our June 30th issue: Frances F. Bailey, Mary E. Schearer, Mr. & Mrs. Charles U. Shellenberger.

SPREAD ABROAD THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE—which begins next Sunday, September 8th. Bishops, Clergymen, Doctors and Laymen will bring helpful messages on the Church's Ministry of Healing. The Rev. Edward P. Leckie, Associate Warden, of Canada, will preach at the 11 O'clock Service: "DIVINE HEALING—A BIBLICAL PANORAMA".

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On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Noonday brief preaching service; afternoon session at 2:30; evening session at 7:30.

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Miss Elena Lynch, R.N., who has been on vacation from her 8 months volunteer work in Burrswood, England, will show slides of this wonderful Healing Centre founded by the famous Dorothy Kerin, in St. Stephen's Community House following the morning service, on Sunday, September 15th. All Are Welcome!

AN EPITAPH

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Ben Franklin Printer,
(Like the cover of an old book
its contents torn out
And stripped of its Lettering and Gilding)
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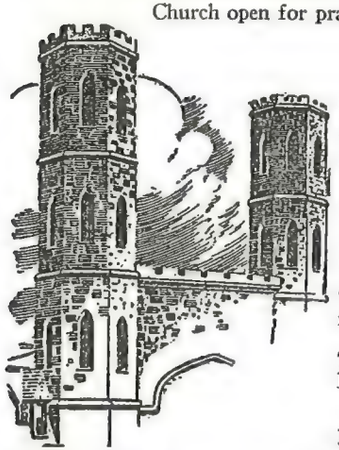
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The Introit

The Processional Hymn 309 ..... *Creation*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 146, Page 522

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it comes from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: God Is My Shepherd (Paraphrase, 23rd Psalm) ..... *Dvorak*

The Sermon: "REPENT" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 536 ..... Old 124th

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 519 ..... *Ebenezer*

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TRUST IN GOD

We human beings certainly get black feelings about this world of ours. In the old legend of Ulysses, Circe changed his followers into animals, and then promised that she would change them back again if Ulysses could persuade them that they would be better off as men. Ulysses thought that this would be quite easy, but he found that no one of them was willing to exchange the simple, happy animal state and resume the misery of a human being. That dreary legend sounds like the people of today who moan, "I hate to think of my children growing up to face the years ahead!"

Surely one cannot answer these disheartened people with "blue bird of happiness talk." We cannot close our eyes and deny the tumult and agony and evil at large in the world around us. But we can point out that so many of these miseries have grown out of half-hearted Christianity, out of paganism which has crept into our lives. When a child of God forgets his parentage, he is apt to descend to the level of a beast.

We can also assure them that, when we have trusted God, our lives have never become a nightmare. We have faced tragedy and trusted God to see us through it—and have always come out into the light again. We have faced the end of a blind alley, trusted God, and found a door opening into new life. The experience of God-trusting people, all down the ages, has been that He leads them faithfully through every wilderness, night and day. The apostles of every generation rejoice to find that evil spirits are subject to the power of God within them. Those who entrust themselves to the goodness of God live among miracles.

A friend of mine woke in the night once to hear his small son, Peter, calling him. He got up and went into his room and turned on the light; and there Peter was, with all the bed clothes off him, looking very cold. But the small boy was sound asleep. My friend tucked him in and went back to bed. In the morning Peter said, "You know, Daddy, I woke up in the night, and was cold, because all the bed clothes were off. So I called you." My friend said, "Yes, you did, Peter—but, when I got there, quickly, you were already asleep again." "Oh yes, Daddy," replied Peter, "I went to sleep right away. I knew you'd come." He trusted his father. Those who trust our Eternal Father find the same answering love, without fail!

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I hope all parishioners will have a time of rest and relaxation during the Summer. May the Lord bless you all!

Faithfully, your Rector—Alfred W. Price

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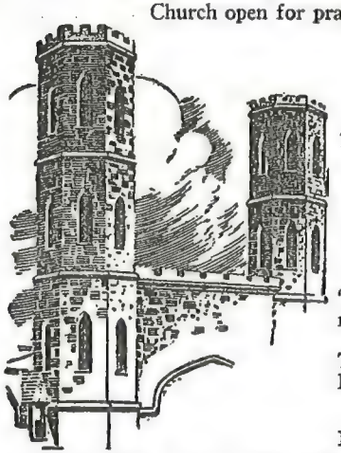
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Air in D" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and everlasting God, the Source of our life, the Strength of our pilgrimage, and the Goal of our journey; stir our spirits by Thy Spirit, that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Make us sensitive to Thy presence. Often we have forgotten Thee and turned aside from Thy ways. Touch our lips with the live coal from off the Altar; open our ears to the assurance of pardon; and kindle our hearts with eagerness to go forth as Thy messengers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*

Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.

His voice commands the tempest forth
and stills the stormy wave;
And though His arm be strong to smite,
'tis also strong to save.

The Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Lord, Make Me An Instrument Of Thy Peace" .. *David Stanley York*

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, Hope. Where there is darkness, Light. Where there is sadness, let me sow joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born . . . born to eternal life.

The Sermon: DOES LIFE MAKE SENSE? ..... The Rector
The Offertory Hymn 374 ..... *Holley*
The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*
The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Recessional Hymn 487 ..... *Ellers*

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LET ME IN

There is a story of a man who was entirely careless of spiritual things. He died and went to hell. He was much missed by his friends on earth. His business manager went down to the gates of hell to see if there was any chance of bringing him back. But, though he pleaded for the gates to be opened, the iron bars never yielded. His cricket captain went also and asked Satan to let him out just for the remainder of the season. But there was no response. His minister went also, and argued, "He was not altogether bad. Let him have another chance. Let him out just once." Many other friends of his went also and pleaded with Satan, saying, "Let him out! Let him out! Let him out!" But, when his mother came, she spoke no word of release. Quietly, with a strange catch of voice, she said to Satan, *"Let me in."* And immediately the great doors swung open. For love goes down to the gates of hell and there redeems the damned.

This is what God, in Christ did for us. God did not remain afar off as He sought to get rebellious mankind off the hook of our sin. He loves us too much for that. Somehow we must be transformed from our self-centered, "I want what I want, right now." And this must happen from within ourselves if it is to be real. So He came into our life here on earth, and lived with us, and offered Himself to us. What did we do? We crucified Him. And we still do. But, there on the Cross, He goes on loving us. That is more than we can resist—the Love that is not angered when we wound and reject Him but keeps on, eternally loving us. That is too much for us to push away, once we really see it. Humbly, gratefully, we surrender, and find that heaven where Love is King.

He expects us to let His great Love loose through us, each day. So many people never read the Good News in the Bible—we may be the only Bible they ever meet. God expects us to be so filled with Him that men may see His Mighty Love in us. He expects that, even when they hurt us and push us away, we shall keep on loving them. We must ask God to let us into their hell of selfishness, and live lovingly with them here, deeply involved in their heavy-laden hell of selfishness, and live lovingly with them there, deeply involved in their heavy-laden lives. If we do this resolutely, there is a glorious chance that they may open their hearts to be redeemed, changed and made new, and brought into that heaven where Love is triumphant.

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—Lillian L. Smith (Camden, N.J.)

Malcolm Diamond of Princeton's Department of Religion, participant in the Peace Movement, is increasingly alarmed by the excesses of its extremists: "Many members of the peace movement begin with detestation of injustice. They then transfer this passion to the specific problems of international affairs in a way that polarizes the issues. They maintain that peace is good; therefore, those in the peace movement are good. It follows that those outside it are evil. In the familiar patterns of fanaticism they then use prophetic invection bombarding the opposition with absolute judgments. Political discourse becomes increasingly difficult as one party reaches for epithets like 'Nazi' and the other for 'Communist'!"

"I wonder if it isn't time for us to reflect upon the 8th and 9th verses of the 4th Chapter of Genesis. Remember that, after Cain slew his brother, the Lord said to Cain 'Where is Abel, your brother?' Cain replied 'I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?' The answer is YES. Each of us is his brother's keeper and in the eyes of God all of us are brothers. We dare not be indifferent to our brothers' needs, whether these needs be material, spiritual, or just plain communication."—General H. K. Johnson, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

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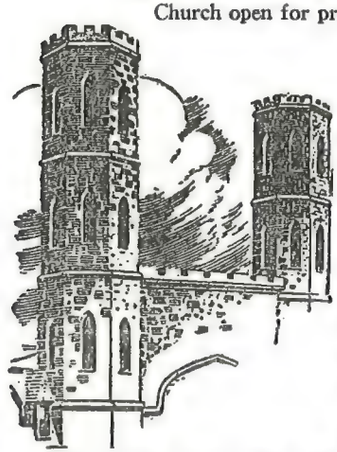
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The Choral Introit: O Holy Savior, Friend unseen,
The faint, the weak on Thee may lean;
Help me, throughout life's varying scene
By faith to cling to Thee.

The Processional Hymn 309 ..... *Creation*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 140, Page 516

The First Lesson: Daniel 5:1-9, 13-30

The Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 12:13-21

The Jubilate Deo, Prayer Book, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "When Thou Art Near" ..... *J. S. Bach*

When Thou art near I fear no evil, my heart is glad; when Thou art near I feel great joy. Thou art my guide, my consolation. Great joy is mine when Thou art near: my Savior, comfort me. Hide not Thy face, look on Thy servant. In pain and sorrow wilt Thou heal me; Lord hear the voice of my complaint. O Lord my God, comfort Thy servant. Lord, hear me when I cry to Thee; help me, my God, my Savior. Thou art my guide, my Savior, O hear me when I call to Thee. Thou art my life, my strength, my joy.

The Sermon: "THE TALENTS" ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 400 ..... *Graefenberg*

The Doxology and Presentation

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—Pauline Hamby (Dahlonega, Georgia)

REMOVED

Perhaps you never knew that your middle name is "Moses." No? But I think that you will find that it *is!*

Pharoah saw that the people of Israel were having a population explosion. They were increasing so fast that he was afraid that they would rise and overcome the Egyptians. So he ordered the Egyptian mid-wives to drown every Jewish boy-baby, and only let the girls live. There came a day when one Jewish mother had a baby boy she thought was so wonderful and sturdy that she hid him for three months. Then, when she could no longer conceal him safely, she made a little basket for him, and put it where Pharoah's daughter was accustomed to come down to the river to bathe. Pharoah's daughter was so taken that she had him cared for by a Hebrew woman (the baby's own mother!). Then, one day, when he had grown up, Pharoah's daughter adopted him as her own son, and she named him "Moses," which means "Removed," for, she said, "I have removed him from the river."

As you look back over life do you not find many places where the love of God (through some human being) "removed" you from a hopeless situation, and lifted you into life? Some unexpected, powerful aid took hold of you, and rescued you from your trouble. Most of us can trace this rescuing hand right through our lives. This is what is called "Grace"—the wondrous love of God who comes to our aid when we have nowhere else to turn, even when we do not deserve it. I recall so many of those moments in my own life, with humble gratitude.

It was Paul who passed on to us this exciting truth of God's grace. He had yearned so deeply to get rid of his handicap, the "thorn in the flesh" which caused him so much embarrassment. But God left "the thorn" in his life to remind Paul of his human helplessness without God, his urgent and constant need of God's strength. Paul finally had the sense to accept God's decision, and found that God always gave him courage to endure the handicap triumphantly. It was in helplessness that Paul discovered God's grace—"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Later on, as we read in Galatians, he was finally healed of this informity.

How many experiences you can recall, when God came into your helplessness, and lifted you out of despair into confident hope—because you trusted the wonder of His love. Out of your own life you know what Paul was talking about—the miracle of being "removed"!

Isn't it glorious to have "Moses" for your middle name!

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POINT OF VIEW

What they think when little Oswald starts to school for the first time:

His mother: "Just think! My liittle darling is almost grown up!"

His father: "I hope he makes a full-back!

His older sister: "That means I've got to walk to school with him and can't go with the kids."

His teacher: "I hope he's smarter than he looks."

His neighbor: "What a relief! Now we can have peace for a few hours a day."

His dog: "Yo-o-o-o-w-l-l-l!"

"Dear God, I read your book and I like it. I would like to write a book with the same kind of stories. Where did you get your ideas?" Mark, in the book More Children's Letters to God.

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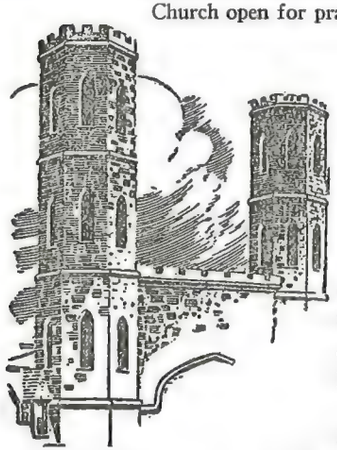
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The Prelude: "Air" ..... *Flor Peters*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, give unto us the spirit of true and sincere worship as we draw near to Thee in this holy place, that we may be delivered from all coldness of heart and wandering of mind. Bless to us the ministry of Thy servants, and grant that we may all worthily show forth Thy praise, humbly learn Thy Word, and render our thanks for all Thy mercies to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

Come, let us to the Lord our God with hearts return;

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The Processional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigiles Et Sancti*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 68:1-20, page 419

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 12

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

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The Anthem: "O Be Joyful In The Lord ..... *Ainsle Cox*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

The Sermon: "THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST" ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*

The flowers on our Altar today are provided by the Katherine Kennedy Fund, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Quigley Fleischer; and by Miss Helen Green and Mrs. Walter Lugar, in loving memory of their mother, Elizabeth Green.

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If you should take a trip to Chichicastenango in Guatemala, you will find there a most interesting monument. At the top of a wooden mountain you would come upon a primitive stone idol, perhaps five thousand years old. You would discover, at its base, fresh offerings of strewn flower petals and pine needles, and a fire smoldering on a crude Altar. The people still worship that old idol. And, carved out of the same stone, standing right against the idol you would find the Cross of Christ!

Those Mayan people of Guatemala are very much like the Greeks whom St. Paul visited. On the famous hill of Athens, Paul found many altars to many gods; and then, just for luck, one to "an unknown God." Down the long years hosts of people have bowed their heads in worship to several gods at the same time, being too lazy-hearted to surrender themselves, heart and soul, to the Maker of the Universe.

As old Elijah put it, "How long wilt ye halt between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him." That challenge was needed by the Greeks; it is needed by the Mayans; it is certainly needed by us. We worship God, but we also build in our hearts an altar to the power of money. There is a Cross of self-sacrifice in our hearts, but right close to it, an idol of selfishness. We say, "I believe in God's Way of Love, but of course I have got to look out for myself." Sometimes the old idol towers up higher than our belief in God.

We live in a tragic world. One reason that it is so tragic is our split loyalty, our half-hearted trust in Almighty God. We believe in God, BUT we are not often willing to seek His will, and obey it. We believe in His Way of Love, BUT we depend on force, armed might. In as perilous a world as ours, we had best quit this double-worship. We had best stake our whole future on God, who is truly Almighty. And so I propose a very simple, every day habit—for us to ask ourselves again and again, "Is this God's Way?" Ask ourselves which path ahead is His Way; and then take it. "How long will ye halt between two opinions?

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The Rector will preach at St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains, N. J. on October 18th (St. Luke's Day).

NIGERIA-BIAFRA RELIEF

The Church World Service and our "Presiding Bishop's Fund" are appealing for three million dollars for the immediate relief of the millions of people who are the victims of the serious conflict going on over there. A new and vigorous attempt is being made to mount a continuous and effective air-lift which can move supplies from suitably equipped points to distribution centers in needy areas. Some aid has already arrived and the first medical-nursing team is on its way. The Goal for our Diocese is $8,500. Please use the enclosed envelope and bring it or send it in to St. Stephen's Church.

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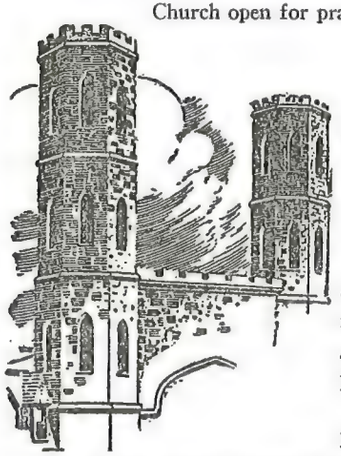
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The Prelude: "Ye Sweet Retreat" .....*Wm. Boyce*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Blessed and eternal God, who hast bestowed upon Thy servants precious gifts of heart and mind and spirit, grant us grace, we beseech Thee, to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Make us responsive to the atmosphere of reverence; and teach us to hallow Thy name. Sensitize our spirits to a keen awareness of the Father infinite in wisdom, love, and power; enrich our minds with the quiet ministries of Thy Holy Spirit; and gladden our hearts with the deep assurance that Thy Son is our Savior. And to Thee shall be the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.

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The Processional Hymn 517 (Tune, Hymn 549) .....*All Saints New*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 103, page 466

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The Anthem: We Adore Thee .....*Palestrine-Damrosch*
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The Sermon: St. Luke the Physician .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 529 (Tune to #512).....*Melita*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 515 (Tune to #416) .....*Beatitudo*

The flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. Eleanor Seitz in loving memory of her father, R. O. Morgan; and by Miss Marion Slatcher in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Salisbury Slatcher.

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The faith of the individual patient is a vital factor in total health. It is not a matter of whether we agree or disagree or accept this particular type or degree of faith. The patient has faith and we must treat the patient within the realm of his faith."

These words appear in a pamphlet published by the American Medical Association's Department of Medicine and Religion. They point up a medical fact of life—man cannot be divided neatly into segments and treated successfully in segments. His hungers . . . his fears . . . his weaknesses . . . physical or mental, overflow onto the whole man and affect his total health.

Recognizing this, physicians and clergymen are working together today with a degree of mutual regard that is dissolving communication barriers between scientists and theologians

At the national and local level, in medical school seminars and medical society meetings, in the pre-dawn quiet of hospital corridors, ministers and physicians are helping each other help patients.

THE MEANING OF LIFE

Dr. Victor Frankl, a member of the Medical Faculty of the University of Vienna, in an address made in 1958 has this to say about the meaning of life:

"In my opinion," said Dr. Frankl, "man is dominated neither by the will-to-pleasure (Freud) nor by the will-to-power (Adler), but by what I call the will-to-meaning; that is to say, his deep-seated striving and struggle for a higher and ultimate meaning to his existence. This is his misson in life—his unique task." He then went on to describe his experiences as a prisoner in a concentration camp during the Second World War! Everyone in the camp was suffering; at one time he thought he himself was dying. In reference to that experience he said, "While the concern of most in the camp was: 'will we survive the camp? For if not, all this suffering makes no sense'; the question for me was, 'Has all this suffering, this dying around us, a meaning? For if not, there is no sense to surviving.' "

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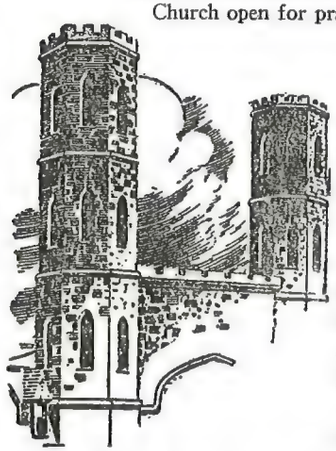
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The Prelude: "Chorale in A Minor"..... *Cesar Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and eternal God, whose sons and daughters we are, we beseech Thee to awaken us to a new sense of our mission as Thy children. Help us to live under the compulsion of high imperatives. Strengthen us to follow closely the steps of Him who went about doing good. Use us as Thy messengers to any one who are troubled. Show us how to give strengthening companionship to the lonely and discouraged. Teach us gentle words of healing for those in pain and grief. Guide us to give wise counsel to the wayward and tempted. In all our dealings with distressed humanity keep us faithful to the spirit of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. In His name, Amen.

The Choral Introit:

Come, let us to the Lord with contrite hearts return;
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The Processional Hymn 285 ..... *Leoni*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 86, Page 447

The First Lesson: Job 1:1-21

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 11:18-30

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

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None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
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The Anthem: "He, Watching Over Israel"..... *Mendelssohn*

The Sermon: "THE TRUE VINE"..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 489 ..... *Sicilian Mariners*

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SHORT OF LOVE

Do you sometimes shudder, lest you run out of love at Christmastime?

Dr. Frank Laubach, a young missionary in the Philippines, experienced complete failure in drawing the people to Jesus Christ. In agony of soul, he asked God what was the matter with him, and the answer came back, "You do not love these people, Frank." "I know that, God," he said. "They are so dirty; their habits repulse me. I don't love them but I can't do anything about it."

Then came the secret that eventually turned a failure into a world-renowned figure, and the great ambassador of literacy for God: "let me love them, through you, Frank." Instead of avoiding their priests, he went to meet them—asked them about *their* faith, made friends with them, letting God love them through him. Frank Laubach discovered their great need, which was to learn to read and write. Through God's power of love, he found how to teach literacy swiftly, to many people. So Normal Elliott tells the story: Not fiction, but what happened in a man who found himself short of love.

As Christmas approaches, we shall do well if we remember Jesus' promise, "I'm with you always, even unto the end of the world." God knows that our powers are limited. So He left us the assurance that, if we invite Him, now, He will enter into our thinking, our hoping, our loving. He will freshen our thinking to remember what one special loved one most wants. He will quicken our inner hopes so that we find new confidence in celebrating the birthday of God's Son. He will pour His gift of love into our hearts so He can bless all that need blessing, through us.

Because He has promised this, we can be bold to claim it—to take Him at His word. "There are things we cannot do on the human plane, as long as we rule ourselves. Only when God controls and reigns within us, are some things possible," like a Christmas overflowing with love!

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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

I urge you to attend Church on Sunday, November 24th at the 11 o'clock Service. In a sense, it is against a firmly held principle that I do this. I do not believe that a minister should plead with people to attend Church, nor do I believe that he should scold them when they do not attend Church. To do the first lacks a certain sense of dignity, to do the other serves no useful purpose. Many of my colleagues in the ministry evidently do not agree with me on this principle. Without exception they confront the fact of a nation-wide decline in Church attendance. Some express a feeling of personal hurt and injured feelings. Others reveal an unconcealed bitterness bordering on downright anger. Still others seek refuge in the rationalization that they must be preaching the Gospel with power and purity—telling their people how it really is—and since the people are unable to accept the truth, they stay away. How tempted we all are to twist truth to serve our ego-saving purposes!

The plain truth is that in a time when Church attendance generally is showing a marked decline, we are just about holding even. We have made no exciting gain nor have we endured any notable loss. During the past 25 years we have lost by death an average of 27 members per year, and until recent years we have been able to find 27 persons to fill in the gap. To be able to just "hold our own" is cause for neither congratulations nor complacency. It simply provides a base from which we move ahead. That movement forward will not be prompted by pleading or prodding on my part. You are a mature people, not to be treated as children. Only your conscience and sense of personal commitment to the Church can motivate you, and certainly not anything I can say or do.

I make an exception on Sunday, November 24th. This is Pledge Sunday, when we place our Pledge Cards in the Chest of Joash. Come and pledge your support to the Church for 1969. Every member who is present and pledges enables us to "get our house in order" more promptly. In consideration of others and out of a desire to cooperate with your Church in a most helpful way—come to Church next Sunday, and make Pledge Sunday a great day for the future of St. Stephen's Church.

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in Trinity Church, Rock Island, Illinois, Sunday evening, Nov. 17th through Tuesday, Nov. 19th.

St. Stephen's Fellowship Group will have their regular 3rd Sunday meeting in the Community House following the morning service. Refreshments and a Bible talk by Mrs. Price is the order of business. All are welcome—both men and women.

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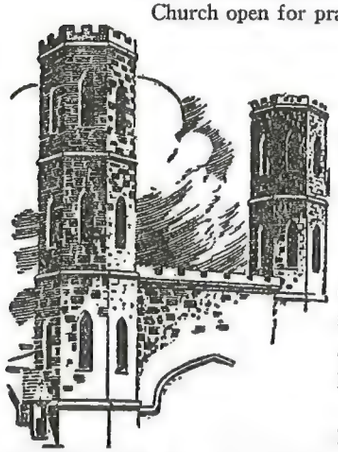
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The Prelude: "Song of Peace"..... *Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father, we assemble in Thy name, the name that is above every name, to offer Thee our heart's devotion. We thank Thee for this quiet hour in this hallowed place. Here the pressure of life is lifted. Here the shallow desires of earth are stilled. Here the deep hunger of our hearts is satisfied. Bless us this hour. Reach our souls with Thy Spirit. Grant that our familiarity with the outward symbol may not close our hearts to the inflow of Thy power, and that the limitations in the human medium through which Thy Word is spoken may not dim our eyes to its splendor. May Thy Word be a Light to our path and eternal life to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

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The Processional Hymn 273 ..... *Te Deum*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 50, Page 401

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 44:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 17-12:2

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "Praise"

To the Master of Music and loveliness: Praise, power, dominion for ever. To the Lord of the Word of Creation be praise, power, dominion for ever. To the Maker of movement, color and light: Praise, power and dominion for ever. To the Builder, Designer, Creator . . . to the Theme of all song, Inspiration of love: To the Artist of Life, to the great and least: For He is the greatest upon His high throne, and He was the least as the child of a maiden: Praise then, to Jesus whose mother was Mary, and praise now to Christ who is God in the midst of us. Praise. Lord of all beauty, adoring, we come to Thee: Give us Thyself both in time and eternity . . . We come to Thee offering all that we are or can hope to be, Lord of all beauty—Praise, Power, Dominion for ever.

The Sermon: "THE AGE OF UNBELIEF".....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 304 ..... *Beecher*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 536 ..... *Old 124th*

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KEY TO EVERY SITUATION

Charles L. Allen writes of a man who put his keys into one of his shoes each night when he goes to bed. The next morning, that is the last thing he puts on. He takes out those keys, holds them in his hand, and says something like this: "Lord, this day I will come to certain doors that are locked, but I shall use these keys to open those doors. And may I remember today that there is a key to every situation, a solution to every problem. May I never surrender to one of life's locked doors; instead, may I use the keys of the key-ring of prayer until I find the right key to the door to be opened."

In order to pray victoriously we must remember one thing—God, being infinitely and wholly loving, can only give us what is needful and precious to us. No good father can give hurtfully or, give trashy gifts to his children. It is not in God's nature to give anything but the best.

Several times Jesus promised that God will answer our prayers; will give us the key that opens the door of our problem. He expects that we will pray as He has taught us in the Lord's prayer. We are always to pray, saying, "We" or "us" or "Our"—always to include the needs and the welfare of others. Our prayer must be in a forgiving spirit. Our prayer must begin humbly, gratefully bowing before God with ready obedience. Our prayer must be in tune with the coming of the Kingdom among men. We *are* able to pray in that spirit. Jesus would not have commended us to do so unless it were possible. And all that is required for us is the willingness to pray in that loving, humble, grateful spirit. And we *can* be willing—in fact, we'd better be, if we want to find the glory of answered prayer!

After all, there is a key to every situation—God's key. Even to the situation in which you find yourself this minute. Before we can pray victoriously, we have to be very quiet, and remember what God is like—like Jesus. Then we need to ask Him for His key, H I S KEY, His answer to our need, for His answer is always the best, even though it may call for some changes in us!

Before He can answer my prayer to reconcile my friend and me, I will have to give up my self-righteousness, my attention to my friend's mistakes; and look at my own. We can establish contact with God only if we are in tune with Him, just as I can only listen to a concert broadcast from the Metropolitan Opera Company when I tune in on the right wave-length. Once I've tuned in Jesus' wave-length in prayer, and approach God humbly and gratefully, and obediently, then I find the exciting adventure of answered prayer.

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The Rector will lead a Prayer and Worship Day at Denbigh Conference Center in Radnor on Friday, November 15th, from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. for the Episcopal Churchwomen.

The Diocesan Fall In-Gathering of the United Thank Offering will be held in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market on Tuesday, November 19th at 8 P.M. There will be a dinner, cost $2.00, at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are necessary.

A NEW COMMANDMENT: Question (On a written test); What is the Fifth Commandment?—Answer: "Humor thy father and thy mother."

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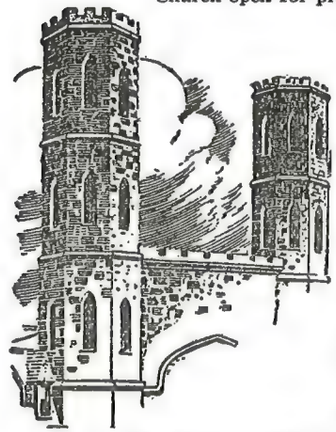
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, cleanse our spiritual vision. Open our eyes to the glory of the life of consecration. Let light fall upon our pathway. Help us to see more clearly the radiance of Him who is the Light of the world, and in His light may we see light. Invade our hearts with Thy quietness. Calm our restlessness. Help us to put our trust in Thee, Grant us the peace of mind that steadies and comforts in every time of need. Lift our burden of carefulness. Set us free from anxiety. Deliver us from the fret of hard circumstance and uphold us with Thy free Spirit. In the name of our loving Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

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Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn 472 ..... *Pilgrims*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"..... *J. Brahms*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts. For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. O blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name ever more! How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

The Sermon: "THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS"..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 397

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 208 ..... *Penitentia*

The Gloria in Excelsis, #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*

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Have you noticed that there are times when one of the participants in the Bible story is nameless? This is the case in the account of the Walk to Emmaus—two are mentioned, but only one name is given. Once, when reading that passage, I imagined myself to be the unnamed one, and the whole experience quivered with new meaning for me. This happened another time with the book of Nehemiah. I did not seem to be reading about an experience so much as living through it. The story was not something remote by race, region or time, but so close that I could translate it in terms of my own life. Perhaps it was because of the quality in Nehemiah which defied the years; perhaps because I had arrived at a point in my own life where I had to hold fast to something in which I believed, and no matter what happened—*hold*. Nehemiah had had to do just that. Remember?

When he heard of the distressing condition of the walls of Jerusalem he "sat down and wept"; but he did not remain that way. He turned to God in prayer and soon after "did what God put in his heart to do." He went to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls, with a small group of followers who were to grow in number and ardor. They worked at night, maintaining a watch as they worked; but the danger that beset them was not to life so much as to intent. They were assailed with taunts and mockery; trickery was resorted to lure Nehemiah from the task and his leadership. He had one reply, "I'm doing a great work and cannot come down." When the story finally comes to a conclusion, it is with the words of Nehemiah: "So we built the wall . . . for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah, Chapter 1 through 8). In my own situation, I saw as I took counsel with God, that I would have to stand *for* and *on* what I believed to be the right course of action. Outward besetments could not defeat me if inner dismay did not deter me. I could say, too, "I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down." I could no more look down than I could look to the right or to the left. Having taken a stand, there was but one thing to do—Stay With It; And when the time came to move there could be only one direction to go, and it would be forward.

It is strengthening to identify one's self with a character who has travailed and so to share more meaningfully in his triumph; and the strength aids in one's own predicament. Seen with the perspective of time how at times God prepared different people for their work and helped them to accomplish it, enables us to look into our own lives and glimpse the forces that may be at work preparing us for the work we can do.

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 1968

We are placing the names of those having a special claim upon us in St. Stephen's Church, who have passed into Life Eternal since last All Saints' Day.

Dec. 12th—Samuel H. Chestnut
Dec. 13th—Henry J. Hublitz
Dec. 15th—Marie Baxter
Dec. 27th—William H. Bickerstaff
Jan. 13th—Julia L. Vanderbilt
Jan. 15th—Albert Cardwill
Feb. 8th—Rose E. Cooper
Feb. 9th—Miriam J. Daley
May 15th—May M. James
Oct. 23rd—Ethel T. Banks

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

Sunday, November 3rd the United Thank Offering will be received at the morning service. The Diocesan Fall In-Gathering will be held in Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market on Tuesday, November 19th at 8 P.M. There will be a dinner, cost $2.00, at 6:30 P.M. Tickets necessary.

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PARABLE

When asked to name his favorite Bible story, a small boy replied, "The one where everybody loafs and fishes."—A Parish Paper.

REMNANT

Overhead on a city street: "We're going to be living in a better neighborhood soon."

"So are we."

"Oh, are you moving away from here, too?"

"No we're staying."

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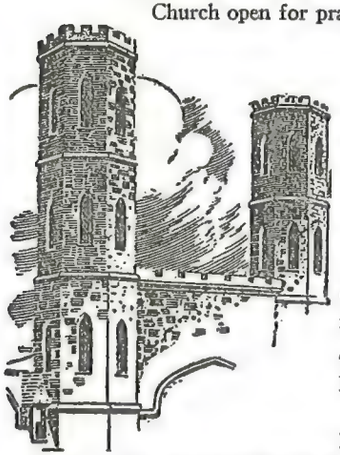
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INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1968

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11:00 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Ein' feste Burg".....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, we remember before Thee the blessings that companion us on our pathway. We lift our hearts in gratitude for sunny skies and delightful days, for worthy tasks that engage our fingers and high hopes that fill our minds, for the fellowship of good neighbors and the love of dear ones far away, for the contentments of today and the expectations of tomorrow, and for all the joys that gladden our lives. Lift from our minds any burden of anxiety. May we remember that Thy compassions fail not. Help us to know that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

The Choral Introit:
Come, let us to the Lord with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn 276 .....*Nun Danket*

The Venite, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, 120, 121, Page 502

The First Lesson: II Kings 6:8-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:
None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Laudate Dominum"—from Vesperae solennes de confessore, K. 339 .....*Mozart*
Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For He hath shown His kindness toward us, His love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, lasteth for all eternity. Praise to the Father and Son also, and the Holy Spirit, as it was then and will ever be, both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon: "THE CHURCH—
CONSERVATIVE AND RADICAL".....THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 535 .....*Festal Song*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 551 .....*Ein' feste Burg*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by the Girls' Friendly Society to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maria Wilkins.

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EVERYONE PLEASE NOTE: That special time has arrived again; when we recover the hour lost at the end of April. TURN CLOCKS & WATCHES *BACK* ONE HOUR on Saturday night so you'll be at service the right time on Sunday.

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

There is a Hindu proverb that says "The thirsty person goes to the well, and not the well to the thirsty person." This may often be true of our approach to a reading of the Bible. Many of its songs and moving passages and wonderful stories have long been a part of our thinking, through early memorization or oft-hearing. Always it is there, on shelf or near-by table, as a resource; but, as living waters to quench thirst, it is not fully appreciated unless one learns what thirst is.

The inner question that comes to us all, and often repeatedly—who am I? Why am I here? What is my work? Is a form of thirst. The search for identity, for an understanding of one's place in the world, is aided as awareness comes that no one belongs to the human family alone; or to a single segment of society, but to that larger family where God is the Father and all mankind are brothers and sisters. This relationship is comforting, as well as humbling. It takes humility to see a sure and certain place for one's self in the vastness of God's plan, but humility is a powerful word, related to the Latin "humus" ground, and if anything organic is to grow it can grow only from the ground up. A tree roots in the ground and reaches up to fulfill its destiny; a human being roots himself in God's plan and moves on from there. Reading the Bible with newly searching eyes, its stories come alive as we find others—great people or plain, learned or simple—who in discovering their relationship with God discover an inheritance that is not subject to change or depreciation but can only become more meaningful. "You are no longer a slave, but a son," Paul tells the Galatians, and so tells us, "and if a son, then an heir."

The waters are there to quench the thirst for identity. Seeing ourselves as children of the Father, we place ourselves totally in His care and become willing to do His work wherever He may place us with whatever tools He has equipped us. The words, "Life is God's gift to you," find their completion in the words, "What you do with your life is your gift to God."

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The Rector will conduct a Healing Service in St. Luke's Church, Woodstown, N.J. on Sunday at 7:30 P.M., and in Grace Church, Plainfield, N.J. on Tuesday at 8 P.M.

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Won't you take part in this splendid venture? It is tremendously important.

Friday, November 1st is All Saints' Day. The celebration of the Holy Communion and the reading of the names of those who have passed into life eternal from our parish since last All Saints' Day will be held at 12:30 P.M.

Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Frances F. Bailey, Miss Elizabeth B. Bowne, William Coffee, Gladys Given, Regina McComb, E. H. Hamilton, E. D. Ponton, Nicholas L. Todd, Mary Louise Wood, Miss Edith Lillian Wyatt.

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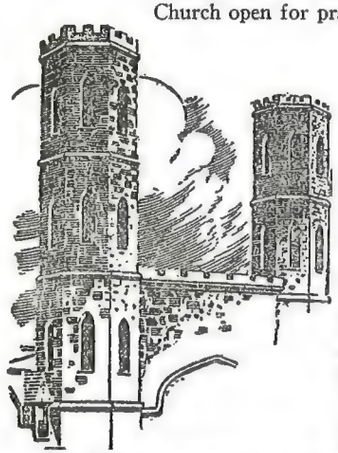
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us; inspire our thoughts; pervade our imaginations; suggest all our decisions; order all our doings. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshess of all morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times humbly to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Processional Hymn 279 ..... Praise to the Lord

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #116, Page 486

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
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None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "The Last Words of David"..... *Randall Thompson*

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the lights in the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon: "PUT YOURSELF INTO THE PICTURE".....THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 337 ..... *Hamburg*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

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NIGERIAN-BIAFRAN RELIEF

Supplementing funds from our Milk Can to the generous response to the Nigerian-Biafran Appeal, St. Stephen's has been able to contribute $500.00 to the starving children of Biafra, Africa. Food and supplies are now being continuously airlifted into Biafra.

WAIT ON THE LORD

What a difference between Thanksgiving Day in 1621 and in 1968! The first American Thanksgiving followed a savage Winter of cold and suffering and hunger. Our Thanksgiving, this year, comes to most Americans richly provided for in regard to food and comfort. The early Puritans had been thankful for survival, to be sure. We present-day Americans are thankful for our plenty. But something bigger and deeper lies back of it on Thanksgiving Day.

Ralph Sockman reminds us of the Psalmist's bidding, "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and *He* shall strengthen thee." "He was thinking of something more than success, or self-made prosperity. He was counselling a courage rooted in soil deeper than his own subconscious mind. He was saying that when we wait on the Lord, God strengthens our hearts with the feeling that He believes in us, and that begets belief in ourselves. Those Pilgrim Fathers felt that God had His eye on them, that God believed in them. That is what made them believe in themselves and their cause. That helped to make them brave." That was enough to make their hearts overflow with thankfulness!

Our circumstances may be very different from those of the Puritans, but our gratitude must rise to the same cause; on something more precious than our pleasant prosperity. It must spring out of the sense that God has His eye on us, expects much of us, and will sustain us if we respond to Him. He has given to us, His chillren, the great task of sharing all we have. We can each of us begin this sharing right where we are, with what we have.

You could be writing a Thanksgiving note to some humble loved one, saying, "How I thank God for you, over the years." You might be inviting someone to share your Thanksgiving dinner—someone who would be surprised. You could be telephoning your loving greetings to someone newly alone this Thanksgiving . . .

It is sure cause for giving thanks, that God is depending on you to spread His loving assurance. "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thee!"

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price: —I am deeply thankful to tell you and your beloved disciples that the doctor said my daughter, Angela, has made a marvelous recovery from her ruptured appendix. Peritonitis had set in and her whole lower intestine was deeply infected. We know now, because of your prayers, she has been given life again, with the hope that it will be given more and more to our Lord's will.—Mrs. Betty Allen (Louisville, Ky.)

FULL TURNOUT SOUGHT SUNDAY

November 24th, Loyalty Sunday, is the day to come to St. Stephen's Church, if you ever come. It's the day when, by attendance and by Pledges the members of St. Stephen's Parish will set the pace for the work of the Church in 1969. All the members of the Parish are requested to make their Pledges themselves in Church on Loyalty Sunday.

Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the Annual Re-Dedication and Pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member of it.

We have a few Bulletin subscribers whom we want to thank: Mrs. Eloise P. Hutt, Mrs. Elvira Pearce, A. Wilson Ross, Mrs. G. Byron Woolley, Mrs. R. L. Polkinhorn.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, at 11 A.M.—Music by the Choir and Sermon by the Rector.

The Thanksgiving Altar will be decorated, not with flowers, but with breads of various national cultures represented in the Melting Pot of Philadelphia:

Weisbrodt, Baltic Rye Bread, Swedish Spice Bread, Russian Potato Rye Bread, Berlin Pumpernickel, Soldiers Kommisbrot, Jewish Hallah, Romanish Marble Bread, French Sour Rye Bread, Danish Whole Grain Pumpernickel, Belgian Fine Bread, Pure Weizenkeim Bread, Schwaebisches Bouembread, Bavarian Hutzelbread, Finnish Dark Rye Bread, Ucrainish Moon Stuten.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Each year St. Stephen's Church donates baskets, or the equivalent, to those who are unable to give their families the fullness of Christmas cheer with which others are blessed. Will you help with your generosity? Please use the special CHRISTMAS DINNERS envelope.

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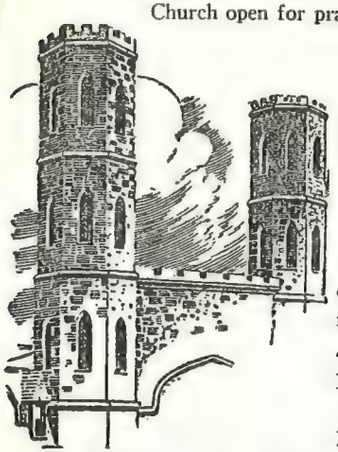
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy Love, or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn 46 ..... *Morning Star*

The Response to the Decalogue #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"..... *Robert Elmore*
How brightly beams the Morning Star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining! Brightness of God that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light, who long for truth were pining! Jesus! Holy, holy, yet most lowly, draw Thou near us. Great Immanuel, come and hear us.

The Sermon: "ALL OUR KNOWLEDGE BRINGS US NEARER TO OUR IGNORANCE".....THE REV. ANDREW W. MAYER
(Acknowledgement is made with thanks to Abingdon Press for permission to use as Sermon Topics the following from their profound publication "Man The Believer," by Samuel H. Miller.)

The Offertory Hymn 49 ..... *Valour*

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The Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis, #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

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KEEPING WALKING

"Rise and walk. . . . Walk while ye have the light. . . . Let us walk honestly, as in the day. . . . Walk in the Spirit. . . . Walk in love. . . ." All through the New Testament, especially, we are bidden to *walk.*

It's easy to sit and wonder, and fuss—but that is not the faith that has been passed down to us. "Walk in newness of life," Paul bade the Romans, who needed help in getting started. Dr. Jowett once told a fable of the young bear cub which was puzzled to know how to walk. "Shall I," he asked the old she-bear; "shall I move my right foot first, or my left, or my two front paws together, or the hind ones, or all four at once, or how?" In reply the old she-bear growled, "Leave off thinking, and walk." We can get so hot and bothered that we become paralyzed by the apparent difficulties. The bear club discovered that walking is not too difficult, once he began. God has put into young bears, and into growing Christians, the ability to move ahead. But we do have to get up and start!

With young animals the day comes when the parents push them out and *make* them get going. They have no choice. But God handles His human children differently —He nudges them and leaves it up to them whether they will respond. We can choose between the deadliness of sitting, and the adventure of launching out into living. But He has taught us—through His Son and through Paul—that we'd better get out of the debating stage and get moving. "How on earth can I help so-and-so, who is sick?" I ask. And God answers. "Walk (or start writing that letter) . . . and God will tell you what to say and do."

Some of you cannot go far beyond a bed or a wheel-chair, but your prayers and your thoughts can range far and wide. Your body may be anchored, but your spirit walks out into the world and its needs. Your spirit refuses to sit still and die. So you light the way for us who love you.

A friend and I were sharing our common lot in sometimes having "dry times" when life feels drab, and God seems far-off. She smiled and said, "We just have to keep walking, don't we!" That's it, and, by God's grace, we can!

THE REV. ROGER PICKERING

Serving the deaf in the Episcopal Diocese of California, will become Missionary to the Deaf in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, beginning Jan. 1st, 1969.

Mr. Pickering, his wife and two children, will arrive in Philadelphia about the first of the year. His work will be centered in St. Stephen's Church, and he will conduct his first service, a Celebration of the Holy Communion on Sunday, January 5th at 2:30 P.M., the Eve of the Feast Day of the Epiphany; the sixth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Mr. Pickering will relieve the Rev. G. C. Meckling as Missionary to All Souls' Church for the Deaf. St. Stephen's Church welcomes the Pickering Family.

All Souls' Church is being sold and its congregation is now centered in St. Stephen's Church. All Souls' Church began in St. Stephen's in 1859, and services for the Deaf were held here for many years. The first deaf priest to be ordained to the priesthood was ordained here by the late Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stephens, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

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BULLETIN SUBSCRIPTIONS

It is time again for the annual subscriptions to the Parish Bulletin. One thousand copies are printed each week. At the present time we mail out about 680 every week. They go to individuals and families of people who live in 18 of our States, and a few go to Canada. It goes not only to members, but also to shut-ins and people who value the weekly message. Due to the necessity of mailing almost half of them each week by first class mail, the weekly cost figure is in the neighborhood of $70.00 Our receipts for the year 1968, reported by the Parish Treasurer, came to a total of $998.00, toward expenses of the weekly Bulletin; this is far less than total expenses.

If every family would give $2.50 per year, the cost would be met. Of course a great many on our list cannot afford to pay anything, so a generous check or two from those who are financially able to do so, will help cover those unable to contribute toward this expense. The Rector would appreciate a greater response on the part of those who can afford it. The rising cost of printing and mailing make this special appeal necessary. Please use the enclosed envelope for your contribution.

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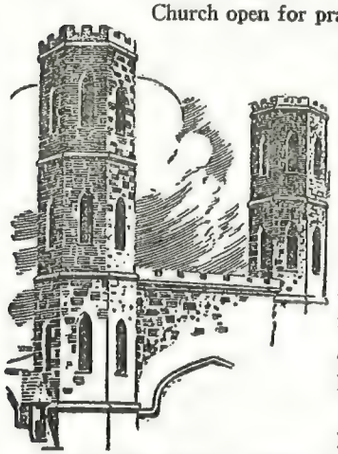
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The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn 48 ..... *Stuttgart*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 8, Page 350

The First Lesson: Genesis 28: v.10

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-11

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Athem: "Sheep May Safely Graze"..... *J. S. Bach*

Like a Shepherd God doth guide us into pastures calm and blest; Safe we lie by peaceful waters, and like sheep securely rest. Though the valley dark is growing, clouds are gath'ring, winds are blowing, night and death are drawing near, yet no danger shall alarm me, death and darkness ne'er can harm me, in His arms I feel no fear.

The Sermon: "HOW GREAT THOU ART!".....REV. ANDREW W. MAYER

The Offertory Hymn 291 ..... *Mendon*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 52 ..... *Dix*

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"I was robbing the safe in the home of a priest. He surprised me in the act. From a stairway above me I heard his unexpected voice, 'What are you doing there, child?' I wheeled my flash-light and gun on him. He was in a night robe, and unarmed. Stand where you are, I commanded sharply. "I've got you covered." "I mean you no harm." His voice had a rare accent of friendliness and honor in it. Slowly he began descending the steps. "Stop, or I'll drop you!" I commanded him. With superb assurance he came on, reached the bottom, and walked leisurely over to a light switch and pressed the button. Turning to me, he said, "Put down your gun, my child. I only want to talk with you a little while."

So he put down his gun, and the priest invited him to share a snack of cold meat—during which the priest talked to him about God, a God who is the everlasting Friend of Man: who loves us with a mighty compassion and says to us, "Neither do I condemn thee". When Starr Daily walked out of the priest's house into the night, he had no worry that this man would telephone the police. But he was wondering what was the strange new power that had made him act so differently, so unlike a hardened thief. Little by little he began to see that the priest that cared about him, unafraid of the gun in Starr Daily's hand, had been concerned for him in a special, strange way that got under his skin, and made him want to be different. He began to see that God was at work through this priest; that *"Love is God in action."* In the years that followed, Starr Daily was transformed into an instrument for the Love of God, all across America and beyond.

There is no limit to God's power. If we let His Love work freely *within* us, we can be changed at the heart of our lives, to live as a child of God, in joy and freedom. If we let His Love work freely *through* us, He can accomplish quiet wonders of new courage and strength in the lives of those who need it.

Just let Him do it!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price: —Our little boy, Grant, who was born with only half a heart, is still living a normal, active life. He is very strong and active and he revels in his strength; and he enjoys every minute of his life. He is a happy little boy of 2½ years now, and is the delight of our lives. The heart specialist told us last month he feels Grant will now live. He had always said a child with half a heart could only be a vegetable, if he lived. Our boy is living proof of the miracle of your prayers brought about in St. John's Church, North Vancouver. The Vicar at our Church asked me to tell in my own words about how you prayed for Grant, and how the child was dying, and was given up as a hopeless case; until after our meeting with you, and our continued praise and thanksgiving to God, when we saw the miracle of God's healing. Last Sunday, instead of the sermon, I told Grant's life story at 9:30 and 11 A.M. People in the congregation were deeply moved. Faith in God can overcome all burdens and obstacles.—Mrs. Barbara Hughes (Vancouver, B.C.)

PRAYER EVANGELISTS

We now have 135 men and women in St. Stephen's Prayer Fellowship. They are our Prayer Evangelists. They are committed to a Prayer activity which is a disciplined devotional work that goes on 'round the clock—24 hours of continuous prayers daily for persons in need of God's healing; body, mind and soul. Each person is thus lifted up in prayer 24 hours a day for a period of four weeks. Chronic cases are renewed for longer periods.

During the years 1968—20,587 persons requested our prayers; people from all over the world. We are grateful to these Intercessors for their ready and willing co-operation, and know that our Lord, too, is grateful to them for being "workers together" with Him in His great plan of redemption and healing.

Why do we pray for others if God is no "respector of persons", and His Good Will toward all men is impartial? Because the degree to which His power enters a given life varies with the disposition of the person for it. Prayer is a principal means of opening one's self to the power and love of God that is already *there*—in the depths of reality. He is always ready to guide, to bless, to make whole, to enrich, to comfort and to heal; such barriers as there are to His coming in us are not in Him, but in each of us. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I shall come in. . . ."

In Intercession we help to release His power and grace into the lives of others. We do not beg and beseech God to help and heal these needy persons, but pray that their capacity will be increased to receive God's healing, wisdom and guidance.

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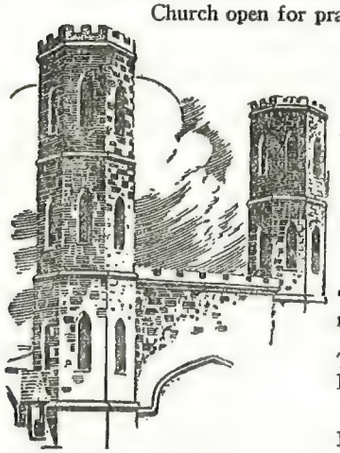
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The Prelude: "Cortege and Litany" ..... *Marcel Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, prepare us to worship Thee aright. Touch our lips with joyous gratitude, that the words of our prayer and praise may be acceptable unto Thee. Invade our hearts with new reverence and responsiveness, that even the silence may be filled with messages from Thee. Give us renewed confidence in Thy fatherly goodness, that we may remember that we are Thy sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

Saw you never, in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies;
Up in heav'n the clear stars shining thru the gloom, like silver eyes?
So of old the wise men, watching, saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given, and they followed it from far.

The Processional Hymn 329 ..... *Frankfort*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm #96, Page 459

The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "O God, Have Mercy" ..... *Mendelssohn*

O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to Thy loving kindness, yea, even for Thy mercy's sake. Deny me not. O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Spirit from me, O Lord. Lord, a broken heart, and a contrite heart is offer'd before Thee. O Lord, have mercy . . . I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Then, open Thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.

The Sermon: "THE QUESTION THAT WILL NOT GO AWAY" .....
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The Offertory Hymn 268 ..... *St. Patrick*

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There are moments when life seems to jump at you savagely. What does our faith give us as defense against those moments?

Charles Allen tells how a young intern was making his rounds in a large ward filled with "battle-fatigue" patients—young soldiers emotionally upset by battle field shocks, some of them to a point of violence. Suddenly one of them jumped out of bed, grabbed the young doctor by the throat and shouted, "You are my enemy. You are trying to kill me, so I'm going to kill you." The intern knew that this man was normally twice as strong as he was, and now he had the strength of a maniac. The hands were powerful, and the soldier's face was wild and angry. Instead of fighting, the doctor completely relaxed. He looked the man straight in the eye, and quietly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." The man looked back at him. His eyes began to focus. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." A look of sanity began to come back into the young man's face, and the grip of those strong hands began to slacken. Slowly, deliberately, the doctor repeated the twenty-third Psalm, until he concluded, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." The soldier was quiet now; so the doctor took him by the arm and said, "Come on, now, let's go back to bed." The savage anger had vanished in the face of one who was secure in God.

This does not mean that the man who stays his mind on God will always be safe in the face of danger. Jesus Christ faced His enemies in the power of God, and was crucified. But hate did not overcome love in His heart—love had the victory.

So, when life seems to attack you most fiercely, it is possible to meet it with steadfast faith in God, relaxed in Him. Sometimes the outcome will be a happy victory—as with last week's burglar and Priest, or this week's doctor and patient. We like that kind of victory best, of course. But at other times it may be a suffering victory—as on Calvary, where hate keeps on attacking love; or in the long illness, where pain and weakness continue; or in loneliness that came suddenly upon you.

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—Audrey G. Nichol (Toronto, Canada)

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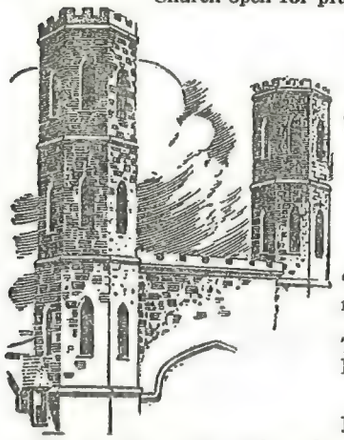
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The Choral Introit:

The Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elisabeth*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 119:V 129-144, Page 498

The First Lesson: I Samuel 3:1-18

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "O For The Wings Of A Dove!" ..... *Mendelssohn*

O for the wings of a dove! Far away would I rove! In the wilderness build me a nest, and remain there forever at rest.

The Sermon: "THREE DOTS", or "WHERE MEN CAN ONLY DIE" .....
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(Acknowledgement is made with thanks, to the Abingdon Press for permission to use as Sermon Topics the following from their profound publication, "MAN THE BELIEVER" by Samuel H. Miller.)

The Offertory Hymn 477 ..... *Tysk*

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The Recessional Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

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The Pharisee is always a dangerous citizen—he thinks he is better than other men; and that false idea often leads to trouble. Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, Headmaster of Philips-Andover Academy, once spoke vividly of the peril of this arrogance, this fancied superiority; and he pointed out that some of our men in the armed services have showed that this dangerous attitude can be overcome. He told the following story:

It happened in a small town somewhere in Georgia. The bus was about to start. The driver took his seat but, before starting, he turned around, looked all the passengers over, and shouted: "The Sergeant must sit in the rear." (In the section reserved for Negroes.) All of us turned our heads. There, in the middle of the bus, sitting side by side, were two Sergeants—a white and a Negro. The white Sergeant, who was sitting nearest the aisle, went back and took his seat among the colored people. He was tall and handsome, with quite a few ribbons on his chest. The Negro Sergeant didn't move. He, too, had been overseas, as his ribbons indicated. "The Sergeant must sit in the rear!" The bus driver shouted again. The white Sergeant, whose eyes were closed, as if he were sleeping, opened his eyes and shouted, "I'm in the rear now!" "I'm not talking to you!" the driver yelled. The white Sergeant was getting angry, "Then what do you want?" "The colored Sergeant must sit in the rear." The black boy rose, went back and took his seat by the side of his white comrade. Still the driver was not satisfied. "The white Sergeant must sit in front," he commanded. No answer. The bus driver left his seat, pressed impatiently through the crowded aisle—"Hey, you Sergeant, sit in front!" No answer. The bus driver shouted his command again, "Come in front now!" At last the white Sergeant spoke, "Why?" "Why?" "Don't you know you're in the South?" "Want to teach me geography?" the white boy shot back. "I know where I am. And I've been in more places than you would care to know, and I sit here because I like it here. It's a free country, isn't it? Let's go. We're getting late." The bus driver blushed scarlet, and stammered, "Will you sit in front—yes or no?" "No!" flashed back the answer, "and better get going, I don't want to miss my train." The driver left the bus, and came back with an M.P., but when the M.P. found he was being asked to order a white boy to sit with white people, he shook his head, and went off. The driver looked very much puzzled. Then with an angry curse, he stepped into the bus, sat down, and pressed the starter. The two Sergeants looked at each other, and smiled.

Jesus condemned the Pharisee who fancied himself better than the publican. Jesus condemns every one of us who enjoys fancying himself superior to some of his fellow men. If we wish to call ourselves Christians, we had best pay more attention to Jesus. If we do, we might have a world freed from arrogance; and, thus, freed from war!

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—Joe Van Poppel (Hamilton, Canada)

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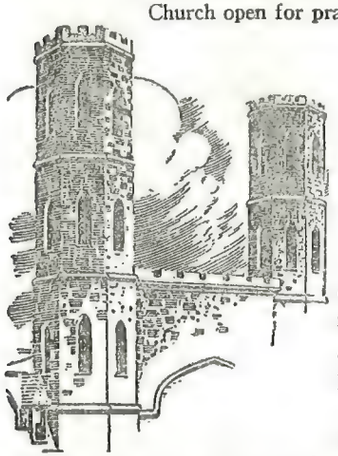
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The Prelude: "Arioso" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal God, we pray for our country. Grant us to see it, not through our own, but through Thine eyes. Keep us ever mindful that Thou art the Father of all mankind, that Thou dost entertain no favorites, but dost love all nations, kindreds and peoples. Forgive us the sins that have brought us to this hour. Purge us of our stubborn pride, and write the law of Thy will in our hearts with the finger of understanding love. Let there be within us compassion for the suffering of all men: in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

The Processional Hymn 282 ..... *Lauda Anima*

The Response to the Decalogue #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: Immortal Love, Forever Full ..... *William V. Wallace*

Immortal love, forever full, forever flowing free, forever shared, forever whole, a never-ebbing sea! We may not climb the heav'nly steeps to bring the Lord Christ down; in vain we search the lowest deeps, for Him no depths can drown. But warm, sweet, tender, even yet a present help is He; and faith has still its Olivet, and love its Galilee. The healing of His seamless dress is by our beds of pain, we touch Him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again. Through Him the first fond prayers are said, our lips of childhood frame; the last low whispers of our dead are burdened with His name. O Lord and Master of us all! What e'er our name or sign, we own Thy sway, we hear Thy call, we test our lives by Thine.

The Sermon: "A PIECE OF BREAD" ..... REV. ANDREW MAYER

The Offertory Hymn 574 ..... *Holley*

The Sanctus—#711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 435 ..... *Rest*

The Gloria in Excelsis, #739 ..... *Old Ssottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 487 ..... *Ellers*

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A visit some time ago to New York reminded me of the Columbia University professor, and of his passion always to go as quickly as possible. He met a visitor from India, far down-town, and together they got into a subway train. At the next stop the professor shouted through the subway din, "We change here for an express, so that we can save eight minutes." The man from India replied, "And what will we do with the eight minutes?" There was no answer, because there was no purpose in the professor's haste.

Old Isaiah once said, "He that believeth shall not make haste." The wise people who believed deeply in God, do not have to hurry feverishly. They know that God takes His time—in His world you cannot speed up a field of wheat, the growing-up of a child, or the forming of a true friendship. There are a few things that can be forced by hot-house methods; but the more precious treasures of life take time and care and patient tending. If you trust God, you are willing to work and wait, and you will be rewarded. If you trust God, you do not have to make haste.

Furthermore, the person who goes at a moderate pace is less apt to miss golden opportunities. Look through the record of the Master's life, and you may be surprised to find how often He stopped on the way because someone needed Him. As He and His friends walked through a little town on their way to their destination, a woman would pluck Him by the elbow, or a blind man call from the crowd, or children struggled to catch His attention. And *Jesus always stopped.* The person who needed Him was more important, He thought, than His getting to Jericho at precisely six o'clock; and God would take care of it if they were a bit late arriving. God cares more about people than of slavish punctuality. Along the road of your life He has put many a glorious opportunity to give someone a lift, to say the right word when it is needed, to pass on your faith, or, more often, for just plain friendship. If you go quietly, trusting in God, you will see those opportunities, and take them. As Robert Frost wrote:

"When a friend calls to me from the road;
And slows his horse to a meaning walk,
I don't stand still and look around
On the hills I haven't hoed,
And shout from where I am, 'What is it?'
No, not as there is time to talk
I thrust my hoe into the mellow ground,
Blade-end up and five feet tall,
And plod; I go up to the stone wall
For a friendly visit."

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—Mrs. Grant Hughes (Vancouver, B. C., Canada)

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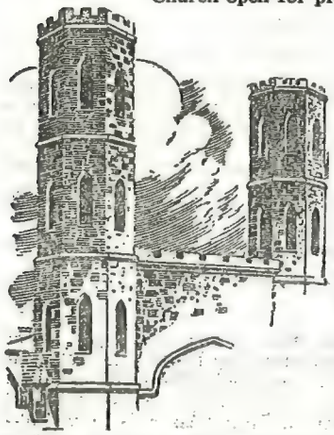
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The Prelude: "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor".....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father, who are the rock upon whom men build their lives in strength and beauty, we pray for Thy blessing to rest upon those who yearn for inner security. We remember those who look with dismay upon the changing values of a changing world, whose inner foundations have crumbled beneath the storm, who are victims of spiritual unrest. Turn their eyes to the hills from whence cometh their help. Be Thou the confidence of their hearts, the hidden spring whence their souls are fed. May they learn with glad assurance that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Choral Introit:

The Processional Hymn 263.....*McKee*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, 45, Page 396

The First Lesson: I Sam. 17; V. 17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page II; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matt. 10:32-39

The Jubilate Deo — 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd".....*Thomas Matthews*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me, they comfort me, — they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me — all the days of my life; and I will dwell, I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever, forever.

The Sermon: "HE (MAN) BELIEVES THE MOST OUTRAGEOUS THINGS"

REV. ANDREW W. MAYER

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The Offertory Hymn 449.....*Olivet*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 423.....*Federal Street*

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Do you sometimes hesitate to give? It may be a gift of your money that is asked for, or some of your time and talent. Your impulse may be to consider your resources too slender to make any difference. You almost shrug your shoulders "with so little to give."

But that is not Jesus' viewpoint. One day, "As He was sitting opposite the treasury of the temple, Jesus watched the multitude throwing coins into the treasury, the many rich with their many offerings; and there was one poor widow, came and put in two mites, which makes a farthing (less than a cent). Thereupon He called His disciples to Him, and said to them, 'Believe Me, this poor widow has put in more than all the others who have put offerings into the treasury. The others gave out of what they could spare; she, *with so little to give,* put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.'"

Jesus spotlights the quality of a gift, rather than the quantity. He commended the widow-woman because her gratitude to God overflowed with such extravagance. She understood God's heart enough to know that He would value her gift, small as it seemed to her. After all, we can give only out of what we have. If we are Jesus Christ's men and women, we can give joyfully. What catches His attention is the quality of our living, and of our giving — our determination to do all that we possibly can.

Lillian Dixon, pushing back into the mountain regions of inland Formosa, discovered dozens and dozens of cases of tuberculosis. There were no hospitals available save for the wealthy. So "Lil" talked to the authorities, to find out what she might do about this. "The problem is as big as the sea," she was told. "Anything you could do would be like taking out only a bucket-ful." "But, because I am a Christian," she replied, "I must take out my bucket-ful." And, because she is a Christian, sufferers from tuberculosis are being healed there, today.

It's exciting to remember that the "so little" I have to give is very precious to God.

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— Carroll T. Cantery (Brooklyn, N. Y.)

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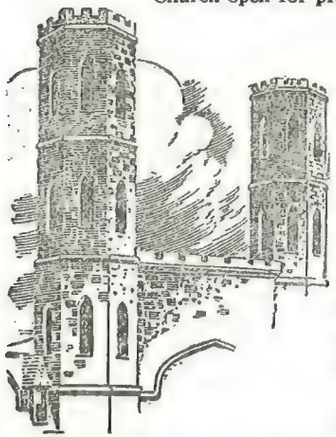
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The Choral Introit:

Built on a rock the church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of men distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

The Processional Hymn #143 ..... *National Hymn*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, 81, Page 442

The First Lesson: Ruth 1:1-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: John 15:1-17

The Jubilate Deo — 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "We Adore Thee" ..... *Palestrina*

We adore Thee, O Saviour; and we do bless Thy name, Jesus, Who by Thy holy crucifixion hast redeemed Thy people, Who for our sins hast suffered: Lord, our God, Lord, our God, hearken to Thy people.

The Sermon: "THE DIVINE PROMETHEUS" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn #414 ..... *Kilmarnock*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn #376 ..... *Down Ampney*

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PRAY IN HIS SPIRIT

Sometimes we are puzzled by Jesus' saying, "Ask and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find." It sounds as if He is promising to give us anything we ask for. We know that that cannot be so, and we read, in the Epistle of James, "Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss."

Studdert Kennedy, one of the great chaplains in World War I, once wrote, "I remember once in the line, when we were being shelled heavily, I stood beside an enormous sergeant who was a great friend of mine; on the other side of me somewhere was a chap who had lost his nerve and was whining, prayers for protection: 'O God, keep me safe, O God, save me!' The sergeant was looking after his men, shouting warnings to us, and swearing steadily all the time. This fellow's prayers were getting on our nerves, and at last the sergeant turned to me and said, 'That chap's saying his prayers, isn't he?' I said, 'No, he isn't, sergeant; that's not prayer, sergeant, it's wind!'"

Studdert Kennedy went on to explain that when Christ said, "Whatsoever ye ask in My name, I will do it for you." He did not mean that tacking His name onto a prayer made sure of your getting what you wanted, like a penny-in-the-slot machine. "Praying in Christ's name means praying in Christ's spirit; praying as He prayed." In the Bible passage you have read today, Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye may ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." That makes it very clear indeed. The great War Chaplain concluded, "My friend the Sergeant was nearer to real prayer although he was swearing . . . He had some of Christ's Spirit, because he had forgotten himself. He was putting his job first, his pals next, and himself last; and that is the Spirit of Christ."

Do you face the crisis that makes you afraid? The Master promised that He would give you what you ask, *IF* you pray in His Spirit, If you abide in Him. So there is a glorious answer — ask Him for His victory in you; for strength to endure pain and difficulty; His love working through you in power. Ask Him for help for those around you, in the same boat with you. Such praying is in His Spirit. He can answer it, and He will!

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—Esther D. Boyd (Indianapolis, Ind.)

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The Rev. Roger Pickering will have an evening service on Ash Wednesday — The Penetential Office at 7:30 P.M.

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A Word of Welcome to Visitors

St. Stephen's Church welcomes you most heartily to this Service. We will be happy to have you make this your Church Home. The clergy would like to have any information indicated below. Won't you please mark in the proper space, and place on the Alms Basin, hand to an usher, or mail to the office?

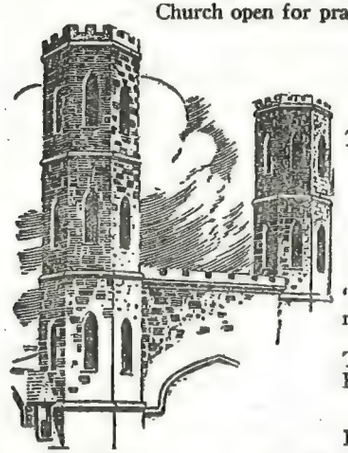
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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 125-126

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11:00 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the Quiet Church before the service begins."—Emerson

IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Aria" ..... *Flor Peeters*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious Father, we humbly beseech Thee for Thy whole Church throughout the world. Fill it with all truth, and in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is supersitious, cleanse it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strength and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, heal the breaches thereof, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Choral Introit:

Built on a rock the church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling;
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of men distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

The Processional Hymn #302 ..... *Mentzer*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, III, Page 482

The First Lesson: 2 Sam. 12:1-13

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page II; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Luke 18:10-14

The Jubilate Deo — 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "The Lord Will Not Suffer" ..... *J. S. Bach*

The anthem text is from Psalm CXXI. The words are on page 502 in the Book of Common Prayer.

The Sermon: "THE LIFE OF PAUL—I-CONVERSION" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn #519 ..... *Ton-Y-Botel*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn #528 ..... *Hesperus*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Miss Theresa Reed and Mrs. Howard Mortinson in memory of their mother Mary Reed; and by Mrs. Wm. D. Smith in memory of her husband.

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BE STILL AND KNOW

At the beginning of Lent we can get a clue from God as to His way of working. There are moments when He works violently, with noise and bluster in the hurricane and thunder storms (see I Kings 19:1-12). But, for the most part, He works very quietly — in the changes of the Seasons, the coming of the dawn, the flowering and fruiting of nature, the "still small voice."

This is worth noting, for we are so apt to think that Lent needs to be a busy Season, when I throw myself into intense effort and struggle and hurry to be transformed into what God desires. When I stop and listen to Him, He reminds me that we are not bidden to strain and to struggle — rather, "to be still, and know that I am God."

Bryan Green tells a lovely fable about the ocean: "The sea, it is imagined, was one day feeling discontented. Disillusioned, it hated living at its low sea level when above it were drifting some lovely little white clouds, scudding along before the wind. The sea grumbled to itself, "I don't see why I should be living down here at this low level. Why can't I live higher up, up where the clouds are?" And so, in its discontent and anger, the sea began to lash itself into fierce high waves, flinging the foam of its spray high up into the air, yet always it fell down again to its low level of living. Then, one day, the sun smiled down on the sea, and said kindly: "You want to live on a higher level? Then don't fret yourself, strain, and struggle. Lie still, and look up." So the sea lay still, very still, and looked up. A warm wind arose, and the sun came down and carried some of the water up into heaven, and presently there were seen some fresh white clouds moving over head. If we desire to live on a high level of Christian life, it is useless to strain and struggle, and strive to reach heaven. Our business is to lie still and to look up to Christ, and then His Spirit will lift us up, enabling us to live a fuller, and better Christian life."

Jesus lived a rich, strenuous life, each day filled to the brim with people. But His secret was that His strength came from God. He saw to it, that each day, He took time to lie still and to look up to His Father and receive what He needed. In these Lenten days we can take a leaf from His book, and learn to "be still, and know I am God."

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—Mrs. Helen Jones (Norristown, Pa.)

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: C. W. Banden, Mrs. Ann Ewing, Mrs. Stuart Hambler, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh H. Hanson, Miss Ann A. Hantz, Mrs. Lillie O. F. Henning, Mrs. Edith Oliver, Anne Ringrove and Ann Snow.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rt. Rev. Herbert Spaugh, LL.D., Bishop of the Moravian Church, Charlotte, N. C. who is our Lenten Noonday preacher, Feb. 24-28 inc. and also to the Rev. Benjamin Apleroad, Chaplain of the Episcopal Hospital, who will be our Saturday preacher.

The Rector will preach in the Bethany Methodist Church, Somers Point, N. J. on Sunday evening, Feb. 23 and will speak to the Church Club on Wednesday noon.

THOUGHTS

Fulfillment in life is not to be found in circumstances, but in doing the will of God.

You can get so relevant to the world that you become irrelevant to the Gospel.

It's hard to believe, not because it's hard to understand, but because it's hard to obey.

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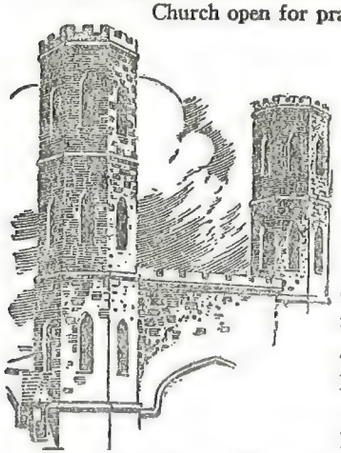
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SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1969

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The Prelude: "My Heart is Filled with Longing" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Eternal Father, we thank Thee for this quiet hour in this hallowed place. Here the pressure of life is lifted. Here the shallow desires of earth are stilled. Here the deep hunger of our hearts is satisfied. Bless to us this hour. Reach our souls with Thy Spirit. Grant that our familiarity with the outward symbol may not close our hearts to the inflow of Thy power, and that limitations in the human medium through which Thy word is spoken may not dim our eyes to its splendor. May Thy word be a light to our path and eternal life to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Choral Introit:
Come, let us to the Lord with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn #344 ..... *Deus Tuorum Militum*

The Response to the Decalouge, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "God So Loved The World" ..... *Stainer*
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Sermon: "THE LIFE OF PAUL—II-SITUATIONAL THEOLOGY"
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The Offertory Hymn #483 ..... *Consolation*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willian*

The Kneeling Hymn #189 ..... *Unde Et Memores*

The Gloria in Excelsis, #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn #59 ..... *St. Flavian*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. William F. Machold, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Shippen Morris, his wife Augusta and their son, Edward Shippen Morris and his wife Leslie Hun Morris; and by the Katherine Kennedy Fund in memory of former Rector Dr. Carl E. Grammar; and in memory of mother Blanche Virginia Hershey Kennedy.

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SELF-SACRIFICE

Lent has an ancient tradition of self-sacrifice—"giving up"—something. It might be candy or smoking. Some cut down their TV viewing to what is really worth seeing. Others turn from theatre-going or movies to spending the evening with friends who are lonely or troubled. Why do those who "profess and call themselves Christians" practice such lenteen sacrifices?

Certainly not just to punish ourselves, and be able to handle lent, "saying, what a good boy am I!" That can be dreadfully "pious" and objectionable. Rather, this self-sacrifice, can be our attempt to share in the sufferings for Christ. As He suffered for us in the forty days in the wilderness; as He went through the agony of the Cross; as His heart aches today over our stumbling—so we aim to share in His pain, willing to be His faithful soldiers, and servants unto our lives end. We are willing, thus to suffer *to accomplish His purposes on earth.*

The famous musical Trapp family, after World War II, organized the superb relief work in Austria—clothing, food, needles, thread, foodstuffs . . . They called on people for sacrifice, and they gave a good reason to people "to give up something." They quoted St. Ambrose, one of the greatest men of the 4th Century, who, in time of famine, said, "if you know that anybody is hungry or sick, and you have any means at all, and do not help, then you will have the responsibility of each one who dies, and for each little child who might be harmed and crippled for life." Let us also remember that other word, "as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."

The Trapp family went on tour with their glorious musical comedy to stir people to come to the aid of the hard-pressed, shivering, starving Austrians. And everywhere, people responded, it jilted them to think that they might be responsible for unnecessary suffering and death.

Each of us has money and time we spend as we chose. It may be a modest amount, or a large one. In this great season of lent, we can take special care that it be spent as Christ spent Himself, for the deep and urgent needs of people everywhere. What a joy can be this costly spending which is full of the love of God! What could be better, at Easter, than to know that He has been at work in your spending of time and money—feeding, healing, and comforting those in need! (contributed by Dr. Price)

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—Mrs. E. L. Kennedy (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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The Rector will speak to the Baptist Ministers' Conference at 17th and Sansom Streets on Monday, March 3rd at 1:30 P.M.

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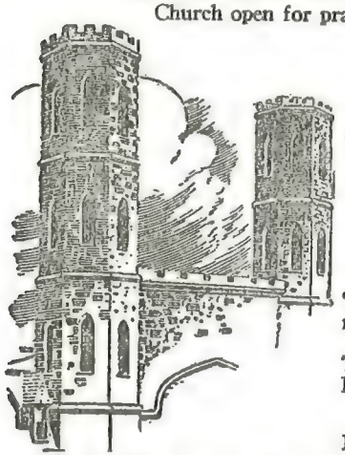
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"I like the Quiet Church before the service begins."—Emerson
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "My Heart is Filled with Longing" ..... *Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord our God, who hast set us in a world of beauty and wonder, we beseech Thee to give us wisdom to unseal springs of joy. May we find joy in the loveliness of nature, the strength of friendship, the conquest of difficulty, and the satisfactions of service. Teach us to delight in simple things. And when moments of high privilege are granted to us, may we welcome them with joyous reverence. We ask in the name of Him who bequeathed His joy that our joy might be full. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

Come, let us to the Lord with contrite hearts return;
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The Processional Hymn #513 ..... *Melita*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm #46, Page 397

The First Lesson: Genesis 50:7-21

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "Behold the Lamb of God" ..... *Handel*

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

The Sermon: "THE LIFE OF PAUL—III-THE NEW VISION OF CHRIST"
THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn #334 ..... *Penitence*

The Recessional Hymn #498 ..... *Gardiner*

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Bryan Green tells how, one day, his aunt, hurrying to catch a train at Paddington station. "Arriving there on time she found the barrier gates slammed in her face. Out loud she ejaculated, "never mind. Praise the Lord!" On returning for the next train, the ticket collector said, "excuse me, Madam. Ma'am what was that you said when I slammed the door in your face half-an-hour ago?" "I don't remember," she replied. "It sounded strange to me." Did you say something like "Praise the Lord"? My aunt paused a moment and then answered, "Yes, I expect I did. I do praise Him. I am sure that it is quite alright that I missed the train, and that God has some purpose for me through it." To her surprise, the ticket collector asked, "would you mind missing another train, because I would like to speak to you after this one has gone?" So she missed another train, and he told her his story, the story of a marriage breaking up, of his longing for help, and before she had caught her train, she had helped him to put his faith in Christ, and later, to put his marriage right."

You see, if someone sees you lose a train, and then you behave most cheerfully instead of with some grumpy complaining, the observer is apt to be interested. He wants to know how you got that way. If your life is suddenly shattered by loss, made painful by physical suffering, burdened by an old handicap of body or spirit — then the people around you notice. If they see God working in you, to victory, they want your secret. Then you can share with them the truth that "*All* things work together for good to them that love God."

No one likes rough going. Yet Jesus turned his face toward Jerusalem, for he knew that, only through costly triumph over the enemies of God, could he save mankind from self-destruction.

During this Lent, friend, you may decide to turn *your* face toward Jerusalem, and be willing to suffer too for the Glory of God. Then, like your Lord, you will draw others to intrust themselves to His leading, His care.

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—Helen Olsen (Rosemont, Pa.)

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The Rector will preach at the Church of the Brethren, 8707 W. Cheltenham, on Sunday evening, March 9th, and to the Churchwoman's Club, 1919 Walnut Street on Tuesday evening, March 11th.

One of the most important, of the many special appeals each year, is that of Theological Education. This appeal comes each year on January 25th. Please return your offering envelope promptly as the need is urgent — the education of the future rectors of St. Stephen's Church.

THE HEALING MOMENT

Sit relaxed, clear your mind, remove the bite out of your feelings, be calm and think: The Lord is my shepherd, who heals my brokenness, restores me from anxiety, fear, malice and indifference, who offers me positive joy. I now accept His healing gifts; now I am made whole.

BULLETIN

Enclosed is a contribution towards the Bulletin subscription. I look forward to receiving these bulletins every week. It is the best mail that comes to my house. After I read it carefully, and pray with it, I save them. I plan to place them in my loose leaf book so that I can refer to them often. (Rita Catalano)

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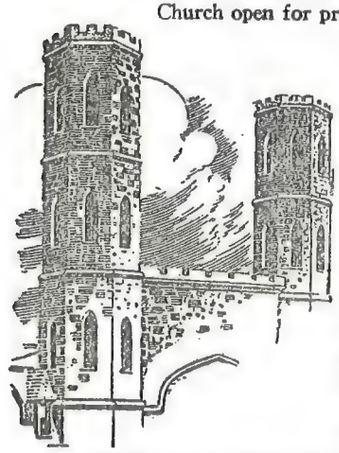
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The Prelude: "O Man, Bewail Thy Grevious Fall" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Holy Spirit of God, abide with us, inspire all our thoughts, pervade our imaginations; suggest all our decisions; order all our doings. Be with us in our silence and in our speech, in our haste and in our leisure, in company and in solitude, in the freshness of the morning and in the weariness of the evening; and give us grace at all times humbly to rejoice in Thy mysterious companionship; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit:

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The Processional Hymn #58 ..... *Langran*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, 81, Page 442

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The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs" ..... *G. F. Handel*

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. And with His stripes we are healed.

The Sermon: "THE LIFE OF PAUL—IV-JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH"
THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn #337 ..... *Hamburg* (#219)

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn #446 ..... *Passion Chorale*

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Stanley Jones points out that "some of us are living too close to our margins. We are just getting by. When someone asked the little girl how she came to fall out of bed, she replied, "I slept too close to the place I got in." Many of us have tumbles because we have so very little margin. A bit of pressure and we are pushed over into defeat. Most of us can go the first mile, but it is the second mile that counts . . ."

Lent is a special season when we can devout ourselves to seeking what God wants to give us—this abundant life within. For these weeks we can be like the boxer who goes into training to fill his body with new strength and endurance for the next fight. So we shall be making it our chief business to let God renew the help of our inner spirits. I know a business man who is carrying a prayer in his wallet. Half a dozen times a day he takes it out, and quietly prays it, and finds God's Presence right in the midst of the days' work. Others will be giving themselves the treat of reading a modern translation of the Bible, out of which God speaks of them in todays work. Some will follow a devotional hour period on the radio each day; or go to a week-day worship service in church. The possibilities are inviting—you can make a definite, simple plan for your lent!

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—Miss M. Walker (Weston, Ontario)

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The Choral Introit:

Come, let us to the Lord with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn #65 ..... *Meditation*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, 112, Page 483

The First Lesson: Gen. 22:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11, Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "By Thy Glorious Death and Passion" ..... *Dvorak*

By Thy Glorious Death and Passion, saving me in wondrous fashion, Savior, turn my heart to Thee . . . Thou, O Christ, art my Salvation, hear and heed my invocation, let Thy mercy light on me.

The Sermon ..... THE REV. HARRY LONGLEY, D.D.

The Offertory Hymn #75 ..... *Passion Chorals*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn #74 ..... *St. Cross*

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LUXURY OF JUDGING

One of the oldest, most poisonous luxuries of humanity is that of judging others. Why was it that Jesus commanded us, "to judge not . . ."? Leslie Whetherhead tells two unforgettable stories of judging.

A young girl was enjoying a luxury cruise with her friends. The Chef was the most original man. Every night at dinner the ice cream pudding would be in some new form. One night it was a model of the ship itself; another night it would be like a statue, and so forth. One night it was very ordinary, and the spoiled girl complained to the captain that the Chef was getting slack. She did not know that a radio message had reached the Chef that his wife was very sick, and that on the night when the ice cream was so ordinary, she had died. We do not know what is in a person's heart when we judge. God does. Judge not!

There was a teacher in the north of England who, without asking if there were an explanation, caned every boy who was late. Having beaten one little fellow who had never been late before, the teacher learned that the boy had been to a coal mine to try to get news of his brother after an explosion. The brother was brought up to the pit-head, dead; and, having identified him, the lad went to school, and was late—and was caned! It is perilous to condemn.

Lent should be the perfect time to give up the luxury of judging, when we remember that human beings even judged Jesus, and condemned Him to death. We still judge Him, sometimes, as we think that He is not "practical." If our human judging can miss the mark that far, we'd best give up *all* judging, and leave it to God!

It's wonderful to see how healing it is when we by-pass judging, and instead, love people just as they are! During the Billy Graham crusade in England, a woman was converted, and began to live a new life; she had been a nagging wife, condemning her husband because he sometimes got home very late at night (perhaps because he was not eager to get back to her!), and for other failings. Then two days after, her him at the door with open arms, ready to forgive anything. Two days before she prayed; and read the Bible; and paced the floor. When he did come home she met him at the door with open arms, ready to forgive anything. Two days before she would have met him with curses and accusations. He had run out of gas and had to walk many miles home. How glad she was that she had not judged him! Her receiving him, loving him as he was, changed him into a new man; and a loving husband.

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—Marie B. Stamar (Yardley, Pa.)

THE HEALING MOMENT

Center down in stillness, release your feelings and be free from them. Think how glorious living is, how miraculous and magnificent in reality. Accept life's basic joy in being alive and be healed by being unified with Life as God celebrates it. Read Psalm 81.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

It is no secret that higher education has become a financial nightmare. The colleges and universities are subsidized by government grants and scholarships, and those that are not subsidized expect shortly to go out of existence. The seminaries receive not one cent from our Church—this is usually a startling discovery—nothing from the government obviously, and they produce alumni whose salaries prevent them from being large givers. Our seminaries depend upon your interest and generosity, both as parishes and as concerned individuals.

Once a year we have an opportunity to contribute to the support of our seminaries. Special envelopes were sent to all our membership over a month ago. Have you returned yours? There is still time.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, D.D., who will be the Lenten noonday preacher, Monday through Saturday, March 24-29 inc.

The Rector will speak at the annual Brotherhood of St. Andrew Service at Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh on Saturday morning, March 22nd. He will preach at the Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh on Sunday, March 23, and preach and conduct healing services at Trinity Cathedral at noontime, Monday through Friday. He will speak in the University of Pittsburgh on Tuesday evening.

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. Harry Longley, D.D., who will take the Sunday morning services at St. Stephen's Church, March 23rd.

We wish to thank these Bulletin subscribers: Rev. Carl S. Berninger, Miss Margaret E. Heggan, Miss Edna C. Hunter and Mr. Elmer Newkirk, Jr.

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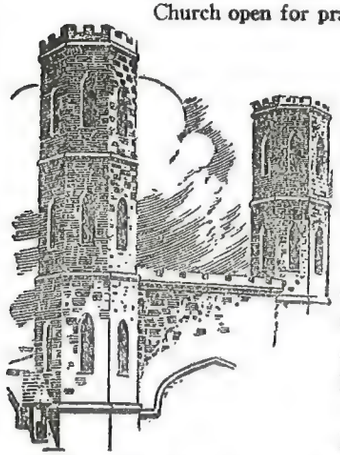
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PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th, 1969

THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D., RECTOR
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The Processional Hymn 62 ..... *St. Theodulph*

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The Psalm 146, Page 522

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The Sermon Hymn 75 ..... *Passion Chorale*

The Sermon: THE LIFE OF PAUL. V—THE FORGIVING CHRIST

THE RECTOR

The Anthem: "The Palms" ..... *Jean Faure*

The Doxology and Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 64.....Winchester New

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—Ruth Parr (Canton, Ohio)

GOOD OUT OF EVIL

As we come to Holy Week, we may wonder what is the mysterious power of the Cross. A Hindu scholar once gave a clue to it as he wrote, "There is in Christianity a doctrine which I believe is peculiar to that religion. The doctrine that God can take what is bad, and bring good out of it."

Through the Cross, we see the transforming power of God. Calvary looked like the black defeat of all that is high and holy; looked like the dismal end of the golden dream of God's Kingdom on earth; looked like the finish of the Matchless Christ. It looked so dark that even the faithful disciples took to their heals. Yet, out of the dark stuff of Calvary, God fashioned a Triumph — love defeating hate, faith overcoming doubt, life rising out of death. So, ever since that day, Christian men have been able to say to suffering people, "If God could make something so glorious out of the first Calvary, surely He can make something out of your lesser Calvary, if you will let him." One day a man and I looked at a small silver cross together; and he was deciding whether he would let God make something out of his Calvary of broken dreams and broken health. God *can* take what is bad, and bring good out of it.

For it is Love on the Cross that redeems, and cannot be killed or defeated. At long last love is always stronger than hate — even though it may take months, or years, or even centuries. In the long run, love wins against all odds. Out on the Pirate Coast the Arabs resisted Christianity for nearly fifty years, though the medical missionaries worked among them faithfully and with skill. Then one day Paul Harrison saved a small Arab girl's life by the gift of a vein from his own arm, after the girl's own father had refused to make the sacrifice himself. With a new vein, she recovered. That simple, courageous act of sacrifice opened the eyes of the Arabs to what the Cross means. Love incarnate was too strong for them, and swept aside their resistance. They began to walk straight into the Kingdom of God, until, soon, there were forty Christians, where, for nearly half-a-century, there had been none.

God can take any person, any situation, and bring out great and glorious good. All that is required is someone with the Spirit of the Cross in his heart. That "Someone" could be you.

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: Usual Lenten Noonday services; The Rev. Harry Longley, D.D. will be the preacher.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated Wednesday at 5:30 P.M., on Maundy Thursday at 1:00, 5:15, and 8 P.M. Music by our Choir and Sermon by the Rector at the evening service.

HEALING SERVICES at 1:15 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY: Meditation on the Cross by the Rev. Harry Longley, D.D. 12:30 to 2:00 P.M.

2:00 - 3:00 P.M. — THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST, by Theodore Dubois; soloists, chorus choir, Harp and Tympani — Robert M. Prince, Organist and Choirmaster.

Saturday, April 5 — 12:30 P.M. Noonday service, The Rector is the Preacher.

REUNION OF CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Those who have been presented for Confirmation by the Rector of St. Stephen's Church are being asked to meet with Confirmation Classes at the Maundy Thursday Service at 8 P.M. Red carnations will be distributed to all the ladies attending this service.

TO KEEP IN MIND — ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Community House on Sunday, April 13th, 1969 at 12:30 P.M., after morning service.

"Members of the Corporation who shall be qualified to vote at any election for Vestrymen and upon all questions which may come before the meeting; shall be all Lay, Baptised, Confirmed persons of the age of 21 years and upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this Church as their usual place of worship for at least one year, and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the current expenses of the Corporation during each of the two successive years immediately preceding such election or meeting, not less than five dollars ($5.00)."

Twelve Vestrymen will be elected at this meeting to serve for a term of one year. Following the election a light luncheon will be served. It will be greatly appreciated by the ladies preparing the luncheon if all who plan to attend will let us know by calling the office.

CONFIRMATION

St. Stephen's will join a number of Churches in our area for Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, April 20 at 4 P.M.

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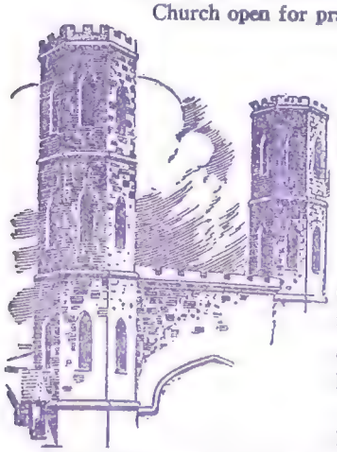
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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Christ Lay In The Bonds of Death" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, not only at the Easter season, but every day, may our hearts be bright with the undimmed light that shines through the centuries from the open tomb, out of which the Master came forth in newness of life. Let no redeemed child of God live in darkness, or gloom, or sin; but may all who are called by Thy names, keep themselves in the glorious light of Thy love, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 85 ..... *Easter Hymn*

The Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah) ..... *Handel*

The Kyrie, Hymnal #709 ..... *William*

The Anthem: Chorus VI, The German Requiem ..... *Brahms*
Here on earth have we no continuing place, howbeit, we seek one to come. Lo, I unfold unto you a mystery. We shall not all sleep when He cometh. We shall all be changed . . . in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible. Then, what of old was written the same shall be brought to pass. For death shall be swallowed in victory! Grave, where is thy triumph? Death, O where is thy sting?

The Sermon: "THE THIRD BEGINNING" ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 91 ..... *Victory*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *William*

The Kneeling Hymn 89 ..... *Saltzburg*

The Gloria is Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 94 ..... *St. Kevin*

The Postlude: "Toccata" ..... *Widor*

The Easter decorations are provided by special funds set aside for the purpose: Flowers on the East Window are in memory of the Magee Family; Flowers on the Atmore Window are in memory of Craig Atmore. All Souls Mission to the Deaf.

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DEATH AND LIFE

Peter Marshall once looked at death through the eyes of two caterpillars:

"People whose vision of death is earthbound remind me of the caterpillar crawling along the warm earth imagining that heaven for him will be an endless row of cabbages.

"Then one day a second caterpillar with a more philosophical turn of mind would say to his friend: 'You know, I believe that some day you and I will no longer have to crawl along the ground, but might even fly over that fence. What is more, we will not be puncturing cabbage leaves with our neat little holes and stuffing ourselves full of greenstuff, but we might be sipping dew and living on honey.'

"His friend, fastening on him incredulous beady eyes, might reply, 'I knew this night-life would get you.'

Or, solicitously he might say, 'Poor old chap, you have been working too hard lately. You've cracked under the strain.'

"And when the time comes for him to 'die', his caterpillar friends gather around — and extol his virtues:

'He was a connoisseur of cabbage. He was a good old caterpillar — now this is the end.'

And so he is buried in a shroud — a chrysalis shroud that spins upon the twig, a shriveled, dry grave.

"And yet, by and by, on a summer morning,
the grave bursts open,
the chrysalis breaks, and out of it emerges a moist, trembling lovely thing that hoists into the fragrant air
delicate sails of beauty . . . . the butterfly takes off . . . . to sip the dew and taste the succulent honey . . .

"We know that he goes to sleep a caterpillar and wakes up a butterfly."

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—Mrs. Jessie Pearman (Los Gatos, Calif.)

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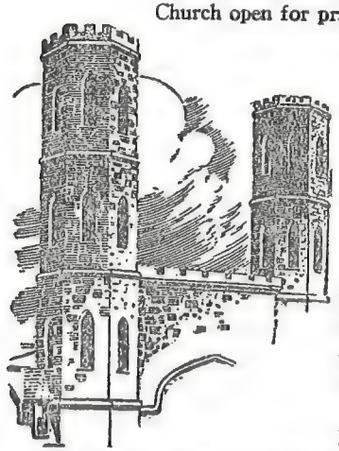
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The Prelude: "Processional" ..... *Warren Martin*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, we thank Thee for the sweet refreshment of sleep and for the glory and vigor of the new day. As we set our faces once more toward our work, we pray Thee for the strength sufficient for our tasks. May Christ's spirit of duty and service ennoble all we do. May there be nothing in this day's work of which we shall be ashamed when the sun has set, nor in the eventide of our life when our task is done and we go to our long home to meet Thee face to face.

Processional Hymn 346 ..... *St. Elizabeth*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

Psalm 70, Page 424

The First Lesson: II Kings 4:18-37

Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:13-35

Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Anthem: "The Lilies of the Dawn" ..... *Marryott*
When twilight fell in Galilee no blossoms gleamed so fair as lilies, where Jesus went for prayer. Alleluia! Sadly in the moonlit garden, stately lilies guarded there, bending low to soothe His anguish when Christ wept in prayer. Alleluia! All the larks on Easter morning sang His triumph through the air: "Christ has risen among the lilies, risen to answer prayer." — Alleluia!

The Sermon: "DOUBTING THOMAS" ..... THE RECTOR

Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

Doxology: Presentation of the Colors

Recessional Hymn 104 ..... *Llanfair*

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MUSIC OF A GROWING FAITH

On Easter Day anything seems possible. God has overcome death. He has done the impossible. But with Easter behind us, it is too easy to settle back into the old ruts. We start to say, "That isn't possible."

One day in Washington, Stanley Jones was meeting with a group of men in prayer. He told them that later that day, he had a very difficult assignment. He had to see someone he did not want to see at all; and there was no getting out of it. A friend smiled quietly, recalling an inscription he had once seen on a tombstone: "She hath done what she couldn't." So Stanley Jones went to his assignment, saying to himself, "I will do what I can't." And he did!

That is why, in the heart of every adventuring Christian, there is music — the music of a growing faith that sets one to marching forward resolutely. Again and again we face what we cannot do — we simply do not have what it takes. Yet God seems to be telling us to do that impossible task. Then we remember that Jesus promised to be with us, for always — His Spirit in our hearts; ready to act in us. So we *can* do the impossible. We can let Him act in us; we can make ourselves available for His will to use us. You yourself, who are hearing these words, will remember times when you did the seemingly impossible, because you said, "Yes" to God, and let Him go to work through you. With God all things are possible.

Emerson once observed, "I like my poems best because I did not write them." An artist becomes filled with the beauty God has created, and lets the Divine Creative Spirit loose in painting the picture, in writing the words. It's an exciting life, making oneself available to God. Often it's uncomfortable, and more strenuous than we would have chosen. But it puts the Glory in life — glory of the small share in doing the impossible.

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—Mrs. Emily C. Spangler (Bozoo, W. Va.)

THE HEALING MOMENT

I now, completely, fully, with no reservations forgive, release and restore my relationships with others. I will not imprison anyone or myself. I give up my claim to be resentful. In Christ's Love I clothe all others in peace.

Read Psalm 103, Verses 6-12.

The Rector will speak to the Women's Association of the Lansdowne Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 16 at 8 P.M.

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Confirmation Instruction class is held in the Rector's study at 10 A.M. on Sundays.

CONFIRMATION INSTRUCTION CLASS
WHO IS INVITED?

You are! Especially if you have caught yourself saying to yourself:

"I think I might be interested in becoming an Episcopalian."

"I feel awfully rusty about my Christian beliefs."

"I have a friend I want to expose to the Episcopal Church."

"The new theology has me confused: I need a refresher course."

"I was confirmed when I was twelve and I don't remember a thing from those classes."

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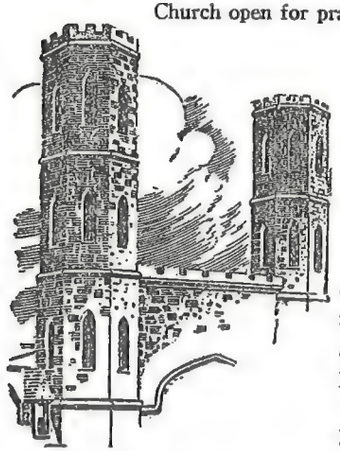
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The Prelude: Prelude on "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" .....*Willan*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Gracious God, our heavenly Father, in whom is the fullness of light and love and power, give us grace to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Lift us to spiritual heights, that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. And grant that when we descend to the common ways of the world we may be so illumined by Thy light, so moved by Thy love, and so strengthened by Thy power that we shall be serene and confident and victorious. We ask in Christ's name.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 396 .....*Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 103, Page 466

The First Lesson: II Samuel I:v.19

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15: Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Brother James' Air (Marosa) The 23rd Psalm ..*Arr. Gordon Jacob*

The Sermon: "WHAT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH BELIEVES" .THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 388 .....*St. Thomas*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 554 .....*Lancashire*

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The last events and teachings of Jesus before Holy Week will be continued and explained in the Review of the Life of Christ.

Coffee and donuts will be served.

GOD'S TREASURE

Gay Talese, the journalist, once visited Floyd Patterson, when he was training for a fight. He found Patterson so sensitive about the possibility of losing that, before each fight, he carries into his dressing-room an attache-case filled with disguises. Then if he does lose, he has a chance to slip away without being recognized.

We all dislike failing. The burning question, however, is to know what real failure *is*. For a Patterson, it is losing the fight. For a businessman, it may be small returns from his business; for a housewife, few friends, when she craves many; for a teen-ager, not enough dates.

But what is "failure" to you who want to be a Christian? Since our job in life is to love God, and love people, then we fail when we put self first, and God second; when we put self first, and another person second. Judas failed when he betrayed Jesus for thirty silver pieces. Peter failed when he denied Him, to save his own skin. We fail when we meet a friend, forget their recent loss of a loved one, and never speak of it. We fail when we get absorbed in self so that an encouraging letter never gets written; when urgent human needs go unheeded. Failure, for us, is letting down God, letting down people.

For we have been given a treasure — Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. For us, "success" is letting Him so live in our hearts that something of His compassion shines out in what we do. It may be saying, "I'd love to" to someone asking for help. It may be putting aside something you planned to do, in order to listen to someone unburdening their heart. At the end of a service of worship in which a well-known preacher had poured out his heart and soul, someone asked, "And what did you think of him?" "To tell the truth, I did not think of him. All through the service, I kept thinking of his Master." That preacher "succeeded"!

God puts His treasure in us, His earth and vessels. What He cares about is whether we pour the treasure into the lives of others. He forgives us, as He forgave Peter. Peter accepted the forgiveness, and spent the rest of his life sharing the treasure.

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—Joan Barnes (Falls Church, Virginia)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the First United Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Ohio, Sunday evening through Tuesday, April 20-22nd.

The final session of the Rector's Confirmation Instruction Class will be held at 10 o'clock and the Confirmation service will be held in St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets at 4 P.M., April 20th.

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God is at my right hand as power; on my lips as truth; in my eyes as beauty; in my heart as compassion, in my hands as helpfulness. I am made whole and strong in God. Read Psalm 16.

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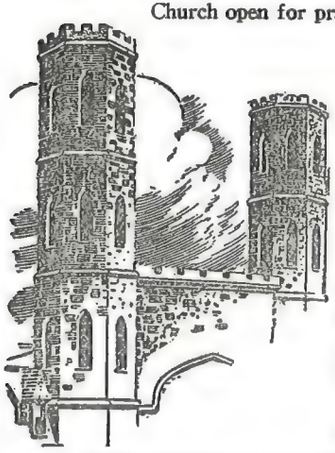
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Three Choral Preludes: ..... *J. S. Bach*

a. "Our Father Who Art In Heaven"
b. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Deserving"
c. "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, give unto us the spirit of true and sincere worship as we draw near to Thee in this holy place, that we may be delivered from all coldness of heart and wanderings of mind. Bless to us the ministry of thy servants, and grant that we may all worthily show forth thy praise, humbly learn thy word, and render our thanks for all thy mercies to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit ..... *Jesu, Meine Freude*

Processional Hymn 315 ..... *Kremser*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

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Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "In Faith I Calmly Rest" ..... *J. S. Bach*

In faith I calmly rest, and put my trust in God, Although oft sore opprest — With anxious care and dread; His friendship my reward, In Him my joy I find; He keep-eth watch and ward — O'er me and — o'er my house. Therefore, I thank my God, And joy to do His will; I know, whate'er be fall, His love doth lead me still. So, like a little child Who clasps his father's hand, Serene I take my way, In faith untroubled stand.

The Sermon: "THE BABY" ..... The Rector

Offertory Hymn 276 ..... *Nun Danket*

Doxology: Presentation of Colors

Recessional Hymn 551 ..... *Ein Feste Burg*

The Postlude: "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor" ..... *J. S. Bach*

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A moral revolution has plunged us into a sickening heap of rubbish because we have been busy uprooting former standards. We have adopted the theme of a popular show of years past — "anything goes!" A glance at the news stands and a visit to our palaces of entertainment prove the point. Anything goes — and we have gone just about as far as it is possible to go. As John Killinger writes "In the Failure of Theology and Modern Literature," "the literary 'photographers' were enthusiastically arranging their own scenes. Setting up their cameras in the kitchen or bathroom, they left the dirty dishes in the sink, even added a few more for good measure, strewed amongst a collection of moldy garbage and cigarette butts on the floor, and arranged a couple of cadavers in a suggestive position somewhere in the side ground with a mangy cat eating on them." I submit that this describes accurately the cesspool school of literature in our time. It may be that we once had a magnolia-scented literature in times past. This hardly justifies the skunk cabbage style of the present.

I expect a reaction to the extremes that are now evident. The present atmosphere has caused a nausea that will lead finally to revulsion. Man has a climbing instinct. He will not forever remain mired in mud. He wants clear light and clean air. One lonely sentence in the magazine article gives a glimpse of things to come, "the young seem to be earnestly trying to construct their own code, and re-discovering for themselves some of the older verities." Surely, "one of the older verities" is God. We have tried to write Him out of the plot of human existence. The results are apparent. Human personality has been robbed of its dignity. In the long run I believe the essential idealism of youth will recover what our generation has lost.

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—Elizabeth M. Earle (Decatur, Georgia)

The Rector will preach in Trinity Lutheran Church, Bangor, Pa. on Sunday evening, April 27th and conduct an all day Healing Retreat at the Church of the Holy Communion, 20th Street and Sixth Avenue, New York City on Saturday, May 3rd.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

THE UNITED THANK OFFERING is rapidly becoming the offering of the people — not the women only. Although the U. T. O. was invented by the women of the Church, it has now been decided to include men as participants — in thankfulness for the women, if for nothing else. The Blue Box can easily be used by men, and it is admirably designed to receive paper money as well as silver. The Blue Box, if you keep it in sight, will remind you of a tangible and practical way in which you can give thanks to God for the blessings of each day.

Our Parish In-Gathering will take place on Sunday, May 4th at 11 o'clock. Offering envelopes are enclosed in this Bulletin.

The Diocesan In-Gathering will be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 10:30 a.m. at the Valley Forge Military Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. German, III extend an invitation to the congregation to a reception and refreshments on the second floor of the Community House following the Ministration of Holy Baptism of their second daughter, Senta Cosima German.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! Daylight Saving Time goes into effect sometime or other while most of us are sleeping. Saturday night, April 26th — SO, PLEASE BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AND WATCHES AHEAD ONE HOUR before retiring on Saturday night, so you'll get to service on time Sunday morning.

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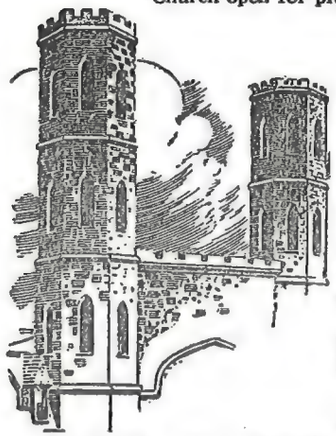
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The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*

The Processional Hymn 344 ..... *Deus Tuorum Militum*

The Response to the Decalogue 708 ..... *Healey Willan*

The Anthem: "Cast Thy Burden Upon The Lord" ..... *Mendelssohn*
Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee: He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

The Sermon: "BIRDS OF A FEATHER" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 416 ..... *Beatitudo*

The Sanctus 711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Doxology and Presentation

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There is a revolution in man's thinking. He no longer sees himself as an earth-bound and time-limited creature, an animal-like thing. He recognizes himself as a child of God. He looks upon his fellowmen as the children of God. He becomes color-blind, and beneath the varying pigments of the skin he sees souls that are precious in the eyes of God. He leaps over the barriers of creed and custom and finds that all men are brothers. He comes to see that anything that offends the dignity of any other human being is wrong. He considers mankind as one family living upon a small speck of a world moving together toward a common destiny in God's scheme of things.

There is a revolution in man's spirit. He recognizes that when he has hated he has been wrong, and when he has loved he has been right. He sees that to be selfish is to be sinful, and to be generous is to be good. He acknowledges that kindness is more satisfying than cruelty. The thoughtful word is more constructive than the bitter criticism. The act of mercy is better than the deed of revenge.

There is a revolution in a man's behaviour. The grasping hand is replaced by the giving spirit. The self-centered life steps aside and there is a desire to serve others. The world is not limited by one's own backyard but is marked only by the limits of human imagination. Children are a precious charge more than a burdensome cargo. Worship is not a ritualistic routine but an outpouring of the soul in humble thankfulness to God. The church is not just another worthy institution but the very Body of Christ living in the world to serve the purpose of God.

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—Florence C. Eisnor (Garden City, N. Y.)

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THE HEALING MOMENT

Today I shall live like an exclamation mark as I announce myself, alive to all the life there is. I am healed of mediocrity, half-life and I bless all about me.

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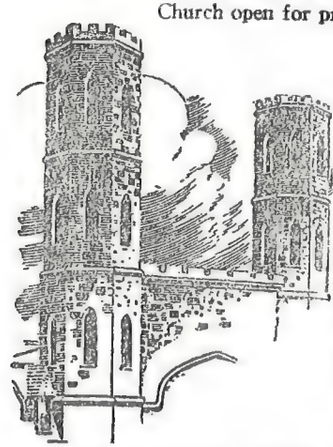
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The Prelude: "Cantabile" ..... *Cesar Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Thou, who are the light of the world, the desire of all nations, and the shepherd of our souls; let Thy light shine in the darkness, that all the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God; by the lifting up of Thy cross gather the peoples to Thine obedience, so that there may be one flock, one shepherd, one holy kingdom of righteousness and peace, one God and Father of us all, above all, and through all, and in all. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 308 ..... *Monkland*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant 609, Hymnal

The Psalm, #57, Page 409

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 24:36-49

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "O Be Joyful In The Lord" ..... *Ainslee Cox*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands, and come before His presence with a song. Serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with a song. Know ye that the Lord He is God: He hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving. O go your way into His courts with praise! Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.

The Sermon: "WHEN HE SAW THE WAGONS" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 564 ..... *Lyons*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 458 ..... *St. Margaret*

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A famous athlete, Gil Dodds, writes that he discovered the truth of Jesus' statement through the successes and failures in his running. He tells the story of Gunder Hagg, one of the greatest runners of all time, who always prayed before every race. "During one meet, in which Hagg, Bill Hulse, and I were to run the mile. I asked Gunder with friendly interest *what* he prayed for." "Gil," he said, "I was praying for all of us—you, Hulse, and myself." "Didn't you pray that you'd win?" I asked. He shook his head. "I just prayed that each one of us would do his best." The perfect answer from a great champion.

Doesn't that give you some ideas about your everyday praying? First, the urgent need of praying before every test of temper, or brains, or courage or love. Always pray—only with God's companionship can you meet the test with your full powers. And, instead of praying for "success," pray that you will be at your very best. That is all He asks of you.

Gil Dodds speaks of one season when, after a long series of victories, he suddenly lost several races in succession. He comments, "These defeats taught me one of the most important lessons I have ever learned . . . I had forgotten the Lord and was running for Gil Dodds . . . I can never do my best without a proper mental attitude, and this proper attitude depends on humility toward God. If you run the race of life for your own glory, you will run badly." You know that, from experience; that your one source of unfailing strength and wisdom is God Himself. If you make it your habit to depend on Him as the branch depends on the main vine, then your life will constantly grow, producing rich results.

As you keep close to God, your life will be pruned, cut back, like the vine. You will suffer. But you will suffer as He did, so that your living will serve others richly. As Ugo Bassi said, in his "Sermon in the Hospital":

> "Measure thy life by loss instead of gain, not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth, For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice; And whoso suffers most has most to give."

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Each week we print accounts written by individuals who feel they have been helped through our healing ministry: Dear Dr. Price:—Last week I went to my eye specialist. He is astonished at my progress. He was sure I would lose my eye and he cannot understand. I asked him would you believe in a miracle? I do and for all your prayers I am truly grateful.

—Eloise Blake (Rochester, N. Y.)

THE HEALING MOMENT

Sit relaxed, clear your mind, remove the bite out of your feelings, be calm and think: The Lord is my shepherd, who heals my brokenness, restores me from anxiety, fear, malice, and indifference, who offers me positive joy. I now accept His healing gifts; now I am made whole.

The Rector will address the Presbytery of Philadelphia on Tuesday, May 13th at the Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church.

The Diocesan In-Gathering of the United Thank Offering will take place in the Chapel of the Valley Forge Military Academy on Wednesday, May 14th at 10:30 A.M. Dinner Tickets must be obtained in advance.

CONFIRMATION

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Y. Y. Tsu, D.D., Sunday, April 20th at 4 P.M. at St. Clement's Church, 20th and Cherry Streets.

"Ye Shall Have Power After That The Holy Spirit Is Come Unto You."

Shirley A. Morley, M.D. Robert R. Morley, M.D.
Marguerite S. Farmer

The Women of St. Stephen's and the Fellowship Group will attend the service of the Chinese Christian Church following our morning service on May 11th, and eat at the new Chinese Restaurant afterwards. The final meeting of the Women will be Thursday, May 15th at 10:30 A.M. followed by a luncheon. All are welcome.

Our sincere thanks to these Bulletin subscribers: Mrs. M. A. Sunter and Mrs. Newbold Ely.

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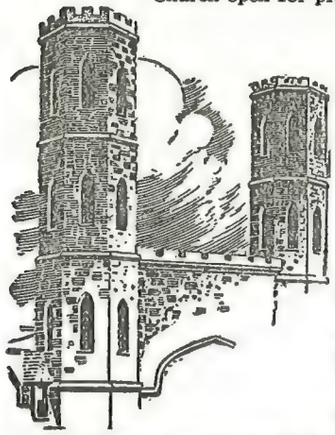
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To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

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SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

SUNDAY, MAY 18th, 1969

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The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Page 179

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "God's Time is Best" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Most merciful Father, we have done little to forward thy Kingdom in this world, to foster the brotherhood of man, and to establish love as the law of life. We have allowed self to blind us, pains to embitter us. We have forgotten that whatsoever is done to one of the least of thy children is done unto thee. Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing thee. Help us in all our seeking to seek first thy kingdom and thy righteousness. And make us come, as came thy Son Jesus Christ, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*
"Come let us to the Lord, our God, with contrite hearts return; Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn."

The Processional Hymn 246 ..... *Luke*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant 609, Hymnal

The Office of Instruction: Page 290

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Office of Instruction: Page 292

The Ministration of Holy Baptism: Page 273

The Anthem: "The Lord Will Not Suffer Thy Foot to be Moved" ..... *J. S. Bach*
The Lord will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not slumber; not will He slumber. Behold! He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Sermon: "THE CHRISTIAN HOME, A PATTERN OF SALVATION" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 251 ..... *Gentle Jesus*

The Doxology and Presentation of Colors

The Recessional Hymn 528 ..... *Hesperus*

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SOMETHING SPECIAL

God never intended us to hang our heads, saying to ourselves, "I'm no good." On the contrary, He intended us to remember that we are His children, members of God's own family. We are to "love our neighbor *as ourselves*," holding our heads high with self respect. In the parable of the talents, Jesus speaks of the "particular ability" of each human being. He has given each of us something special; we can be thankful, and make use of it, to the glory of God.

Father Keller tells of a second-grade class asked to write on the subject "My Face." One little boy wrote so well about his face that his paper appeared in newspapers all over the country:

"My face has two brown eyes. It has a nose and 2 checks. And 2 ears and a mouth.

"I like my face. I am glad that my face is just like it is.

"It is not bad. It is not good, but just right."

You have a unique responsibility. There are several people to whom you make a big difference every day: the members of your household, the people where you work, those who specially love you. What you think and what you do makes a big difference in their happiness and peace of mind. You are very important to them. So you cannot let yourself be ruled by your feelings. You cannot act grumpy or sarcastic or sad, just because you happen to feel that way. Nor can you lift yourself by your own bootstraps, or just make yourself cheerful and whistle a merry tune.

What you *can* do is to turn yourself over to the Father who make you, saying to Him, "Act in me, I pray — speak through me in love and understanding; smile through me in compassion; laugh in me, with your joy." Many of you know this. You know that He uses you as far as you are willing for Him to do so! And He is glad to use you, not in some far-away place — but right where you are this moment.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Dear Dr. Price: Last September I came to your healing service but came too late for the 12:30 P.M. service. I was in such pain I could not stand to stay until the 5:30 P.M. service, but a kind lady there went in to speak to you. I'll always be very grateful that you immediately came out and prayed for me. After your prayers, I was able to walk to Gimbels for lunch and stayed for the second service. Believe me before that lying down was about all I could do. Not long after that the pain left and I'm living again. What a blessing to be able to ride, sit, bend, play, garden and do my own housework again. I thank God and you everyday for such happiness. Believe me I am most thankful to be off pain killing drugs.

—Mrs. Charles Kemp (Medford, N. J.)

THE HEALING MOMENT

God creates life in me and through me now. God is my health, clarity of thought, honesty of work, rightness of feeling. I accept God's creative energies and live today in peace, love, service and joy.

SCHOOLBOY HOWLERS

"In Christianity a man is allowed to have only one wife. This is sometimes called monotony."

"Science is material, religion is immaterial."

"A volcano is a mountain with a hole in the top of it. If you look down through the hole, you can see the creator smoking."

"Churches are supported by the tribulations of the members."

"Whenever David played to Saul the latter kept a javelin handy."

We wish to thank Bulletin subscriber: Dr. E. T. Scott.

We have received letters from the Phila. Divinity School and the Cambridge Theological School thanking our congregation for our contribution of $250.00 to each school for educating men to exercise leadership in the Church.

The daughter of Marie Pintavalle Tracy will be baptized during the eleven o'clock service.

The Fellowship Group will hold its last meeting on Sunday, May 18th, in the Community House, after the morning service. The Story of the Life of Christ will be brought up to Maundy Thursday. Refreshments. All Welcome.

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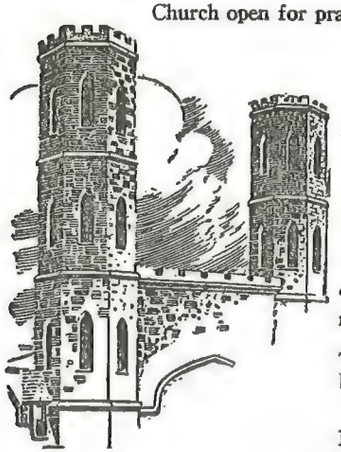
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The Introit
The Processional Hymn 600 ..... *Darwell*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant 609, Hymnal
The Psalm #119:5 Page 492
The First Lesson: Joel 2:28-32
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. John 3:1-16
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
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Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "Ye Are Now Sorrowful" ..... *Brahms*

Ye are now sorrowful, Howbeit, ye shall again behold me, and your heart shall be joyful, and your joy no man taketh from you. Yea, I will comfort you, as one whom his own mother comforteth. Look upon me; ye know that for a little time labor and sorrow were mine, but at the last I have found comfort. . . . Ye shall again behold me.

The Sermon: "PENTECOST" ..... THE RECTOR
The Offertory Hymn 379 ..... *Capetown*
The Doxology and Presentation of Colors
The Recessional Hymn 376 ..... *Down Ampney*

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ON THE BELIEVING SIDE

Troubles pile up. There is sickness. Adversity strikes the pocketbook. The horizon looks like more bad weather. Impulsively the person says, "I haven't any faith any more." Is that true?

Hannah Whittall Smith deals swiftly and surgically with this "I have no faith." She writes, "Suppose you should begin tomorrow with the notion in your head that you could not trust anybody, because you had no faith. When you sat down to breakfast, you would say, "I cannot eat anything on this table, for I have no faith, and I cannot believe that the cook has not put poison in the coffee; or that the butcher has not sent home diseased or unhealthy meat; "so you would go starving away. When you went out to your daily avocations, you would say, "I cannot ride in the railway train, for I have no faith, and therefore I cannot trust the engineer, nor the conductor, nor the builders of the carriages, nor the managers of the road." And you would be compelled to walk everywhere, and would grow unutterably weary in the effort, besides being unable to reach the places you could have reached in the train."

Each day is a procession of acts of faith: the invalid opens her eyes with confidence in those who care for her; the storekeeper has faith in you when he lets you charge your purchases. The household trusts the mother to keep on cooking and sweeping, even though she may be weary and half-sick; the parents trust the schoolteacher with the care of their children. We cannot make a move without exercising faith in human beings. Actually, we do not attempt a day without trust in them.

Hannah Smith continues, ". . . if this want of faith in your fellowmen would be so dreadful, and such utter folly, what must it be when you tell God that you have no power to trust Him, nor believe His word . . . that it is a great trial, but that you cannot help it, "for you have no faith" . . . I, for my part, have such absolute confidence in the Holy Spirit . . . that I dare to say to every one of you that you *can* believe now, at this very moment; and that if you do not, it is not the Holy Spirit's fault, but your own. Put your will, then, on the believing side. Say, "Lord, I believe — I do believe."

There it is — *put your will on the believing side.* Certainly, if you can so trust other people who are as imperfect as yourself, you can have faith in God! Put your will on the believing side — and keep it there.

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—Mrs. Dolores Szurszewski (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

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Our sincere thanks to Bulletin contributor Mrs. Elvira Pearce.

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Do you feel so tired that you can't drag yourself out of bed?
Are you worried about money, and making ends meet?
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Try getting up half an hour earlier and listening to God!
Try tithing — you'll be surprised.
Try prayer — not asking for health, money, or success — but just putting yourself in the stream of God's love and His will for you!

When we are tired and sick, it is often because we are sick and tired of ourselves. God is not tired! As we open our hearts, we experience the living joy of an eternal love. This calls for our response in total commitment.

Mrs. Ruth G. Leithead, our Parish Custodian for the United Thank Offering reports that 60 contributors to the Spring Ingathering gave $251.50. This was presented at the Diocesan Ingathering Service at Valley Forge Military Academy Chapel on May 14.

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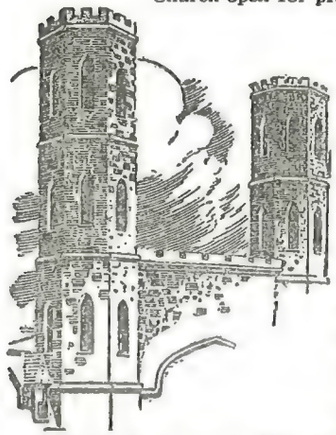
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The Prelude: "Arioso" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O God, cleanse our spiritual vision. Open our eyes to the glory of the life of consecration. Let light fall upon our pathway. Help us to see more clearly the radiance of Him who is the Light of the world, and in His light may we see light. Invade our hearts with Thy quietness. Calm our restlessness. Help us to put our trust in Thee. Grant us the peace of mind that steadies and comforts in every time of need. Lift our burden of carefulness. Set us free from anxiety. Deliver us from the fret of hard circumstance and uphold us with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 266 ..... *Nicaea*

The Response to the Decalogue #709 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" ..... *Gordon Young*

The Sermon: "IF ANY MAN WILL DO—HE SHALL KNOW".. THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 273 ..... *Te Deum*

The Sanctus 711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 196 ..... *Eucharistic Hymn*

The Gloria in Excelsis 739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 271 ..... *Moscow*

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MORE THAN YOU ARE

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For every Christian Jesus says, "Be as good as I think you are." Margueritte Bro wrote a book, "More Than You Are." E. Stanley Jones expressed it this way, "Nobodies Become Somebodies." Jesus put it in His own words. "Ye are the salt of the earth. Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." What might it not do for all Christians if, when tempted not to be their best, they heard Jesus' words, "Be as good as I think You are."

Jesus also revealed what God thinks we are to be if we seek Him in obedience with our whole hearts. "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." This amazing statement, however, coincides with the Bible's words that God made His children in His own image. Way back in the beginning of our Bible, in the seventeenth chapter of Genesis, it says, "The Lord appeared to Abram and said unto him, 'I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect'." In Psalm 47 David says, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for there is posterity for the man of Peace." Paul in his letter to the Colossians refers to Epaphras, "a servant of Christ, always laboring fervently for you in prayer that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Can it be that God plans to expand our minds and souls eventually unto perfection? It is too good not to be true. Therefore, let us say often to ourselves, "Be as good as Jesus thinks you are;" "Be as good as God, who created you, knows you are."

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Dear Dr. Price: Some time ago I asked for prayers for my daughter-in-law, Carol Flower, who was having a problem with her hand. Your prayers were answered immediately and she has had no further trouble. This past week I had a lump appear on my neck and after careful examination two doctors had me all set for surgery next Tuesday. A friend wrote you for prayers. Yesterday the doctor cancelled my appointment with the surgeon. I have been so conscious of the flow of power and so thankful for the healing that has come to me. I know it will be used as a wonderful testimony to many.

—Addie Flower (North Syracuse, N. Y.)

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THE HEALING MOMENT

I affirm God's action as my life in the Divine Spirit I am made whole. I draw from the Eternal resource, peace, harmony, understanding and strength for today's living.

Keep silence, friend, for some have come to cast their care on God today, and some to praise from thankful hearts, and some, "Thy Kingdom Come" to pray. Keep silence, let Him speak anew to every heart—perhaps to you.

WHITSUNDAY OFFERING

A Festival Evensong Service will be held on Trinity Sunday, June 1st, at 4 P.M. at Holy Trinity Church, Rittenhouse Square for the ingathering of the Diocesan Whitsunday Offerings, a celebration of and thanksgiving for these gifts. Bishop DeWitt will preach the sermon and all the churches in the Diocese will take part. The procession of Clergy will start from St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust and move up Locust Street, across Rittenhouse Square, and into Holy Trinity Church. Everyone is invited.

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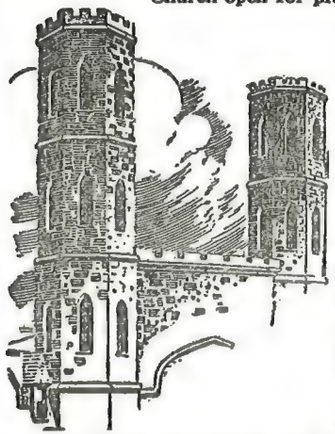
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The Processional Hymn 301 ..... *St. Denio*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #39, Page 389

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:8-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 14:12-24

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea.
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Hear Ye, Israel! (Elijah) ..... *Mendelssohn*

Hear ye, Israel! hear what the Lord speaketh: "Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments!" Who hath believed our report, To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed, Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: "I am He that comforteth; be not afraid, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee! Say, who art thou? that thou art afraid of a man that shall die; and forgettest the Lord, the Lord thy Maker who hast stretched for the heavens, and laid the earth's foundations.

The Sermon: "THE LETTER TO PHILEMON" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors, Closing Prayer, Benediction

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Out in the Pacific, towards the end of World War II, an American warship took some wounded Japanese prisoners aboard. A rather startling thing happened—one of the American medical officers took charge of the care of these wounded Japanese. Much to the indignation of some of his fellow officers, he took the same conscientious care of them as he did of our own wounded. In the ward-room, officers criticized him angrily; some said it would be better to leave the Japs below decks without any care, and let them die as they had let our men die. Finally one of them sounded off with scorching words of scorn over the decent treatment of the wounded enemy prisoners. The doctor waited until the hot-mouthed officer stopped; and asked, "Are you through," "Yes." "Did you go to Mass last Sunday," "Yes." "Did you go to confession beforehand," "Yes." "And you belong to a Christian Church," "Yes." "Then," said the doctor, with a ring of steel in his voice, "You're a d----- hypocrite." The wardroom grew tense, as the doctor continued:

"Let me tell you what I mean. When we went to war, we said a lot about Four Freedoms, and about playing the game according to the rules of decency. I propose that we keep on playing the game according to those rules even if the other fellow doesn't. What is more—there are some good Japs down there, among the bad ones. And when the Japanese war-lords have been liquidated, and little Ishi goes back to Japan, he is going to say, "Those war-lords of ours lied to us. They told us that all Americans are beasts. But when I was wounded, I was treated decently aboard an American warship, and given such good care that I got well." I'm going right on taking good care of little Ishi and the rest. Has anyone anything to say?" The ward-room was silent.

Hate is powerful. But love is more powerful still. Love alone can overcome raging hate in *men's* hearts. Love alone—God's strong love—can bring peace in the cities of America, and between us and other lands.

DAILY AFFIRMATION:—God's Spirit enters into my life to create wholeness in my body, in my thoughts, in my feelings and actions. In God's spirit I live intelligently, maturely, joyfully.

THE HEALING MOMENT

I enter into the Spirit of this day which is given me to live in. I let God's Peace work through me, His Power strengthen me, His Love flavor all I am and do this day.
Read I Corinthians 2:4

St. Stephen's Vestrymen and their wives, and all our Staff members are invited to a luncheon with the Rev. Roger Pickering and his staff on Sunday, June 22nd at 12:30 P.M. in the Community House.

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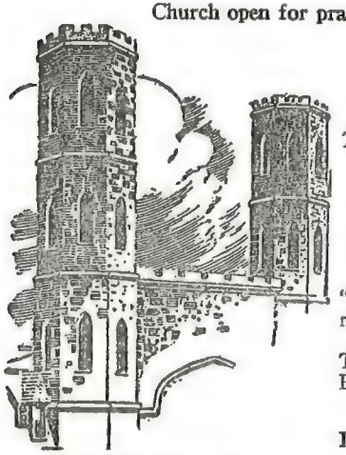
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3rd SUNDAY JUNE — 2nd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

JUNE 15th, 1969

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The Prelude: "Prelude to the Prodigal Son" ..... *Debussy*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and everlasting God, the Source of our life, the Strength of our pilgrimage, and the Goal of our journey, stir our spirits by Thy Spirit, that we may worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Make us sensitive to thy presence. Often we have forgotten Thee and turned aside from Thy ways. Touch our lips with the live coal from the altar; open our ears to the assurance of pardon; and kindle our hearts with eagerness to go forth as Thy messengers, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 367 ..... *Laudes Domini*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 75, Page 431

The First Lesson: Genesis 1-2:3

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My Spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "O God, Have Mercy." ..... *Psalm 51*

O God, have mercy upon me, and blot out my transgressions according to thy lovingkindness, yea, even for Thy mercy's sake. Deny me not, O cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy spirit from me, O Lord. Lord, a broken heart, and a contrite heart is offer'd Thee. I will speak of Thy salvation, I will teach transgressors, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Then open Thou my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall show forth Thy glorious praise.

The Sermon: "FOR LOVE OR MONEY" ..... THE RECTOR

The Offertory Hymn 414 ..... *Kilmarnock*

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HE WHO LOSES HIS LIFE

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But true Christians have discovered that as soon as they surrender their lives to Christ, and enlist in His Cause, they "come alive." They rise out of their old dead self, and begin to live the most zestful, radiant life this world has ever known. Committed to Christ, they find strength where there had been weakness; hope, where there had been despair.

Margaret Lee Runbeck tells the true story of this present world resurrection. A young mother with her four-year-old girl, was fleeing from Hitler's army as they sped across France. Like all other refugees, her one idea was to get herself and her little girl across the Spanish border to safety. But the frontier guards were stubborn — no refugees could pass. So that night the young mother prayed as she had never prayed before. The next day a man came to her room saying, "I'm a guide from the underground. In the dark of the moon I lead parties of refugees over the mountains and down into Spain. It is a long and difficult trail, but God will help." That night when the town was asleep, the young woman and her daughter set out for the meeting-place, up on a mountain trail. The little girl was soon tired. The mother had to carry her, and she was panting with exhaustion when they joined the company of refugees. The leader bade them to trust God in this desperate attempt. Young men volunteered to carry the small girl — as they toiled higher and higher on the steep trail, the strain began to tell. Finally the oldest and frailest man gave a groan and said, "I can't go on," and sank to the ground. "Don't mind me. Leave me here to die. Save yourselves." The leader stood over him, stern and yet compassionate, saying, "You're not dead yet. We must all help each other. Whatever strength you have belongs to all of us. With your last ounce of strength help us to carry the lady's child, until you die." Three times on that dreadful expedition three different old men gave up. And each time the God-guided leader insisted that the exhausted old man use his last drop of energy to carry the child. When the morning light appeared, they were passing the border safely to Spain. Everyone of the party was there, alive and well! The three old men had found resurrection in "losing" their lives for the sake of the little child. "He who loses his life for my sake shall find it!"

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Dear Dr. Price: About three weeks ago I requested prayers of healing for Elizabeth Hix who was suffering a nervous breakdown and for myself whose eyesight is in jeopardy. Miss Hix has recovered and my eyesight has stabilized to some degree. As older people we know we shall not regain the vigor we once knew but hope that, with God's help, we shall be able to end our lives independently and with dignity.

—Katharine Hopper (Marietta, Ohio)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in the Church of the Brethren, Weyers Cave, Virginia, Sunday night through Tuesday, June 15-17th inclusive.

DAILY AFFIRMATION:

O Lord, in Thee I put my trust.
I trust the Goodness of Living,
The Power of Love to create
Understanding and Peace in all
My undertakings today.

THE HEALING MOMENT

This is a moment of quiet for me. I relax physically and mentally. I surround those I love, those I work with, those who give me trouble, those I do not understand, with love. I have no resentments, malice or ill will. Christ held others in this spirit so I now hold them and bless them all.

Gallup Poll

Here is an arresting statistic. In 1948, 68 percent of Americans believed in life after death, according to a poll taken at that time. Twenty years later, that percentage has risen to 73 percent.

Asked whether they believe in God, 2 percent of the Americans answered no, 98 percent answered yes.

How right or how wrong are those theologians and religious leaders who say that if the Church is to be relevant, and appeal to the masses, and survive the acids of modernity, she must demythologize, desupernaturalize, humanize, and secularize the Gospel? If these Gallup Poll figures are anywhere near correct, it would seem that the man in the street has a much firmer faith in God and belief in immortality than have some of his pastors and masters who are so concerned about making the Gospel palatable to him.

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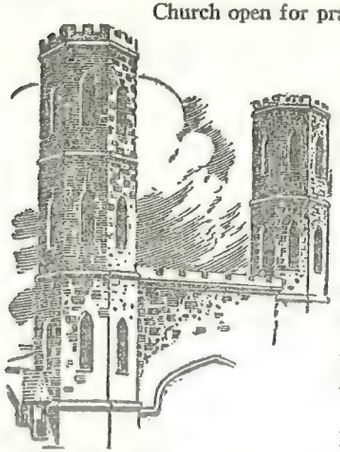
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The Prelude: "Antiphons" ..... *Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Honor and majesty attend Thy ways, O Lord: strength and beauty are in Thy sanctuary. We thank Thee for sunlit memories of transforming moments when the gates of heaven opened, and we heard Thy voice and received Thy blessing. Descent upon us now with Thy gracious power. Cleanse us from evil. Widen our spiritual horizons. And grant that this hour of worship may be filled with Thy holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 352 ..... *Diademata*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 107:1-16, Page 476

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The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name,
None other Hope in heaven or earth or sea.
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame,
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The Anthem: "When Thou Art Near" ..... *J. S. Bach*

"When Thou art near I fear no evil; when Thou near my heart is glad; When Thou art near I feel great joy. Thou art my guide, my consolation. Great joy is mine when Thou art near: my Saviour, comfort me. Hide not thy face, look on Thy servant. In pain and sorrow wilt Thou heal me, Lord, hear the voice of my complaint. O Lord my God, comfort Thy servant. Hear me, Lord, when I cry to Thee, help me, my Saviour.

The Sermon: "THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING" ..... The Rector

I. The Book of Job

The Offertory Hymn 334 ..... *Penitence*

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"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls." Every gate a pearl! Every entrance into the heavenly life is through a pearl. What is a pearl? A wound is made in a shell. A grain of sand, perhaps, gets imbedded in the wound. Then all the resources of repair are rushed to the place where the breach has been made. When the breach has been closed, and the process of repair is complete a pearl is found closing the wound. The break calls forth unsuspected resources of the shell, and a beauty appears that is not otherwise brought out. . . . A pearl is a healed wound. No wound, no pearl!

Misfortune can be transformed into blessing, hurts changed into pearls of precious value. Even a grievous handicap may become a life-saving power. Nydia, the blind flower-girl in "The Last Days of Pompeii" did not become bitter about her blindness; nor had she sulked and stayed at home. She had gone about the business of living and had earned her living as best she could. Then came the awful days of the eruption of Vesuvius, with "the doomed city as dark as midnight beneath a thick pall of smoke and falling ashes; the terror-stricken inhabitants rush blindly to and fro, and lose themselves in the awful blackness. But Nydia does not get lost. Because of her cross of blindness, she had learned to find her way by touch and hearing, and now she can go straight to rescue the life of the one she loves best. By learning to walk swiftly and surely in the dark, she has made of her handicap a treasure and a rock of a Man. "No wound, no pearl!"—Out of life's buffetings may come our richest godsend in the dark hour.

"Every gate a pearl!" Every misfortune, every failure, every loss, may be so transformed. God has the power to transform all "misfortunes" into godsends. So Jesus transformed the cross from a criminals' badge of shame into the sign of the love of God. Often it takes a wound to transform a denying Peter into a fearless rewards.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Dear Dr. Price: Early in March you were kind enough to let me come in and visit you on the spur of the moment about my son Tom. His problem is glomerulo-nephritis. After I talked with you a test was run that previously had been away above normal and it had returned to within normal limits. This happened within several days after you said his name was to be placed on the prayer list of St. Stephen's. I believe the prayers of you and your group are responsible for the normal results of the recent test. Thank you and your group for this.
—John K. Walters (San Antonio, Texas)

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THE HEALING MOMENT

Take a deep breath physically, mentally and emotionally; push out all thoughts and feelings you do not want around. Then think for a minute:

As skies are caught in a drop of dew, as the sun reflects off the shining windows, so I catch Infinity in myself and I live wholly in what is everlasting. Read Psalm 90.

MANIFESTO BY MR. FORMAN

The Rector of St. Stephen's Church considers the manifesto of the National Black Economic Development Conference a crude insult and vile effort to blackmail the churches and synagogues. The demands and tactics of the spokesmen of the new black organization are objectionable on both moral and practical grounds.

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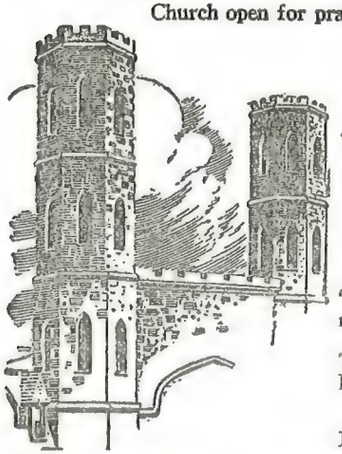
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The Prelude: Prelude on St. Colomba ..... *Willan*
THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and most holy God, we confess to Thee with humble and contrite hearts, that we have often forgotten Thee and Thy purpose for us. While professing to be Christians, we have neither wholly believed nor followed Christ. Increase our penitence, we pray Thee, and turn our wandering footsteps back into the path whereunto we are called, by the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Introit
The Processional Hymn 355 ..... *Miles Lane*
The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal
The Psalm 143, Page 518
The First Lesson: Acts 12:1
The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 16:13
The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal
The Period of Silent Meditation:
The Anthem: God Is My Shepherd (Paraphrase, 23rd Psalm) ..... *Dvorak*
The Sermon: "THE PROBLEM OF SUFFERING" ..... THE RECTOR
II. The Teaching of Jesus
The Offertory Hymn 424 ..... *Vox Delecti*
The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors
The Recessional Hymn 479 ..... *Hyfrydol*

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Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Wilson C. Leithead.

2:30 P.M.—Service for the Deaf, Rev. Roger Pickering
5:30 P.M.—Prayer and Sermon, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling
6:30 P.M.—Social Hour in the Parish House

THE INNER SPIRIT

There was once a man who was interested in cock-fighting. He spent a long time getting together a band of the cleverest, fiercest fighting cocks he could find. Finally, one night he put them all into a big hamper, loaded the hamper onto the back of his truck, and set off for the cock-fights. He was looking forward jubilantly to an evening of victories. When he arrived at the cock-fights, he opened his hamper; and, to his horror, he found half the fighting cocks dead, and the other half wounded and dying. They had been fighting each other.

Sadly he shook his head, sighing, "I should have thought that they would have known that they were all on the same side!" He had fixed all the outer circumstances for them to make them winners; given them the best living quarters and feed; had spent hours in training them, but all that went for nothing, because they were still eager to murder any other bird in sight, even one of their own band. Their owner found out that it is the spirit within that counts most of all.

Jesus taught that truth to men when He said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." It is not the outer circumstances that make the difference. It is what people do with those circumstances. I was in a home one day where a yard-stick lay in the hall-way. One child came along the hall, kicked the yard-stick to one side. Another followed and picked it up. The circumstances were the same for both children, but the spirit within them was different. It made a difference.

Jesus told people about ten men, sick with leprosy, whom he healed one day under the clear Galilean sky. Later in the day, far down the road, He saw a little cloud of dust, and one of the ten came back to thank the Healer. The other nine, when they found that they were healed, did not bother to return. The same miracle had happened to all ten—it was the inner spirit that was different. That inner spirit made a difference to Jesus!

It's urgent, then, that we give our attention to what is in our hearts. It makes a difference to other people, a great difference. And it makes a difference to Jesus.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:—Dear Dr. Price: In April I wrote requesting to be placed on the prayer chain due to a kidney ailment then diagnosed as incurable and probably fatal. Your letter acknowledging receipt of my prayer request arrived just several minutes before we left for my appointment with Dr. Lee in Pittsburgh. Throughout the entire afternoon, I felt anxiety through God's strength and your group holding me up in prayer. I underwent a cystoscope in the office without benefit of anesthesia and with no pain. The dropped kidney was discovered on examination hardly out of line and I can now lead a normal life instead of an inactive one. This is overwhelming evidence of God's healing power in response to your prayers.
—Eleanor S. Koontz (New Kensington, Pa.)

The Rector will preach at the summer Boardwalk Service at Ocean City, N. J. on Sunday, July 20th at 7:30 P.M.

The Rector will participate in a Prayer Seminar in Springfield, Missouri, August 11th - 14th inclusive.

The Rector will conduct the usual Healing Mission in St. Stephen's Church during July and August at 11 o'clock.

This will be the last Bulletin until September 7th.

The 14th Annual International Conference of the Order of St. Luke will be held in St. Stephen's Church, September 7th - 10th inclusive.

We wish to thank Bulletin Subscriber: Mrs. Ada S. Harley.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christs' Faithful Soldier"

April 6—Emma Margaret Benjamin
13—Marc Wayne Conly
18—Robert Roth Morley
27—Senta Cosima German

May 18—Victoria Theresa Ann Tracy
23—Lillian Worthington
Sylvia Greenspan Schwartz
June 24—Alice Dalzell Bleidow

Marriages

"Those Whom God Hath Joined Together"

May 10—Barry L. Beckett Margaret E. Leight

Burials

"From Strength to Strength In the Life of Perfect Freedom"

Mar. 18—Lillie Butler Buchanan
Feb. 24—Samuel W. Kohl
June 20—John H. Glassey

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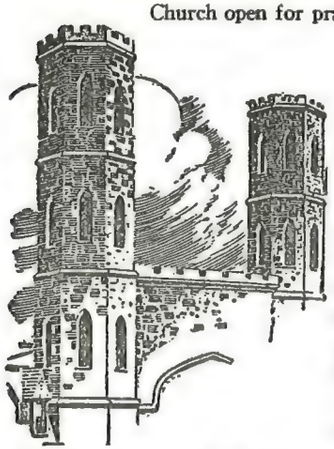
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The Prelude: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—Almighty and Eternal God, whose sons and daughters we are, we beseech Thee to awaken us to a new sense of our mission as Thy children. Help us to live under the compulsion of high imperatives. Strengthen us to follow closely in the steps of Him who went about doing good. Use us as Thy messengers to any who are troubled. Show us how to give strengthening companionship to the lonely and discouraged. Teach us gentle words of healing for those in pain and grief. Guide us to give wise counsel to the wayward and tempted. In all our dealings with distressed humanity keep us faithful to the Spirit of Christ, who came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Amen.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn 282 .....*Lauda Anima*

The Venite: (#609, Hymnal)

Psalm 36, Page 383

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 38: 1-14
The Rt. Rev. Herbert Spaugh, L.L.D., The Moravian Church, Charlotte, N.C.

The Benedictus Es Domine (#626, Hymnal)

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 10: 8-24
The Rev. William N. Beachy, M.D., Kansas City, Missouri

The Jubilate Deo (#645, Hymnal)

The Period of Silent Meditation:
None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding, place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Psalm 150 (Page 525, Prayer Book) .....*Cesar Franck*

The Sermon: "TAKING PART IN CREATION" ...THE REV. LEWIS MACLACLAN
Guild of Health in England

The Offertory Hymn 515 .....*Albano*

The Recessional Hymn 394 .....*St. Asaph*

Postlude "Toccata" (Symphony V) .....*Widor*

Flowers on our Altar today and renewed through Wednesday are in memory of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John Gayner Banks, Co-Founders of the O.S.L.

Our chief usher this morning is Mr. David German III.

4:00 P.M.—Reception in the Community House — 923 Ludlow Street
(rear of church)

7:30 P.M.—Address by Dr. Julia B. Edwards, M.D., Orlando, Florida
"Love Thyself"

Address by the Rev. George Bennett, Director, The Divine Healing Mission: Warden, Crowhurst Home of England.
"Jesus Christ, Healer of Men."

HEALING THE WHOLE MAN

A World Seminar on Healing the Whole Man was held at the Unity School in Lee Summit, Missouri, in 1967. Three workshops included about 35 men and women representing the fields of medicine, psychiatry, science, clergy and various denominations, osteopathy, and chiropractic. A few of the views expressed are as follows:

Chemistry Professor: I am the inner core of reality that flows out of me. This inner core even flows through my voice. And, through intermingling none of us in this room will ever be quite the same again.

Professor of Comparative Religion: I feel that fragmentation is dangerous. I think we need a whole new nomenclature, new terms. We have our new ecumenicity, but it is still divided.

Former Broadway Producer: Man is born in a precarious position; a sort of dichotomy where he has a finite dimension but can comprehend infinity beyond his own finiteness.

Minister: The "hippie" is hurting. Life is a series of junctions down the road. Can the hippie get back to the junction where he must have turned off?

Chiropractor: All healing comes from within and is "divine."

Physician: I feel there can always be a spiritual lesson involved in the healing process if the patient is ready.

Catholic Sister: I think God is in everything. We identify ourselves with and look for the Christ in our patients.

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

There is a book I would recommend by a psychiatrist, Dr. James T. Fisher, bearing the intriguing title, "A Few Buttons Missing." I quote "If you were to take the sum total of all the authoritative articles ever written by the most qualified of psychologists and psychiatrists on the subject of mental hygiene; if you were to take the whole of the meat and none of the parsley; and if you were to have these unadulterated bits of pure scientific knowledge concisely expressed by the most capable of living poets, you would have an awkward and incomplete summation of the Sermon on the Mount."

AN EYEOPENER

In the first quarter of 1969 sponsors spent the following on TV commercials:

Anacin tablets	$4,619,500
Alka-Seltzer	3,993,400
Bayer Aspirin	3,110,500
Bufferin	2,929,500

This report shows that four firms spent a total of over fourteen million dollars advertising their products. Can you imagine the amount the consumers must have paid for these products, and remember there are dozens of similar products on the market highly advertised and extensively used. What is behind it all? Are Americans driving themselves until they are becoming nervous wrecks and drug addicts? Is it not time to draw a line somewhere or some how?

HIS ONE MISTAKE

He brushed his teeth twice a day — with a nationally advertised tooth paste.
The doctors examined him twice a year.
He wore his rubbers when it rained.
He slept with the windows open.
He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.
He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn-out glands.
He golfed — but never more than 18 holes at a time.
He got at least eight hours sleep every night.
He never smoked, drank nor lost his temper.
He did his "daily dozen" daily.
He was all set to live to be a hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He's survived by 18 specialists, four health institutions, six gymnasiums and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antibiotics.

HE FORGOT GOD, lived as if this world was all, and neglected his ETERNAL welfare, and is now with those who say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not SAVED." (Jeremiah 8:20).

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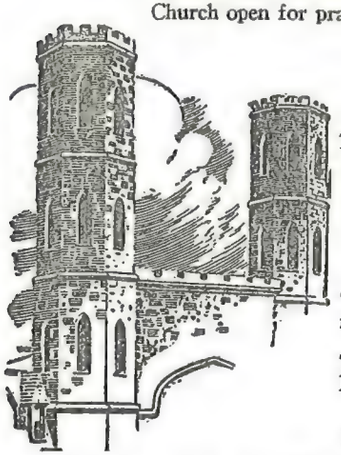
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The Processional Hymn 346 .....*St. Elizabeth*

The Venite, Prayer Book, page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 72, page 426

The First Lesson: I Kings 3:v.5

The Benedictus Es Domine, Prayer Book, page 11; Chant #626 Hymnal

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None other hiding, place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Bless The Lord, O My Soul .....*Ivanoff*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

The Sermon: "THE GOSPEL OF HOPE" .....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 458 .....*St. Margaret*

The Doxology, Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 489 .....*Sicilian Mariners*

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(Editorial) Sept. 14, 1969

A MOVING BICYCLE

Carlyle once wrote, "Doubt of any sort cannot be removed except by action." We try other ways first. We sit and stew and mourn, and our doubts get stubborner. We try to "escape" by reading a thriller, or watching one on TV; but we find our doubt waiting for us at the end. We retreat into bed and discover that, while we remain sadly stationary, our doubts and fears grow. What to do about it?

Sam Shoemaker gave us some valuable clues: "Nothing much will happen while you remain on dead center — get off dead center and follow the line of the best light you have. Do the obvious right thing, and then God can lead you to the inspired thing. Get in motion. You can't guide a bicycle leaning against a wall — you can only guide a bicycle that is in motion. God cannot guide a person that always stands still, paralyzed by doubt and misgiving. Better step out and make a mistake, and really get in motion — then God can get you to correct the mistake."

It is a comfort to remember that Jesus kept Doubting Thomas in the company of His disciples. His faith was wobbly. He wouldn't believe the others when they told him they had seen Jesus alive, risen from the dead — vowed he would not believe unless it was proved to him. Eight days later, Jesus stood before him, showed him the print of the nails and the wound in His side. Thomas looked, and did not hesitate; swiftly he reached out his hand — he *acted,* and overcame his doubt.

I find help in remembering that God can guide and help us only if we are "a moving bicycle." A shut-in becomes a moving bicycle when she reaches for paper and pen and writes a letter of compassion to some suffering friend. A husband becomes a moving bicycle when he becomes so concerned for his wife that he remembers something difficult she asked him to do, and sets about doing it, with joy.

Wonder of wonders, as soon as one begins to act in God's spirit of loving-kindness, and caring, our doubts shrink, and God is *there.*

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price:

This is to inform you that I received healing two weeks ago at your Summer Healing Service. I had a heart condition, shortness of breath and terrific pain in the chest and back. Praise the Lord no more shortness of breath or pains. After the service that Sunday I walked to the 15th Street to get the subway and not an ache or a pain and I could hardly believe it. Your service is just what so many people need with all the stresses of life. You can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as soon as you enter the church.

(Helen B. Cubet, Philadelphia, Pa.)

Recently, I have been re-reading Bishop Sherrill's autobiography, AMONG FRIENDS. On the occasion of being awarded an honorary degree from, and at, the University of Edinburgh, Bishop Sherrill quoted President Lowell of Harvard as saying, "What makes this institution such a treasury of knowledge and wisdom is that the freshmen bring so much and the seniors take out so little!"

LIFE'S PLAN

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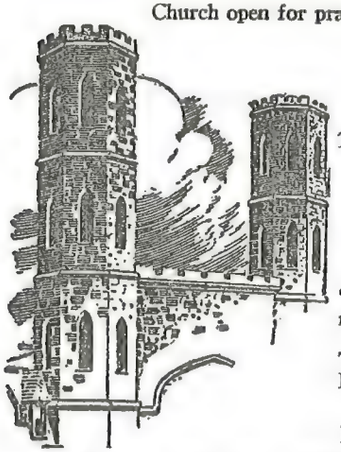
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The Prelude: "Aria" .....*Flor Peeters*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:—O Lord, whose shepherd care is extended to all Thy children, we praise Thee for the green pastures, the quiet waters, and the restored soul. Preserve us from blundering along paths of disappointment. Lead us in right ways. Guard us from evil. When we walk in valleys of deep darkness, let Thy love be our shield, our light and our salvation. We ask in the name of the Good Shepherd.

The Introit

The Processional Hymn #285 .....*Leoni*

The Psalm #105:1-20, Page 470

The First Lesson: I Kings I, 19:21

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Matt. 19:16

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15: Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

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The Anthem: The Lord Will not Suffer Thy Foot To be Moved .....*J. S. Bach*

The Lord will not suffer thy foot to be moved, and He that keepeth thee will not slumber; nor will He slumber. Behold! He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Sermon: THE GOLDEN CALF .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 450 .....*Martyrdom*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 555 .....*Heath*

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THE TRIUMPH OF TRUST

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There is a story of a father and two children who went swimming at Atlantic City late in the autumn. The water was very chilly, and no one else was in swimming, and the children were both small — Mary was nine and George was seven. But they had learned to swim almost as soon as they had learned to walk, and they were little water-dogs. After a good swim they all began to feel cold, and started for the shore. But they discovered that a strong off-shore current had set in, and they were not making any progress toward the beach. So the father swam over to Mary, and said, "Mary, I am going to swim ashore with George, and then I'l come back for you. You must paddle enough to keep yourself afloat; turn over on your back and float if you get tired; and I'll be back. You are a good swimmer, Mary, and you can do it." Then the father took George to tow and got him back to the beach. He took time for a few long breaths, and then dove in and fought his way back to the breakers to where he had left Mary. But she was nowhere to be seen. He swam frantically about looking for her, but there was no tousled head to be seen. Finally, he swam ashore, and asked for help. Soon there were twenty boats looking for her as dusk fell — looking for a small bobbing head among the waves. After two hours, as they had begun to lose hope, they found Mary, a mile and a half off-shore, just keeping afloat. A great strong man leaned over to the little girl, and said, "Mary, I couldn't have done that — how *did* you do it?" She opened her eyes and answered quietly, "My father told me that I could — so I *knew* that I could."

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price:—I would like to thank you and the Intercessory Prayer Fellowship for the wonderful results obtained for my father, Michael Daley, who was suffering from acute anxiety along with physical ailments over the past year. He has taken a new interest in himself and looks ahead instead of dwelling on his death.

Catherine Daley (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

AFFIRMATION FOR THE WEEK:

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear.
I am one with the Power
Of God's love which casts out
All Fears about myself and
All that pertains to me.

Fear is the enemy of man. But fear is a mental attitude and as such can be converted into something else . . . Fear adds to a negative approach to living. It subtracts from the energy that makes a person whole. It divides the mind and makes coherent thought impossible. It multiplies until it becomes panic.

Whereas Faith adds energy to living and stimulates positive attitudes. It takes out doubt and it divides fear and panic and conquers them. Faith is an act of saying YES to the Divine Principle we know as Love and which we know as the very energy of God, Reality.

O God:

Come as the fire and burn
Come as the wind and cleanse,
Come as a light and reveal.
Convince, convert, consecrate,
Until we are wholly thine. Amen

ORDER OF ST. LUKE CONFERENCE

5,174 people attended the various sessions of the four day International Conference on the Church's Ministry of Healing held in St. Stephen's Church, September 7-10 inclusive.

30 Denominations were represented; clergy and laymen came from 27 states including Alaska, and five from overseas countries: Sweden, South Africa, England, Canada and Nova Scotia. Some 1500 persons enjoyed the Social Hour Periods in the Community House in the late afternoons.

Words are inadequate to express our appreciation to Madeline Keller, Clifton Johnson and Hazel Bainbridge and their many volunteers for their untiring efforts.

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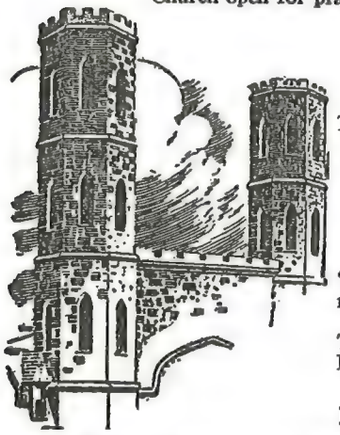
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The Introit

The Processional Hymn #564 .....*Lyons*

The Psalm #132, Page 508

The First Lesson: Jer. 13:15-21

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Jubilate Deo, Page 15: Chant #645, Hymnal

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The Anthem: I Waited for the Lord (Hymn of Praise) .....*Felix Mendelssohn*

I waited for the Lord, He inclined unto me, He heard my complaint; O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

The Sermon: IS RELIGION LOSING ITS INFLUENCE? .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 570 .....*Llanfyllin*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 563 .....*St. Dunstan's*

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LET GO AND LET GOD

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John Masefield, in his great story-poem of "The Everlasting Mercy" tells of the drunkard, Saul Kane, who struggled so hard to keep clear of God. One day in the saloon a woman found him trying to make friends with her boy, and she was so afraid of such a sorry companion for her son that she blazed out in fearful, scorching anger against Saul Kane. When she was at last through, Saul said to himself, "I've often heard religious ranters, and put them down as windy canters. But this old woman makes me see the harm I done by being me." That same day he was rude to a Quaker woman who came into the saloon to tell men about Christ, and she spoke out to the stubborn drunkard about the Christ he was denying, finishing with, "He waits until you knock."

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"I did not think; I did not strive;
The deep peace burnt me alive;
The bolted door had broken in,
I knew that I had done with sin.
I knew that Christ had given me birth to brother all the souls on earth;
And every bird, and every beast should share the crumbs broke at the feast.
O Glory, of the lighted mind — how dead I've been, how dumb, how blind!"

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Violet Naylor (St. Catherines, Canada)

Daily Affirmation

What moods and attitudes I live by return to me to live with.
So I manifest love to others, peace amid contentions; joy
amid discouragement; understanding amid conflicts.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will start, again, immediately after morning service, on the 2nd Sunday (instead of the 3rd Sunday — on October 12th, in the Community House. It will be the same in November, meeting on the 2nd Sunday, the 9th. All are welcome: refreshments will be served. The Review of the Life of Christ, by Mrs. Price, will continue with the events on Maunday Thursday.

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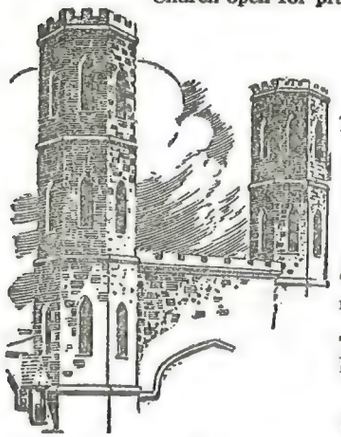
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The Prelude: "Air in D" ..... *J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:- Bless us today, O Father, with the realization of Thy presence. As we meet in humble paths of service, grant us that consciousness of Thy challenge to each of our lives, which shall redeem any labor from seeming trivial, and so change for the tragedy and chaos of the world without Thee, into a prolonged field of honor. Amen.

The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*

Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
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The Processional Hymn 484 ..... *Truro*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Jesu, Word Of God Incarnate" ..... *Mozart*

Jesu, Word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born; on the Cross Thy sacred Body, for us men with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the Blood and Water streaming from Thy pierced side. Feed us with Thy Body broken, now and in death's agony.

The Sermon: Jeremiah ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 498 ..... *Gardiner*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 205 ..... *Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 487 ..... *Ellers*

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A NEW MOVE

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The younger son in the Parable of Jesus had a similar experience. He went off on a big lark, for a lot of partying and gaiety. Before long his gay adventure began to turn grim, and he ran out of money. What next? He, could go to work. All he could find was a pigherder's job — he, a Jew, feeding and caring for pigs; and a Jew is not supposed to have anything to do with pigs. The work was not paid well enough to feed him decently, so he was hungry as well as lonely and disheartened. Then he came to his senses, began to think and to pray. Suddenly, into his dark thought came a new idea — he could swallow his pride, and go home to his father. In his heart a power greater than his own was saying. "Don't give up; *you still have a move.*" He went home. His radiant father welcomed him with joy and gave him a place in the family once more.

You may know what it is to be trapped in a situation where you seem to have no way out. Then you come to yourself — you remember that God is still there; and He has promised to continue to be with us, even to the end of the world. Suddenly your heart cries out with joy — you still have a move.

So you make your new move — and turn yourself back into the loving care of Him who loves you. Your aches and your pains may continue but the difficulties become manageable, joy becomes more frequent a companion. Deep in your heart, you know that the game is not over; that, with God, you will always have another move. Halleluija!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:- Dear Dr. Price: I want to tell you and your prayer group of the healing that is taking place in my husband, Sam. Last November while on a hunting trip in Maine, he fell from a blind and was paralyzed from his neck down. Supported by your prayers, he is now able to move both arms and with an adapter can feed himself. We are now beginning to see some control of the legs, spasmic movements, and a burning sensation in the hips which we pray can be read as feeling returning to those muscles. Please continue to pray for Sam.

Mrs. Ann Zakorre (Scotch Plains, N.J.)

AFFIRMATION

Creative religion begins in the realization of the Eternal Spirit, God within one's life and affairs. The Lord (Spirit) Giver of Life, is present now with each person ready to manifest abundant Life, Peace, Happiness. He is present in all relational experience: all experience is of relationships. As you treat others you do so to yourself.

As we live in the here and now, God being always present, we have everything needful for a full life of creative, joyful experience. So we affirm, God Is and know we are in and of Eternal love, peace and power.

WIDOW'S MITE

Dear Dr. Price: I stopped in St. Stephen's for a few moments early this afternoon. While in the sanctuary, I saw an elderly, apparently poor lady enter the vestibule. She paused only to place a pack of pencils in the offering plate at the rear, then left. A 29c pack of pencils — the window's mite? I was moved in a way I haven't been for some time. That offering was a rich one.

Sincerely, A Friend

WHERE IS YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

The freedom of religion which we celebrate depends upon a mature sense of personal responsibility, Where is your church membership? The vitality of the Christian Church, in a free society, comes from those who support the church through membership and participation in the life of the church. If you are not an active member of a church, we sincerely invite you to give thoughtful and prayerful consideration to joining our church. If this is your desire, will you please so indicate on the Memo cards in the pews or telephone the Church Office. We hope you will accept this invitation to church membership.

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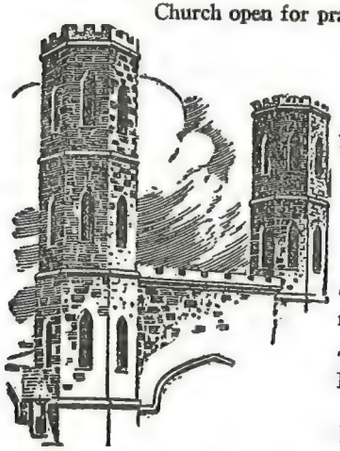
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The Prelude: "Cantabile" .....*Cesar Franck*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:- O Lord, whose love is so gracious and tender that it passeth understanding, we bow before Thee in gratitude at the remembrance of Thy mercies. We thank Thee for health and vigor, quietness and music, beauty and sunshine, and the bounty of nature. We thank Thee for lovely experiences which enrich our days and gladden our lives. We thank Thee for faith and hope and courage by which we overcome life's handicaps and through which we rise above our broken hopes. Amen.

The Introit .....*Kedron*

Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
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The Processional Hymn #376 .....*Down Ampney*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 62, Page 413

The First Lesson: Job 24: 1-17

The Benedictus Es Domine Page 11 Chant #626 Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Titus 2

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15, Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation

None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "Let All the World" .....*Robert Baker*

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King! The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly! The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow. The church with psalm, must shout; no door can keep them out! But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

The Sermon: IS RELIGION LOSING ITS INFLUENCE? .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn #483 .....*Consolation*

The Recessional Hymn #356 .....*King's Weston*

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ADVENTURE INTO THE UNKNOWN

Jesus led His friends into adventures. He still does. He has never had any use for trudging along in old ways simply because they were safe and certain. The time came in His brief ministry when He turned toward Jerusalem willing to die if it were necessary; not knowing just what did await Him in that ancient city. So He took the path into the unknown. His friends and relatives thought He was mad!

Today is the anniversary of the discovery of the western world. Christopher Columbus could easily have trudged along a safe path. Son of a weaver, he had followed his father's vocation. But this content was disturbed by rumors of undiscovered lands. So he took to the sea, setting sail from Spain in August, 1492, with a frightened crew who did not relish the idea of sailing over the horizon rim. Most people thought he was crazy.

Each of us has opportunity to venture into the unknown. Deep within us struggle two desires — the first, the old human liking for familiar paths; the other, a childs' eagerness for exploration. Both desires have their rightful place in God's plan, for there must be those who stay home and tend shop or home while another launches forth. God also expects every adventurer to spend part of his life in the familiar paths.

One thing is sure — the way of Jesus always leads us into adventure, sooner or later. After all, why did they crucify Jesus? Simply because He challenged old and cherished ways, including ancient strict rules of cooking and eating and fellowship. Now Jesus declared that these ancient rules were outgrown; and bade men follow Him into rich new areas of life and mercy and loving-kindness.

People may say that you are "cracked" if you courageously practice the gentle compassion Jesus taught and love unlovely people, or trust God through thick and thin. When they show scorn of your "Jesus-ways," just remember that you are in the very best company. They called your Master and Saviour a crazy devil; and many an adventurer, like Christopher Columbus. Howard Thurman has clearly pictured that the adventurer is the really practical man.

"It is madness to sail a sea that has never been sailed before,
To look for a land, the existence of which is a question.
If Columbus had reflected thus, he could never have weighed anchor,
But with this madness he discovered a new world."

The Diocesan Convention will be held at the Valley Forge Military Academy on Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. The delegates from St. Stephen's are Mr. David German III, Dr. Elmer Carll and Mr. Fred Schmid. The alternates are Mr. James Lyman, Mr. John Pintavalle and David German, Jr., Esquire.

THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP will start, again, immediately after morning service, on the 2nd Sunday (instead of the 3rd Sunday) on October 12th, in the Community House. It wil be the same in November, meeting on the 2nd Sunday the 9th. All are welcome: refreshments will be served. The Review of the Life of Christ, by Mrs. Price, will continue with the events on Maunday Thursday.

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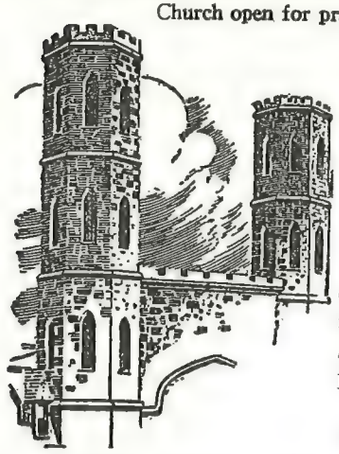
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:-Lord, I believe in Thee, help Thou my unbelief; I love Thee, though not with a perfect heart as I should; I long for Thee, yet not with my full strength; I trust in Thee, yet not with my whole mind. Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and serve Thee, my trust in Thy power to keep me. What is cold do Thou kindle; what is lacking do Thou make up. I wait Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit "Come, let us..." .....*Kedron*

The Processional Hymn 280 .....*Stuttgart*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm, No. 96, page 459

The First Lesson: II Kings 6:8-17

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" .....*Thomas Matthews*

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Sermon: Jimmy .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 536 .....Old 124th

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 436 .....*Pax Tecum*

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HONEST WORK

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Of late I have watched birds more carefully—the enormous work a robin puts into tugging worms out of the ground; the swift flight of the tiny hummingbird, drawing honey out of flower after flower; the patient wearisome waiting of the blue heron before he can catch his supper. Birds toil for their food — nothing comes to them on a platter.

Young Suren must have listened to his fathers' interpretation of that verse from Matthew. For, at the age of tweny-three, he escaped from Russia, and came to this country with six words of English in his vocabulary, and $3.65 in his pocket. Most of all he wanted to be a doctor. He worked his way through college, learning English as he went; and through medical school, becoming an eminent surgeon. God provided brains and health for Suren Babington, and he *used them*. So it is that God provides for each one of us. He gives us the tools, and leaves it to us to use them, and to keep them sharp.

Nor was anything handed to Jesus Himself, on a platter. God gave Him a strong body, and He used it in the carpenter shop. God gave Him an able brain which was richly educated by His mother, and then in the synagogue school at Nazareth. "So the child grew and waxed strong in Spirit." When He was only twelve years old, and was at Jerusalem with his parents, He sought out the learned doctors in the temple, "listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and his answers." At the age of twelve He was pushing out to new horizons, so eager to learn from these learned teachers that He completely forgot the time, forgot to go along and rejoin His family, so that Mary and Joseph had to come looking for Him. He was working, and working hard, to master the truth about God and men.

He teaches us that God's plan is honest work, whole hearted work — nothing pushed at us as on a platter!

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Dear Dr. Price:—Early in July I wrote asking for prayers for my friend, Nan Sumerville who was suffering from impaired vision in one eye. She is now very much improved. I also asked for prayers for Isabel Stinger suffering from a severe extensive case of shingles. She is entirely cured. My family joins me in grateful appreciation.

Isabel D. Newman (Philadelphia)

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THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

Again we look forward to St. Stephen's United Thank Offering ingathering with the hope that all of us have been expressing our thanks to God with our hearts and our gifts. It will be presented on Sunday, October 26, 1969 at the eleven o'clock service. Bring your offering in the enclosed blue envelope so that it may be presented at the Altar.

The U.T.O. enables us to give to the larger work of the church extending beyond this parish and throughout the world. It helps to pay 80% of the salaries of women missionaries. It builds and equips churches, schools, hospitals and helps with the salaries of teachers, doctors, nurses and special workers. It produces much needed equipment from books to typewriters, tools and sewing machines. The United Thank Offerings is a positive way of contributing to the work of the church by providing for the pressing needs of others, whether it be in Montana, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, India or Africa.

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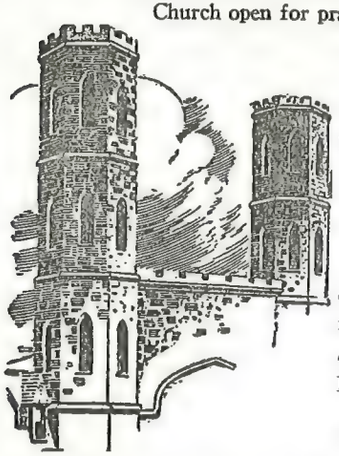
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The Prelude: "Adagio" ..... *Cesar Frank*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:-O God, teach us Thy will for our lives. Help us to understand our place in the divine plan. Give us a deepened sense of personal responsibility. May we see that a task awaits our hands that no other can fulfill; that if we are silent, a chord in the music will fail. Grant, O Lord, that with renewed faith in Thee and fresh confidence in ourselves we may leave this sanctuary eager to do Thy will. We offer our prayer in Christ's name.

The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*

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with contrite hearts return;
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the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn 396 ..... *Aurelia*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #119: 14 and 15 selections, page 497

The First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21: 1-7, 10-11a, 22

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation

None other Lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: O God Have Mercy ..... *Mendelssohn*

The Sermon: "LIVING THE GOLDEN RULE" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-Y-Botel*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented with Thanksgiving to God and in memory of her parents by Marion Slatcher.

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GOD IS THE HERO

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These beloved people probably never dreamed that they would be called saints, by anybody. Yet we kept getting glimpses of their Lord, through them. They spent themselves extravagantly on other people, keeping their homes as open as their hearts, and making no fuss over the labor involved in their hospitality. They remembered birthdays and anniversaries with a choice card and a word of love. They came with flowers or jelly, or a gay plant, when we were sick. Or, when *they* were shut in, they telephoned to us, and stirred us to laughter and a desire to sing God's praises; or sent along a picture they had drawn.

Some of them were humble, down-to-earth, earthy, with enough of His loving spirit in them so that we knew, without doubt, that they were walking in His footsteps, with very few words about it, and we knew that He would recognize them as His friends, now and hereafter. Others held frequent communion with their Lord, in their hearts, through all their waking hours. His name came naturally to their lips, as the Friend-above-all-friends; and they witnessed to His power to overcome the enemy within them, and make them new. Some of them were probably one-star saints; and others may have been five-star saints, but they had one quality in common.

Katherine Marshall, in writing her husbands' biography, came to a point where she was just plain stuck. She wasn't telling the living story of Peter Marshall. After deep thought and prayer, she "saw immediately what was wrong . . . The hero of the biography had to be God — not Peter Marshall . . . What Peter Marshall alone had done was not important; what God had done through him (a man with faults, like the rest of us was very important. Jesus Christ would have to tower up as the central figure of the book . . . I saw that the life of no human being has lasting significance apart from his relationship with God."

Our saints had this in common — the hero in their lives was God.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price: This is a report on Ronald Dominoski who is being treated for nephritis. Nine months ago the doctors had no hope for him. His improvement is truly remarkable. His protein loss remains at zero. Thanks for your prayers.

Mrs. R. E. Whitacre (Aberdeen, Washington)

The Rector will speak to the Episcopal Women of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli on Tuesday, October 28.

DAILY AFFIRMATION:

It is quiet in these moments as I realize the Divine Life all about me and within me. In this moment I shall live today. I abide in God.

When you realize that God, Ultimate Reality, Divine Mind, or whatever title may be used, is not static but *Dynamic;* not a mere concept but Creativity; not a formula but a Force; not a pious Hope; but The Reality — when this is realized you go one step more and realize that you are within God, and that your life is not static treading through the years, that you are important as a being, that you are not a puppet but an energy conscious of itself. All this means you are alive and gloriously, joyously and thankfully human, — The Divine's greatest miracle!

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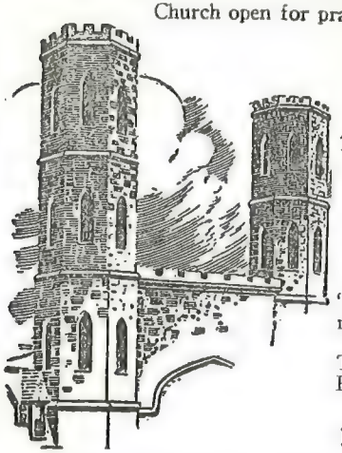
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OCTAVE OF ALL SAINTS' DAY
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:- O God, help us to lift our thoughts, if it be but a little way out of the dust and smoke of life's endless battle. Let us forget for an hour our trivial cares and paltry hopes, and see all things, even the love and joy of this world, in the light of thine eternal calm, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*

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The Processional Hymn 472 ..... *Pilgrims*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708 ..... *Willan*

The Anthem: "Blessed Are The Dead Who Die In The Lord" ..*Brahms (Requiem)*

The Sermon: LIFE AFTER DEATH ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 449 ..... *Olivet*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn 126 ..... *Sarum*

The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn 394 ..... *St. Asaph*

The flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mrs. A. Wilson Ross in memory of her mother Grace Ruhl Armstrong. The Misses Florence and Isabel Leech and Mrs. Edith Swarts in memory of their cousin Beatrice L. VanSciver.

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Dec. 11 — Charles T. Louis
Feb. 24 — Samuel W. Kohl
Mar. 18 — Lillie Butler Buchanan
June 2 — Elizabeth Thompson
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Sept. 8 — Laura R. Roddy
Sept. 15 — Francis H. Spratt
Oct. 11 — Thelma M. Weeks
Oct. 17 — Kathryn Schrott

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price: I have been intending to write to you again for many weeks to share our wonderful news concerning our 13 year old daughter, Marie Stevens, for whom your prayer group prayed about a year and a half ago. At that time I called you personally to relate the diagnosis of inoperable brain tumor. Nothing could be done medically or surgically. Marie was placed on large dosage of steroids which was expected by the neurosurgeons to be the only treatment, simply to reduce the edema. You and your group along with many others prayed with us and for us. At that time we were prepared for Marie's death, possibly in two months. We committed her, her doctors and ourselves into the care of God. You spoke with me over the phone in terms of our imagining Jesus placing His finger on the place where the tumor was growing and saying "Peace, be still." Marie was quite crippled on her left side. Her eyesight was poor. Her kidneys were beginning to malfunction. By February, another brain scan and examination revealed great progress with no indication of activity. The surgeon was amazed calling it "incredible." Marie continued steadily and August of this year, upon returning for another brain scan and examination, the brain scan was completely normal, indicating full flow of blood throughout the entire brain. Marie is now in the eighth grade. She is very normal and healthy physically and emotionally. We know that God has wrought a miracle and that you and your prayer group have shared in it. May He continue to bless you.

Arthur W. Stevens (Turner Center, Maine)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Anne's Parish, Annapolis, Md. Sunday evening, November 2 through Tuesday, November 4th.

PRAYERS FROM THE ARK

There is a great variety in praying. We are reminded of this in "Prayers from the Ark," by Carmen de Gasztold.

Here, for instance, is the prayer of the Cock —

"Do not forget, Lord, It is I who make the sun rise.
I am your servant, but, with the dignity of my calling,
I need some glitter and ostentation . . .
I am your servant, only . . . do not forget, Lord,
I make the sun rise."

I always blush when I read that prayer, for I remember myself praying as if the sun would *not* rise in the morning if I were not there; like the rooster on top of the dung-hill crowing with such serious self-importance. Jesus did not say, "When you pray, pray like the Cock."

Then there is the prayer of the Mouse:

"I am so little and gray, dear God, how can you keep me in mind?
Always spied upon, always chased.
Nobody ever gives me anything, And I nibble meagerly at life.
Why do they reproach me with being a mouse?
Who made me but You? I only ask to stay hidden.
Given me my hunger's pittance
Safe from the claws of that devil with green eyes."

Surely, I should not pray fearfully like the little Mouse, but sometimes I do, when I forget the greatness of God's love. Instead I blow up the bigness of some dark happening, until I cry out to God, "How can you keep me in mind?" This is a very human prayer, but not a sinful prayer like the Cocks. For this prayer remembers that God does keep us in mind, and feels wonder that He can! Jesus did not teach us to pray, "deliver us," as the Mouse does.

Lastly, there is the prayer of the Tortoise, that slow old turtle:

"A little patience, O God, I am coming.
One must take nature as she is! It is not I who made her!
I do not mean to criticize this house on my back —
It has its points — but you must admit, Lord, It is heavy to carry!
Still, let us hope that this double enclosure, My shell and my heart,
Will never be quite shut to you."

There are moments when I pray like the Tortoise, humble, gratefully, and lovingly, inviting His residence within me. Jesus did teach us when we pray, to say, "Thy Kingdom come" — reign as King in my heart.

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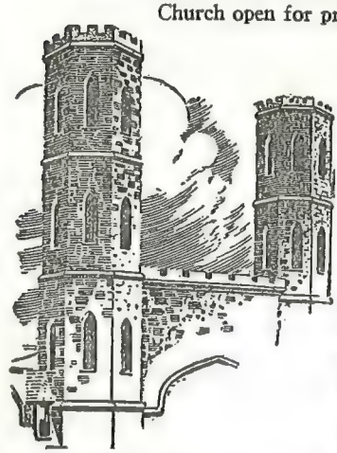
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1969

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IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer

The Prelude: "Adagio" ..... *Barber*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:-Our Father, who has set a restlessness in our hearts, and made us all seekers after that which we can never fully find; forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life. Draw us from base content, and set our eyes on far-off goals. Keep us at tasks too hard for us, that we may be driven to thee for strength. Deliver us from fretfulness and self-pity; make us sure of the goal we cannot see, and of the hidden good in the world. Open our eyes to simple beauty all around us. and our hearts to the loveliness men hide from us because we do not try enough to understand them. Save us from ourselves, and show us a vision of a world made new. May thy Spirit of peace and illumination so enlighten our minds that all life shall glow with new meaning and new purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Choral Introit ..... *Kedron*

Come, let us to the Lord our God
with contrite hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave
the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn 308 ..... *Monkland*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #46, page 397

The First Lesson: Job 1:1-21

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: II Corinthians 11:18-30

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name, none other Hope in heaven or earth or sea,
None other Hiding Place from guilt and shame, None beside Thee.

The Anthem: "O, Divine Redeemer!" ..... *Gounod*

Ah! turn me not away, receive me, tho' unworthy! Hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from Thy throne, - haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid, - Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance smite me, tho' righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. — O, divine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins! Forgive me, O, divine Redeemer! Night gathers round my soul; fearful I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord! Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry. Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy; hear my cry, save, in the day of retribution from Death shield Thou me, O my God! O, divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me my Savior!

The Sermon: "JEREMIAH" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn: 334 ..... *Penitence*

The Doxology, Presentation of the Colors

The Recessional Hymn 425 ..... *Rochelle*

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THE THORN IN YOUR LIFE

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Suddenly, however, we find him recognizing the valuable part that thorn was playing in his life. Fourteen years before, he had had a shining dream, which seemed to open the door into heaven and fill his life with power. He became a powerful achieving person — yes, and a little conceited! He began to think, "I'm really quite a success!" His attention began to center on himself, instead of God. So, he explains, "There was given me a thorn in the flesh . . . to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure," lest he should be too elated over his own accomplishments. Throughout the rest of his amazing career, this weakness buffeted Paul, knocked him about, reminding him that only through God's power could he live victoriously. That thorn in the flesh kept driving him back to God's infinite might. "Therefore I glory in my infirmities" — and accepted them only because they kept him grounded in the love of God. A Christian must move through weakness into strength.

You have your thorn in the flesh. It may be physical, like polio, making your body limp through your days. Or it may be spiritual like a besetting anxiety or fear, making your spirit limp. Whatever it may be, *accept* it as the weakness which drives you back to God. For, if you do, your thorn may become your chief glory, the mark upon you that turns men's eyes toward God. It can become part of the pattern of God's love in your character, that thorn, reminding people that God can make any weakness into a channel of His boundless compassion. Your thorn can become the crowning beauty of your life, if you will let God do this for you.

In Robinson's fascinating book, "The Cardinal" the old rabbi tells this parable: "There was once a king who owned a wonderful diamond. He was proud of his jewel, but one day by accident it was deeply scratched. The king called in gem-cutters to repair the stone — yet, try as they might, they could not polish away the scratch. At last there appeared in that kingdom an artist of surpassing genius. With skill and patience he carved a beautiful rose on the part of the stone that was flawed. And by his cunning art, he contrived to make the deepest part of the scratch the roses' stem." So a wounding thorn in the flesh can be transformed into your Chief glory!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price:- I do not know how to thank you and your Prayer Fellowship for upholding us with your prayers. Sam, my son, who had morbid fears is now full of life and cheerful. My wife, Lily, is very much better and very energetic. I am certainly glad that I have been able to contact you.

Stanley Padman (Nibong Tebal, P.W. West Malaysia)

LOYALTY SUNDAY

We live in a sophisticated community. One of my dictionaries offers this definition: "Sophisticated . . . altered from, deprived of, primitive simplicity or naturalness." Another dictionary suggests: "Sophisticated . . . highly complicated, refined, subtilized . . . worldly-wise through experience." With these definitions in mind, I think my original statement is accurate within the bounds of a general truth: We live in sophisticated community.

And yet within these terms strangely enough, we have deliberately chosen to present the financial needs of our church in a most unsophisticated way. The approach has been simple, natural and uncomplicated. There has been no use of elaborate charts or graphs. There has been no distribution of expensive promotional materials. The Rector will preach a sermon on the subject of Church support next Sunday, Nov. 16 and we will be given the opportunity to place our pledge cards in the Chest of Joash. We count on your continued generosity to take care of the needs of St. Stephen's Church so that we can move into the year ahead from a position of strength. Come to Church, and make Pledge Sunday a great day for the future of St. Stephen's Church.

The Church Women's Club, 1919 Walnut St. will have a Veterans' Day Luncheon and Bazaar on November 11th from 11:30 am to 6 pm. Church Farm School products will be featured.

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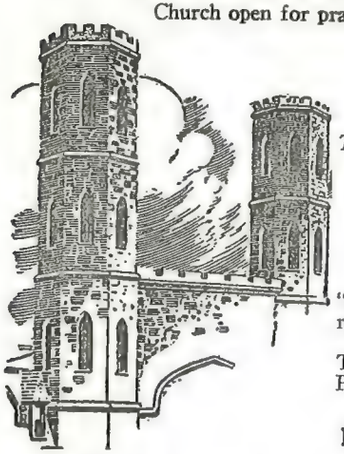
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The Choral Introit:

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The Processional Hymn 600 ..... *Dorwall*

The Venite, page 9; Chant # 609, Hymnal

The Psalm: 81, page 442

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

The Benedictus Es Domine, page 11; Chant # 626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 8:4-15

The Jubilate Deo, page 15; Chant # 645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

None other lamb, none other name;
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The Anthem: "O Be Joyful In The Lord" ..... *Ainsle Cox*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song. Be ye sure that Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture, O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name. For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

The Sermon: "ALL LIFE IS GIVING" ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 572 ..... *Maryton*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 423 ..... *Federal Street*

The flowers on our Altar today are provided by Mrs. Marie Berger and the Morning Branch-Women of St. Stephens in memory of Beatrice L. Van. Sciver.

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6:30 Social Hour in the Parish House

FOR THEIR SAKE

Nels Ferri tells of a day when he spoke angrily to his twelve year old son. A distinguished bishop from Sweden was coming, and the dusty old family Dodge needed to be cleaned up, the youngster's efforts had only made it look worse, so Dr. Ferri exploded with exasperation. The whole family came to his aid, and he was able to meet the bishop in a reasonably respectable car. In the small hours of the following night, however, he awoke with a need to pray. His first words were, "Father, forgive me for being so angry with my son, and help me never again to say harsh words to any member of my family, for Thy sake, for Thy sake!" Out of the stillness of the night came the clear rebuke, "Not for my sake, son, I don't need it; but for *their* sake."

It is too easy to forget what God is like, what He wants of us, Who He is. Certainly, He is not a proud, puffed-up king on a jewelled throne, forever wanting His subjects to wait on Him, and do Him favors, Rather, God is the mighty-hearted *father* of all mankind, and His deepest desire is that we minister to the deep human needs around us. He needs such ministering people, channels of His compassion — as a cable that receives the electric current and carries it to a room and lights the place up. So Jesus, supping with His disciples on His last evening on earth, prayed for them — "For their sakes I consecrated myself." Jesus pleased His Father, surely, because He gave His love, His understanding, His courage to that little company. But remember that it was *for their sakes* (and for our sakes) that He lived and died.

So you will find yourself saying the words that Jesus used. You will suddenly become freshly aware of those whom God has given you, those for whom you make a difference. You may be feeling weary, heavily loaded — then you remember these people, and, with your whole heart, you will declare, "for their sakes I consecrate myself."

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Following the Rector's Sermon each person will sign the Pledge Card and drop this Card into the Chest of Joash to be dedicated at the Altar for the work of the Church.

All members of the Parish have been invited and urged to attend the Annual Re-Dedication and Pledging which strengthens St. Stephen's Parish and every member in it.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:

Dear Dr. Price:-I wish to report with thanksgiving and rejoicing for the touch of of God during a very successful open heart surgery of Havalyn Hartrampf, age 10. Her speedy recovery has been miraculous. She is now swimming every day and is a very active healthy child. In deep humility and great joy we thank you and all the kind intercessors.

Mrs. Carl R. Hartrampf (Atlanta, Georgia)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Williamsport, Penna., Sunday evening through Tuesday, November 16-18th inclusive.

BISHOPS' VISITATION

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CHRISTMAS DINNERS

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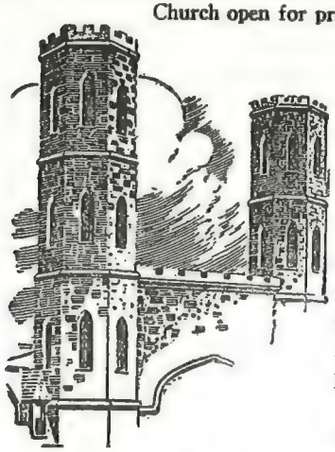
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The Prelude "Song of Peace" ..... *Langlais*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:-O God, with gratitude we remember our Christian heritage; others have labored, and we have entered into their labors. We thank Thee for occasions when we may share the treasury of our love and experience with those in need. We rejoice in Thy good gifts, the tender mercies and loving kindness that have attended our ways. With shame we confess our frequent failure. Often we have withheld service we might have given; often we have passed by on the other side; often we have proved faithless. Accept our penitence. Give us new heart for the new day, fresh stimulus for greater fidelity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

The Introit: ..... *Kedron*
Come, let us to the Lord our God with hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

Processional Hymn 599 ..... *Vigeles et Sancti*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm 102, Page 483

The First Lesson: II Kings 19:14-35

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 6:19-34

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:
None other lamb, none other name;
None other hope in heaven or earth or sea;
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

The Anthem: Brother James' Air ..... *Jacob*
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.

The Sermon: .....The Rt. Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, D.D.
The Offertory Hymn 536 ..... Old 1245

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 519 ..... *Ton-Y-Botel*

The flowers on our Altar are presented by Mrs. Walter B. Walker to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Michl.

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SING FOR JOY OF HEART

The prophet Isaiah declares that you can recognize the servants of God because they rejoice and "sing for joy of heart." It is not just a "happening," therefore, that our Thanksgiving Day was first celebrated in 1621. After a winter of starvation and dire suffering, the Pilgrims had planted and gathered in a great harvest. So they set a day for thanking God for His goodness — they were people of faith. In spite of the grim, nightmarish winter behind them, they were joyful. They knew that God can take a stern situation and transform it into a joyous one.

George Gordon, the famous New England preacher, discovered this once in a transatlantic voyage. When he boarded the steamer in Liverpool for home, he found in his room, "the worst looking human being he had ever set eyes on," a small and ugly man who reminded Dr. Gordon of a criminal. Knowing that he would have to be in the room with him for nine days and nights, he went to the purser and told him that he had a hundred dollars which he would like to deposit with him. Even this did not put Dr. Gordon's anxieties to rest. He asked if the purser knew his roommate. "Indeed I do—He has just been here on a similar errand and with feelings similar to yours." For many a year Dr. Gordon remembered this experience with a joyful chuckle. He laughed at himself, remembering how *he* had impressed his roommate. They became good friends on the voyage. If we desire it God can take unpleasant circumstances, and change them into delights.

When Thanksgiving Day dawns, you will be singing for joy over something, because you are a Christian. You may be thanking Him for glorious memories of days that are gone, which left treasures in your heart. You will also, I am sure, be thanking Him for present victories and glories even in this day of tumult and confusion. Thanks be to God who giveth us the mastery over fear, and wilfulness and pain! In all our doubts and uncertainties, He gives us real and deep-down reasons to rejoice. We can, and we *do*, "sing for joy of heart!"

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price:-I want to thank you all for praying for me when I wrote three months ago. My spinal trouble was healed within two weeks. I have also seen an improvement in those in the Nursing Home whose names I gave. Helen who had a stroke can walk. Ella who had cerebral palsy all her life can talk better and has taken two steps. Dicky, Sam and Steven all have improved.

Earl W. Stewart (Norwich, N.Y.)

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

On Thanksgiving Day, Novemeber 27th, at 11:00 A.M. — Music by the Choir and Sermon by the Rector.

The Thanksgiving Altar will be decorated, not with flowers, but with breads of the various national cultures represented by the Melting Pot of Philadelphia:

Weisbrodt, Baltic Rye, Swedish Spice, Russian Potato Rye, Berlin Pumpernickel, Soldiers Komimisbrot, Jewish Hallah, Romanish Marble, French Sour Rye, Danish whole Grain Pumpernickel, Belgian Fine, Pure Weszenkeim, Schawaebisches Bouembread, Bavarian Hutzelbread, Finish Dark Rye, Ukranish Moon Stuten, Chinese Fortune Cookies, Holland Forest Honey Bread, Italian Gessini (breadsticks), Japanese Rice Wafers, Norwegian Flat Bread, etc., etc.

The congregation is invited to the Altar Rail at the closing of the service to receive a package containing a sample of the breads to take home.

THANK YOU!

The work and worship of St. Stephen's is supported by income from endowments, by subscriptions and pledges and by the constant contributions of all those who avail themselves of the many privileges of the church. Members of St. Stephen's congregation make regular yearly subscriptions. Visitors to the Sunday Services put their offerings in the rear of the church. Hundreds of people come to the church each week. It is encouraging to know the almost universal self-respect of all these people. No one plans to take something for nothing whether the contribution is large or small, everyone does his share. One feels like saying thank you, but he doubts that it is quite in order even to say "thank you."

The Rector will conduct a Healing Service in Trinity Cathedral, Newark, N.J. on Sunday afternoon, November 23 at 4:30 p.m. At a supper meeting at 6:30 p.m. he will address 400 volunteer visitors to Newark hospitals and institutions.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

We extend a hearty welcome to the Rt. Rev. Robert DeWitt, D.D. upon his visit to our Parish. Since the Bishops' traditional visits to the parishes in our Diocese for Confirmation have been replaced by regional services, with several parishes taking part, this gives him more time for longer visits within the individual parishes. Bishop DeWitt will preach at the 11:00 o'clock service and meet with the Vestry following the service.

Mrs. Ruth Leithead, the Parish Custodian of the United Thank Offering, reports that 50 contributors gave $231.45 towards the Fall Ingathering.

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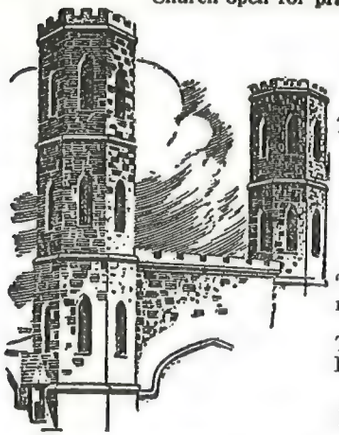
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The Prelude: "Come, Saviour of the Gentiles, Come" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:-O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the eternal Wisdom of the Father, we beseech Thee to assist us with Thy heavenly grace, that we may be blessed in all our work, and above all things may attain the knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life eternal; and that, according to Thy most holy example, we may ever be found going about amongst our fellow men, doing good, healing the sick, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Choral Introit:

Come, let us to the Lord our God with hearts return;
Our God is gracious, nor will leave the desolate to mourn.

The Processional Hymn #1 .....*Stuttgart*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #146, page 522

The First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-13

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 1:57-80

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest;
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it comes from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: "The Last Words of David" .....*Randall Thompson*

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the lights in the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon: THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE .....*The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn #5 .....*Saint Thomas*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn #4 .....*Greenland*

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FIX YOUR ATTENTION ON THE STAR

This is the first Sunday in Advent—that season when we look ahead and see a star shining over Bethlehem. We remember the Saviour who came to live and die for us, and, suddenly, we feel dirty. We remember our sins, our hurtfulness to others. Impulsively we resolve to attack those sins, to do battle with them. But that is not the way to overcome them.

Normal Elliott tells of a friend of his wife who likes to ride a bicycle. Someone warned him that, down a certain hill, there was a tree that he had to avoid. So he made a habit of keeping his eyes on that tree. After he had hit it several times, he decided that he had better change his tactics. "He discovered that the way to miss a tree was to pick another target and keep his eyes on it. When he did that, the tree seemed to take care of itself."

It's the same with sin. If an alcoholic starts home from work on payday, saying to himself, "I must stop at the saloon for a drink," and keeps saying it, sure enough the thought of the drink draws him into the saloon. But, if he says to himself, "I must go straight home to my wife, so that I can put my pay envelope safely into her hand," and he pictures the happy smile on her face, his chance of success is excellent. What gets your attention gets to you.

So, as Advent begins, we are going to face our nasty little sins, and our perilous big ones, and ask for God's forgiveness. And *then* we are going to fix our attention on the Star, on the Good News of His love. For he promises that if we will trust Him, and walk with Him, He will make us new, and strong in His strength. He will fill us with His clean, warm loving kindness to overflow into the lives of others. We are to keep our eyes on Him, and put our confidence on Him as our guide. Anything can happen, then! As someone once wrote:

Fear knocked at the door.
Faith answered.
There was no one there.

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW:

Dear Dr. Price:-The Holy Spirit has told me to write to you about a healing which took place in me some eight years ago in your church. I am English and been in the U.S.A. for only a few months. A chest surgeon had told me for the second time that I had T.B. in the left lung. I had surgery on my lung two years before. I was a Christian but knew little about God's healing power. I attended one of your healing services and knew I had been healed. When I returned to the doctor and he said he couldn't explain it but there wasn't a sign of T.B. on my lungs.

In His Name, Diana Size (Watford, England)

The Rector will conduct a Mission of Christian Healing in First Presbyterian Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Sunday evening, November 30 — December 2nd inclusive.

HUGO HANSON

Our beloved friend and former Vestryman and valued member of St. Stephen's Prayer Fellowship, Hugo Hanson, has been reborn into newness of LIFE . . . life Eternal with his Blessed Creator and Lord, whom he loved and served so devotedly. His loving spirit joined the Heavenly Hosts and we know there was great rejoicing.

What can the world produce to match Christian character? What answer to the mystery of life can equal that presented by Christian character? What hope have we except Christian character?

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

Our thanks to Bulletin subscribers Mrs. John C. Braun and Mr. David C. Spaeth.

BEFORE THE WEEK IS UP, MAIL YOUR PLEDGE TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

— A NOTE TO THE CHURCH —

Yes, I want to pledge to the Church as a Thank Offering for God's goodness to me and mine. I undertake to give for the

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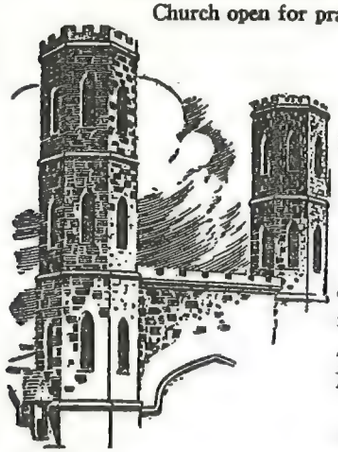
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THE SILENT MEDITATION:-O God, we lift horizons. We bring to Thee the weary, seeking rest; the troubled, seeking peace; and the sinner, seeking life. Remember in mercy those in whom the vision of the good life has faded, Renew their faith in Thee and in themselves. Give them a fresh heart for new days. Guide clumsy fingers so that from the common threads of everyday they shall weave tapestries of enduring loveliness. Beyond these broken prayers we bring the longings and aspirations too deep for words. Receive these unspoken yearnings. Give us quiet confidence. Bid our souls find serenity in Thee. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introit "Veni Emmanuel" .....

The Processional Hymn #2 ..... *Veni Emmanuel*

The Response to the Decalogue, Hymnal #708

The Anthem: "And The Glory Of The Lord" ..... *Handel*

The Sermon: THE BIBLE AND THE CHRISTIAN HOPE ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn #11 ..... *St. Stephen*

The Sanctus, Hymnal #711 ..... *Willan*

The Kneeling Hymn #205 ..... *Oblation*

The Gloria in Excelsis, Hymnal #739 ..... *Old Scottish Chant*

The Recessional Hymn #4 ..... *Greenland*

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Mankind has worshipped gods so mighty and far away, that they were no help. They had worshipped other gods so low-down and crude that they were a drag, to pull men down. But the day came when Isaiah prophesied the coming of a God who would be called "Emmanuel" which means "God with us." The Gospel of Matthew records the birth of that down-to-earth God.

You may remember Martin Luther King's telling of an elderly Negro called Mother Pollard, who took a loyal part in the Montgomery bus strike. After she had walked for several weeks, she was asked if she was tired, and she answered gloriously, "My feet is tired, but my soul is rested." Martin Luther King tells a story of her at a later date. He was addressing a meeting after a gruesome week which included being arrested, and also receiving angry, threatening telephone calls, and massive difficulties. He tried to speak with courage and strength, but inwardly he was depressed and fear-stricken. After the meeting, Mother Pollard said to him, "Something is wrong with you. You didn't talk strong tonight." Trying to hide his fear, he protested that he was all right. She continued, "Now you can't fool me. I know something is wrong. Is it that we ain't doing things to please you? Or is it that white folks is bothering you?" Before he could respond she looked directly at him and said, "I done told you that we is with you all the way" Then her face beamed radiantly and she said in words of quiet certainty, "but even if we ain't with you, God's gonna take care of you." Mother Pollard worshipped a very present God, and helped Martin Luther King to remember God's new name, "Emmanuel."

This is great news. This is a companioning God, one who promises to be with us even to the end of the world. He will be with us in strength, when our strength runs low. He will be with us in courage, when our courage has ebbed. He will be with us in joy, when our joy has grown faint. All He asks of us is that we be going in His direction, on His business.

"And they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us!" In God's with-us-ness lies the wonder of Christmas.

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Dear Dr. Price:-Last June I wrote you about Dorothy Lock in Dade City, Florida who had cancer. The doctors gave her three months to live. Through your group intercessions to Almighty God, Dorothy is up and about with strong faith and tremendous courage. Also my son-in-law, Pascal Covice is teaching each day at his professional duties and again I thank you and your prayer group for his miraculous healing. Most gratefully and thankfully.

Juliette B. Fortescue (Nashua., N.H.)

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All Souls Mission will make Christmas wreaths for the Church and Community House as part of their Social Saturday evening, December 13th. To do this greens are needed. Can you contribute some branches of evergreens or make a contribution for buying some? It will be very much appreciated and help to bring Christmas cheer and beauty into our celebration of this Holy season.

Our thanks to Bulletin subscribers Mrs. Sarah Smeltzer and Winifred Douglas.

Mrs. Margaret J. Stanley, custodian of United Thank Offering of the Chapel of the Hard of Hearing wants to thank all who contributed toward the Fall Ingathering.

BEFORE THE WEEK IS UP, MAIL YOUR PLEDGE TO ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

—A NOTE TO THE CHURCH—

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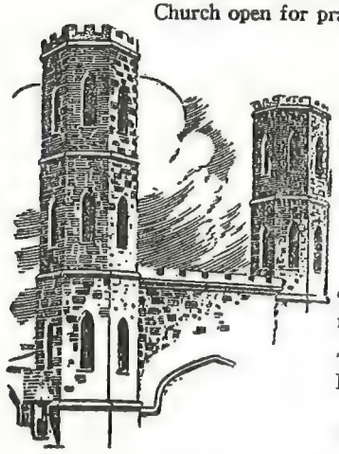
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The Prelude: "In Dulci Jubilo" ..... *Marcel Dupre*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:-Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation uphold us by Thy strength. In times of doubt and uncertainty give us Thy light and Thy guidance. In times of fear and loneliness give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit: "Lo, How A Rose" ..... *Praetorius*

The Processional Hymn 440 ..... *Aberystwyth*

The Venite, Page 9: Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm: 72, page 426

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

The Benedictus Es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:1-18

The Benedictus Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest;
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it comes from Thee. Amen.

The Anthem: "Aria and Chorus"; "O Thou That Tellest . . . " ..... *Handel*

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain! tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength! be not afraid! Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God! . . . Arise, shine, for thy Light is come; and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Sermon: THE GREATEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED ..... *The Rector*

The Offertory Hymn 479

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 4 ..... *Greenland*

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GOD IS LIKE THAT

Again and again in the Old Testament, men cry out to God, asking, "Why hidest Thou Thyself?" (Psalm 10:1) Isaiah laments, "Verily Thou art a God that hidest thyself." Repeatedly those who long to know what He is like, refer to Him as *"the hiding God."*

No wonder, for "shape" of God is confused in the Old Testament. The early pen-pictures of Him are often of a harsh God of war, who can even take pleasure in having the little boys and girls of Israel's enemies broken and mangled — "blessed be the man who will catch up thy children, and dash them against the rocks!" On the other hand, other passages picture God as full of compassion, and tenderness, and love. No wonder men cried out, "Why does God hide His face from His children?" In our own day, Stanley Jones tells of the little boy who stood before the picture of his absent father, and then turned to his mother and wistfully said, "I wish that father would step out of the picture."

It is the great good news of Christmas that God *did* step out of the picture and become real flesh — and — blood, in the person of Jesus Christ — He became Emmanuel, "God with us." In His living and in His dying we get the clue as to what God is like. God is like Jesus. In Him we know as much about God as a small human being can grasp. God is like Jesus, feeding the hungry people in the crowd; healing the crippled man; bidding John and His mother, Mary to take care of each other when He is gone. He is like Jesus denouncing the Scribes and Pharisees for their "religion" which burdened people, rather than giving them a lift. God is loving — and His love has steel in it as Jesus' love did. God is like Jesus. so we can depend on Him to forgive our sins, and to strengthen us where we need strength to do what He needs done.

What is more, we can even see God, in the flesh, as men did of old. When a friend knows that you are "down" and writes or telephones you with warm concern — you know what God is like. God is like *that,* like the caring of your friend, channeling His strength into your weakness.

So God came out of the picture, out of hiding into the clear, where He can be seen, and known, and loved, and served. Miracle of Miracles, it might even be, this Christmas, that God will show Himself in simple, loving deeds of *yours*: Through your patience, your continuing faith in someone close to you. Someone else may see a bit of God through you — Hallelujah!

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price:-I attended last Thursdays' Service, my first attendance at a healing service. For 27 years I have labored with migraine headaches, taking strong medicine to get through the days. The day I came to Philadelphia, I left home with an intense headache. Normally, that would indicate an inability to be very alert, and in too much pain to make venturing out worthwhile. When approaching the Altar, I knew God would heal me. I felt the pain leave me and such a wonderful peace envelope me. I am free of this hindrance, utterly free. There has been no indication of it and I marvel at this new experience. What a blessing. I intend to return. God bless you all.

Margaret P. White (Woodbury, N.J.)

St. Stephen's Fellowship Group will have its regular meeting following the Morning Service, December 14th in the Community House. A film-strip of the last days of our Lord's earthly life will be shown. Coffee and cookies will be served. All welcome.

Our prayers of thanksgiving go up for the Rev. Andrew Mayer who celebrates his 39th Anniversary of his ordination on December 20th. Mr. Mayer was ordained in St. Stephen's Church.

PLEDGES FOR 1970

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Christmas Services are as follows: Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 10:30 P.M. Christmas Day: 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Special Music by the Choir. Sermon by the Rector.

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THE SILENT MEDITATION:-Father of all mercies! God of all comfort! We bring before Thee the record of our lives, stained with the memories of sin and failure. Be patient with us, for if Thou turn Thy face from us, we are undone. Cast us not from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from us. Call us back to the high and holy path, Thou Shepherd of our souls. Place upon us once more Thy blessed yoke; set us face to face with our unaccomplished tasks, and we will prove our penitence by the constancy of our wills in the strength of Thy forgiving grace. Give unto us what Thou commandest, and then command what Thou wilt. Amen.

The Choral Introit: "Lo, How A Rose" ..... *Praetorius*

The Processional Hymn 236 ..... *Irby*

The Venite, Page 9: Chant #626, Hymnal

The Psalm 103:1-15, Page 470

The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10

The Benedictus es Domine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

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The Benedictus Page 14; Chant #639, Hymnal

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The Anthem: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Text on Page 2 of Hymnal

The Sermon: SURPRISE OF THE JUDGMENT ..... The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 418 ..... *Franconia*

The Doxology and Presentation

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THE SISTER OF THE ANGELS

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The book was Elizabeth Goudge's "The Sister of the Angels" (in paperback). I read it with joy. In it you come to know a little company of people, living in the shadow of a great cathedral, who conspired together to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ. There is Nicolas the gifted painter, just out of prison where he had served time for forgery. There is Ferranti, the author, a helter-skelter man, who somehow saw something much greater than forgery in Nicholas. And there is eleven year old Henrietta, who came to love Nicholas and to believe in him with all her heart. There is grandfather, the white-haired and dignified canon, who enters the Christmas conspiracy with joy. Before the forgery episode, Nicholas had painted across the west wall the Last Judgment. Now the loving conspiracy gives him a new commission. "The east wall was finished. Pictured upon it in form so gracious and color so lovely that they took the breath away was the First Coming. Here was no judge in splendor, no demons and terrified sinners such as covered the other walls and the roof; only a child and his mother, shepherds and gentle beasts."

Hugh Anthony, Henrietta's small brother, looks at the First Coming with mounting excitement. "Why, is the Angel Gabriel only a little girl?" he asked. "Look again, and you'll see," said Ferranti. "Why," said Hugh Anthony, "it's Henrietta!" He begins to see that Christmas is simply people, now and here, each playing their part so that Jesus can come again. He paused. "And the the young shepherd is you, and St. Joseph is Grandfather." What Hugh Anthony did not know was that Nicholas the painter had become a new man in Christ!

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem," and take the parts God gives *us* in His coming!

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Dear Dr. Price: I write concerning the couple I submitted for prayer for a serious marital problem. Before the mouth of prayers was up there was a reconciliation. I do thank you for your compassionate intercession in Christs' name for them.

Mrs. D. L. (Camden, Indiana)

CHRISTMAS EVE—10:30 P.M.

The Prelude: "Air in D" ..... *J. S. Bach*
"Pastorale" ..... *G. F. Handel*
The Choral Introit: "Of The Father's Love Begotten" ..... *Plain Chant*
The Precessional Hymn 21 ..... *St. Louis*
The Response to the Decalogue #709, Hymnal
The Anthem: "There Were Shepherds ..." ..... *Handel*
Chorus: Glory to God
The Sermon: CHRISTMAS 1969 ..... The Rector
The Offertory Hymn 33 ..... *Holy Night*
The Sanctus #711, Hymnal ..... *Willan*
The Kneeling Hymn 39 ..... *Corner*
The Gloria in Excelsis #739, Hymnal ..... *Old Scottish Chant*
The Recessional Hymn 12 ..... *Adeste Fideles*

CHRISTMAS DAY 9 A.M.

CHORAL SERVICE AT 11 A.M.

The Prelude: "In Dulci Jubilo" ..... *J. S. Bach*
The Choral Introit: "Of The Father's Love Begotten" ..... *Plain Chant*
The Processional Hymn 16 ..... *Yorkshire*
The Response to the Decalogue #709, Hymnal ..... *Willan*
The Anthem: "Christmas Day" ..... *Holst*
Choral Fantasy on Old Carols
The Sermon: CHRISTMAS 1969 ..... The Rector
The Offertory Hymn 27 ..... *Mendolssohn*
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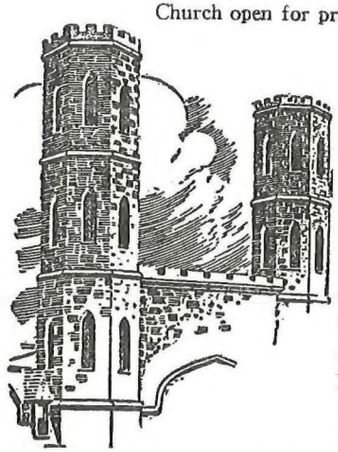
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"The Name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe." Prov. 18:10.

This Church is erected on the site where Benjamin Franklin flew his famous kite.

INVITATION

To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are friendless and desire friendship; To all who believe in God and wish to worship; To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray; To all who know sin and need a Saviour; To all who are convinced that they ought to put first things first—St. Stephen's opens its doors in the name of Jesus Christ—and in His name and for His sake bids you WELCOME.

Better Hearing for the Hard of Hearing; 200 Hearing Aids available. Precision made like a watch, hearing aids need careful handling. Always get your hearing aid from the usher at the door. At the close of the Service, return it to the usher. Do not force the volume control. If the hearing aid does not work, return it for another. Always keep the ear piece close over the ear, otherwise the sound escapes and may annoy others nearby. Always keep the aid turned off when the ear piece is not over the ear.

RELIGION AND HEALTH

Every Thursday at 12:30 P.M. and 5:30 P.M., the rector conducts a healing service endeavoring to bring the helpfulness of religion to bear on fear and anxiety, worry, frustration, guilt, sickness and disease. There is opportunity for private interview.

CHAIN OF PRAYER

Twenty-four hours every day intercessory prayer is offered by the 135 members of our Prayer Fellowship for the recovery of sick persons whose names have been sent to the Rector. The name will be kept on the Prayer List for one month unless re-submitted to us. Please report progress and whether you wish the name kept on the List after four weeks. Repeat the name and nature of sickness. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Intercessory prayer (praying for others) penetrates the hearts that we cannot open, shields those whom we cannot guard, teaches where we cannot speak, comforts where our hearts have no power to soothe, follows our best beloved through the trials and perplexities of the day, lifting off their blindness with an unseen hand.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th, 1969

THE REV. ALFRED W. PRICE, D.D., RECTOR
THE REV. GUSTAV C. MECKLING, B.D., Minister to the Hard of Hearing
THE REV. ROGER PICKERING, Minister to the Deaf

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the house of God. Before the Service speak to the Lord; during the Service let the Lord speak to you; after the Service speak to one another.

9:00 A.M.—HOLY COMMUNION

The Order of Service is to be found on Page 67

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel, on Pages 104 and 105

10:45 A.M.—You are invited to share with us these 15 minutes of quiet personal prayer and meditation. You will help us prepare for the Service which follows if you use these moments of silence in adoration of the Blessed Trinity, meditation upon some hymn or Scripture, intercessions for the Ministers, your fellow worshipers and the world.

11:00 A.M.—MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON BY THE RECTOR

"I like the QUIET Church before the service begins."—*Emerson*
IF you must whisper, whisper a Prayer.

The Prelude: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" .....*J. S. Bach*

THE SILENT MEDITATION:-Our Father, day by day we look to Thee for the help Thou dost bestow. In times of temptation, uphold us by Thy strength. In times of fear and loneliness, give us Thy power and the sense of Thy companionship. In times of doubt and uncertainty, give us Thy light and Thy guidance. Grant that nothing may shake our confidence in Thy love or cause us to doubt the final triumph of Thy purposes for all men; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Choral Introit

The Processional Hymn #42 .....*Gloria*

The Venite, Page 9; Chant #609, Hymnal

The Psalm #632, Page 508

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:20-

The Benedictus Esdomine, Page 11; Chant #626, Hymnal

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:22-40

The Jubilate Deo, Page 15; Chant #645, Hymnal

The Period of Silent Meditation:

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest;
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it comes from Thee. Amen

The Anthem: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Text on Page 2 of Hymnal

The Anthem "Thou Child Divine" .....*Robert Elmore*

Thou Child divine, Immanuel, welcome into Thy humble manger. With heartfelt joy Thy birth we hail and greet with song the heav'nly stranger. Our doubts and fears and sadness are turned to joy and gladness. Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

The Sermon: "SUCH AS I HAVE" .....The Rector

The Offertory Hymn 28 .....*Regent Square*

The Doxology and Presentation

The Recessional Hymn 36 .....*Greensleeves*

Flowers on our Altar today are presented by Mr. & Mrs. John Spear and Mr. Fred Schmid in memory of their father.

Our Chief Usher this morning is Mr. Clarence T. Garrett, Jr.

2:30 P.M.—Service for the Deaf

5:30 P.M.—Chapel for Hard of Hearing Christmas Service, Rev. Gustav C. Meckling.

6:30 P.M.—Social Hour in the Parish House

GRACE SUFFICIENT

Many a man, many a woman, will look into the year 1970 with misgiving. Even in this fair land of ours, we shall find a heaviness in our hearts. There will be concern for loved ones in the armed services; concern for what is taking place among the nations;; concern for what may develop in our land. There is no blinking at the fact that the weather forecast will include some very stormy weather.

Leslie Weatherhead points out that God does not guarantee, even to his true saints on earth, protection from suffering and painful experiences. He writes, "Come, then, from the atmosphere of the Old Testament where you find the argument, "If I trust in God, He will keep me safe," into the atmosphere of the New Testament, where God's own Son is not safe, but where the calamity, that happened to Him was woven at last into the fabric of divine purpose, too big and too splendid and too glorious for the compass of our minds. After all, which sounds the deeper note in religion, "You will be safe if you trust," or "God is counting on you to trust Him, no matter what happens, for nothing can finally defeat Him. *Nothing can happen to you that cannot be woven into His plans?"*

God does not promise safety, but He does promise that He can make something glorious out of the sternest chapters in our lives. James Muller, a teacher of men, a professor of mine, and a stalwart spirit, found that he had cancer of the liver, inoperable. A friend dropped in to see him, saying something like this. "Jamie, you've done a lot of living. How much of it do you have left?" Jamie smiled, and quietly observed, "That depends partly on the liver." A man who can smile in the face of death is letting God weave his suffering into His plans. He remembers God's assurance — "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Even in rough years God has a wonderful way of providing sheer joy for His children on earth — you can be sure of many a joy like that in 1970. It may be a fresh, shining reason for pride in a son or daughter, or a new friend who understands and cares about you or a book that serves as a sudden window into heaven. God's hands are full of blessings, even in times of tumult, to those who trust Him. In fair weather and foul, He keeps assuring us, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW

Dear Dr. Price:- From time to time I have come to the Thursday healing services. I have no idea what countless number of people have come to them over the years. I think perhaps even you do not know that. But you must feel it a benediction on your work to know what the services have meant to so many people either for physical help or for spiritual sustenance.

Esther R. Roth (Phila.)

The Rector will be away for the next five weeks in Florida on vacation. He will conduct Missions of Christian Healing in St. Petersburg, Deland, Miami Beach, West Palm Beach, Kissimmee' and Maitland.

The Rev. Andrew W. Mayer will be in charge of the Sunday and Weekday Services, and the Rev. Eugene Lefebre will conduct the Thursday Healing Services.

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

"To continue Christ's Faithful Soldier"

August 24 — Maria Ella Muscella

Burials

"From Strength to Strength In the Life of Perfect Freedom."

July 9 — Anna M. C. Lundt
16 — Allie Corley
Sept. 8 — Laura R. Roddy
15 — Francis H. Spratt
Oct. 11 — Thelma M. Weeks
17 — Kathryn Schrott
28 — Gladys N. Given
29 — Allan M. Sergeson
Nov. 20 — Hugo H. Hanson